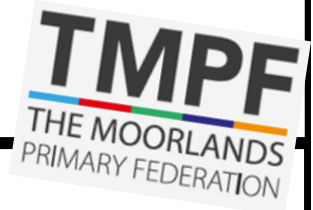




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

4 - 8th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 6th February	Collection of Reception and Y6 photo order forms
Friday 8th February	Big Schools Bird Watch
Wednesday 13th February	Y4/5 Parents Workshop - Maths Reasoning
Thursday 14th February	Y2 & Y1 Parents' Workshop - Maths Reasoning
Thursday 14th February	PTA Disco - 6.30-7.30pm (Reception, Y1, Y2); 7.45-9.00pm (Y3-6)
Friday 15th February	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 25th February	School re-opens
Wednesday 27th February	Y3/4 Parents' Workshop - Maths Reasoning
Thursday 28th February	Y6 Parents' Workshop - Maths Reasoning
<u>Thursday 11th April</u>	School closes for Easter
Monday 29th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	School closed—May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Friday 19th July	School's out for summer.

LOVE AND PRAYERS

Last week saw the funeral of a wonderful man, and caretaker at our sister school, Great Wood Primary, Mr Michael Bradbury.

Michael's recent sad passing leaves a hole in our whole Trust team.

Michael was a much-loved member of our team and a good person. I am sure that you will join the whole TMPF and Trustees in sending our love and prayers to his family.

God Bless, Michael.

CAR PARK

May we please, again, urge you not to use the school car park as a pedestrian access. At all times of the day, this area may have moving vehicles. Please help us to keep every child safe and do not walk across the car park.

FROST, ICE AND SNOW...WHICH WAY TO GO!

In the event of any more icy/snow conditions please use only the cleared pathways. These will be from the pedestrian entrance (up the ramp) to the main school office entrance and to the dining room entrance. Reception class children should enter school at the dining room entrance and not through their usual door on icy or snowy mornings.

A path to the Kingsley Kingfishers entrance will also be cleared.

In the unusual (and rare!) event that we have to close due to health and safety issues caused by snow or ice, we will endeavour to contact you through text message and also make contact with local radio and aim to also put a message on the school website (www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk).

Please remember NOT to walk across the school car park at these times (or any times) as it is NOT a pedestrian entrance and as such is not gritted.

CONTACT DETAILS

Just a quick reminder to those of you lucky enough to have had new phones for Christmas, to please pass any change in contact details to the school office, so we can keep in touch with you. Please can you also let us know if any other contact name which we hold for your child has changed their number too.

ATTENDANCE and LATENESS

Attendance at school is an essential part of a child's education. We strive to work with you to provide the very best education possible and to do this we need children to attend school as often as possible and on time. We will share attendance figures on the newsletter (below), online and also on your child's report. We will also continue to offer support with any challenges you may face in terms of attendance or punctuality.

Of course, we appreciate that there are occasions when children have to be absent from school due to ill health, or medical appointments, and we thank you for your support in helping to keep all members of our school family healthy by following steps including the period of 48 hours between the last episode of vomiting and the return to school.

As a school, we will write to you if your child's attendance is low, or lateness is common, because we wish to avoid a situation where the Local Authority will issue you with a fine (please note that **school do not issue fines, nor receive any money from these**), or Education Welfare become involved. Just to remind all, that school opens at 8.45am and the doors close at 8.55am, please ensure your child arrives during this period of time.

We want to celebrate high attendance, therefore, below are each classes' attendance for the week ending 01 February 2019 (these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence).

Reception	99.57%
Year 1	96.15%
Year 2	92.11%
Year 3/4	94.48%
Year 4/5	96.55%
Year 6	96.79%

SAFETY ON SITE

Please can we remind you that children should **NOT** use the outdoor play area before or after school. Please can you ensure that this message is also passed to anyone who may also collect or drop-off your child at school.

Also, may we thank you in advance for ensuring that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds and remind you that smoking or vaping is not permitted either. Many thanks for following these steps to help the children to feel safe, healthy and reassured at their school.

HOLIDAYS

Please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise leave (unless in **exceptional** circumstances) in term time and any period of unauthorised leave may result in a penalty notice being served by the Local Authority.

Persistent lateness can also result in the issue of a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

MANAGEMENT OF ALLERGENS IN CHARTWELLS

It is extremely important that you inform us and our school meal providers Chartwells, of any allergies/intolerances that your child has should they currently eat a school meal, or wish to start eating a school meal.

If you believe your child has an allergy/food intolerance please contact Mrs. Burton in the school office as soon as possible.

YOGA

You may have noticed that some children have been coming home talking about different balances and relaxations which they have been doing in school. This is following the attendance of a few of our staff at a TMPF teaching of yoga training sessions. We look forward to continuing with this and are sure that some of you will even be taught a few of these balances at home!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 4-8 FEBRUARY

Due to the success of last year's Children's Mental Health Week in school, the School Council will once again be providing an assembly, activities at lunchtimes and more, to mark this year's event:

Wednesday 6th - Yoga;

Thursday 7th - Mindful Craft;

Friday 8th - Mindfulness activities.

