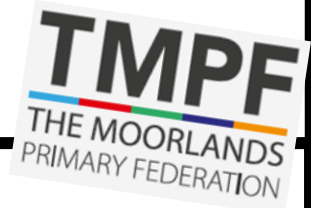




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - non-uniform, or come as a book character
Thursday 28th March	Mothering Sunday Service in Church, 9.30am
Friday 29th March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 1st April	Termly Reports
Monday 1st April	TMPF Music Festival
Tuesday 2nd April	Parent Consultation Evening (appointments required)
Thursday 4th April	PTA Disco
Monday 8th April	Easter Service in Church, 9.30am
Thursday 11th April	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

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

February 4th to 10th marked Children's Mental Health Week and the School Council were busy promoting being happy and healthy across the school. On Tuesday they delivered an assembly with Caroline Holder, our trust Sports Adviser, explaining Mindfulness and giving children ideas of how they can relax and unwind.

Wednesday saw much of Key Stage 1 and 2 joining in with some lunchtime Yoga, learning several yoga poses and stretches and relaxing together. On Thursday lunchtime children enjoyed Mindful Craft with a Chinese New Year theme, creating paper fortune tellers and practising 'being in the moment' and relaxing through craft and paper folding.

Friday saw the School Council sharing some mindfulness activities with the other children on the playground. The School Council did an excellent job in leading the activities and we hope that children enjoyed

PARKING SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

Can we once again please urge all who drive children to school to park both legally and responsibly. ***Zig zags and yellow lines are there for children's safety - by parking on these (even for a few moments) you are putting children and other road users at risk.***

We ALL want to avoid anybody getting injured due to irresponsible parking.

You are aware that four bus services are being cut through our village by First Buses, which is being attributed to the 'irresponsible parking' of our parents. As a part of our lovely community, we again ask you to not park illegally (which we know that the vast majority of you always adhere to), nor park in a manner which could be determined as dangerous or irresponsible. Please consider our children, their family members, our neighbours, pedestrians, and other road users, including the buses, when parking your car and please keep waiting times to a minimum to reduce congestion. Parking on a bend does present greater challenges for buses to pass safely - please be mindful of this.

The bus service is an important part of our community and by parking with consideration for others, we are each helping those people within our school family and within Kingsley and Kingsley Holt who depend upon these services.

...love one another.

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 March 2019 (these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence).

Reception	99.57%
Year 1	97.69%
Year 2	96.84%
Year 3/4	99.31%
Year 4/5	95.86%
Year 6	98.93%

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.

As a Multi Academy Trust, we wish to support you with your child's attendance in school and avoid the possibility of any fines being issued by the Local Authority (please note that **school do not issue fines, nor receive any money from these**). With this in mind, should your child's attendance dip below 90%, we will write to you to advise of the situation and hopefully help to address this and prevent the Education Welfare Service becoming involved.

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.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Please be aware there is some unpleasant content on the internet at the moment that appears to be gathering attention. The 'Momo Challenge' is an alleged form of cyberbullying that spreads through social media and mobile phones. After users are enticed to contact another user named 'Momo', they receive graphic threats from this character and are instructed to perform a series of dangerous tasks. Although this is now widely reported as being a social media hoax, it does act as a reminder for us all to be aware and vigilant online.

Please keep a close eye on what your child is looking at on the internet and ensure that they are following the age guidelines set by sites which people may use.

For further details on how to stay safe online, please continue to visit the school website:

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

RSPB BIG SCHOOLS' BIRDWATCH

On Friday 15th February, the school took part in The Big Schools' Bird Watch. The day started with an assembly from The Eco Council, who told us lots of interesting facts about birds. Each class ventured outside and took part in a bird watch around the school. Then each class produced their own bird-themed work.

By Molly G. and Eva T. (Y6)



KS1 VISIT THE CHEADLE ACADEMY

On Friday February 1st, Year 1 and Year 2 went to The Cheadle Academy and we played some games and took part in some races. Our favourite parts were when we hula-hooped and when we had to throw a ball against the wall and then try to catch it.

We had a brilliant time and really enjoyed working with the Sports Leaders.

By Kayla and Ophelia (Year 2)

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

We have been delighted to welcome parents from each class into school for special Parental Information Sessions over recent weeks. The sessions have been designed to offer an insight into what children are learning and possible ways in which you can support at home.

We hope that those who were able to join us have found these to be useful and we thank you for your valuable feedback.

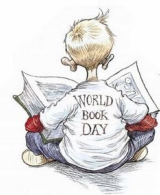
Dates for our next set of Parent Information Sessions will be sent out soon.

WORSHIP COUNCIL RETREAT

On the last day of half term members of the worships council travelled to All Saints in Dil-horne and became Spiritual Ambassadors for our school. We look forward to seeing what they will achieve for our school, Well done!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Just a reminder that it is 'World Book Day' on Thursday 7th March. Children are welcome to dress up as a book character of their choice if they wish, or simply come in non-uniform. They can also bring their favourite book into school to share with their friends. You are also welcome to attend 'The Big Booky Breakfast' from 9:10am – around 10am. A letter has been sent out today regarding this and 'The Big Book Swap'.



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.

AN EXCITING SURVEY FOR KINGSLEY'S PLAY AREA

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that a group of parents are developing an exciting bid to fund a range of equipment for the play area in Kingsley.

Earlier this week we sent to you a survey to gather ideas upon what equipment people may like to see included in the bid. We will also be completing this in school with the children. If you haven't completed the form, there is still time as these are due in next week. Also, if you prefer to complete the form online, there is a link on our website at the following location:

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/school-family/

Thanks to all involved in this brilliant community initiative.

THANK YOU

The entire St. Werburgh's C.E. (A) Primary and TMPF team, would like to thank you for your ongoing support - it is appreciated by us all.