These sessions will be held between 12:40-1:00pm Wednesday to Friday in the hall and all children are welcome to attend. Additional sessions may take place throughout the week too. If you have any queries please speak with Mrs Chilton or Mrs Eyre.

FIRST BUSES CANCEL FOUR SERVICES THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY

We have been notified by First Buses that they have decided to remove four bus services through Kingsley and Kingsley Holt. This will be two buses in the morning and two in the afternoon from Monday 8th April. They are claiming that there has been no improvement in the parking situation outside our school. We have, of course, advised them that the vast majority of our parents park safely and within the regulations on the roads.

We will be attending a Parish Council meeting later this month to see what, if any, solutions there could be to avoid this removal of these services to our village.

In order to help to reduce the busy-ness of traffic around school, and to encourage a healthy lifestyle, we will continue to work with the Council Road Safety team and Parish Council and will shortly be contacting you with a link to an online survey about how you travel to school. If you could fill this in, we would be most grateful.

NETBALL STARS!

On Tuesday 24th January, Year 5/6 netballers (Sophie F., Josie, Oliver B., Olivia B., Maverick, Molly G., Isla E. and Aimee P-B) all took part in the 'School Games' High 5 netball tournament at Cheadle Leisure Centre. We played three matches against St. Thomas', St. John's and St. Luke's. Everyone played really well and we enjoyed ourselves. In the end we placed fourth!
Well done, everyone!

By Olivia and Sophie F. (Y6)

...MORE NETBALL STARS!

On Thursday 31st January, the Year 5/6 netball team travelled to Cheadle Leisure Centre to play in a netball development competition. We played against: St. Luke's, St. Giles' and St. John's. For some of us, it was our first ever netball match!

We learnt about the rules of netball and got used to playing in different positions.

Well done: Riley, Jasmine, Zach, Lily-Mae (Y6) and Mya, Cooper, Megan and Ruby (Y5)

By Zach (Y6) and Ruby (Y5)

DAZZLING DANCERS DELIGHT AT THE REGENT

On Friday 18th January, we performed at the remarkable Regent Theatre in Hanley. After a snowy journey, and once the snow had stopped, everyone flooded into the changing rooms with beaming smiles on their faces. As we headed to the stage, buzzing with excitement, we prepared for the performance by practicing the finale dance on stage with the other groups. We were taught this dance the previous day by Phoebe and Caroline (who was also the compere for the evening). Before we knew it, it was time for our fabulous performance to 'You Can't Stop the Beat' from the show 'Hairspray'. We danced brilliantly and the audience really enjoyed it. Most importantly, we had a blast! Well done everyone!

By Isla E., Isla B., Ella J., Mya G and Isabella L. (Y5)

A massive well done to all of our fantastic performers from the whole school family:

Lexi, Florence, Arwen, Evie K., Sofia, Evie-Mae D., Angel, Summer, Ella J., Aimee P-B., Isla B., Isla E., Isabella L., Ruby G., Libby S., Bluebelle, Megan B., Mya G., Macie, Maddison, Eva, Phoebe, Melody, Katie M., Megan S., Josie, Olivia B., Lily-Mae B., Codi A-C. and Molly G.

BASKETBALLERS BOUNCE THEIR WAY TO VICTORY!

On Wednesday 23rd January, a team of Year 6s (Oliver B, Olivia B., Jasmine B., Sophie F., Riley, Eva, Maverick and Liam M.) went to The Cheadle Academy to play in a basketball tournament against Cheadle Primary and our sister schools: Dilhorne Endowed C.E. (A) Primary, Bishop Rawle C.E. (A) Primary, Great Wood Primary and The Valley Primary.

It was great fun and we all enjoyed it. Guess what...we came first!

We all loved it and played outstandingly!

By Liam M. and Jasmine B. (Year 6)

AN EXCITING POSSIBILITY FOR KINGSLEY

This week we were delighted to meet with a parent to discuss an exciting initiative in our community that we are sure you'll be excited about!

Introducing... Kingsley Playground Project!

We have recently formed a group of local residents that plans to work together with the Parish Council to obtain funding to improve the recreation area in Kingsley. Our main aim is to promote outdoor play in a natural environment for the benefit of our local children. As well as updating and extending the range of play equipment on offer, we would also like to make this area more appealing for residents of all ages. Our funding application will carry more weight if we have the support of local residents so we will soon be launching a survey to seek your views. Please look out for this opportunity to support us and let us know what you would like to see included.

SCHOOL CROSSING

We were delighted to hear in the press that the Staffordshire County Council threat to remove the funding of School Crossing Patrols (lollipop ladies) will not take effect this year. We are delighted to have our wonderful Josie as part of the St. Werburgh's team and continue to encourage you to cross the road with her.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the St. Werburgh's C.E. (A) Primary and TMPF team, thank you for your ongoing support, we really do value it.