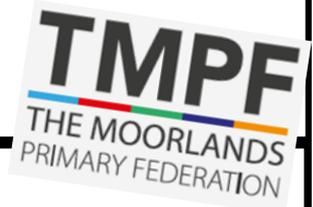




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Tuesday 19th March	Year 1 Reading Morning
Wednesday 20th March	Reception Topic Stay & Play
Friday 22nd March	Y6 Transition morning at The Cheadle Academy
Tuesday 26th March	Key Stage 1 Mothers' Day Lunch
Thursday 28th March	Mothers' Day Service in Church, 9.30am
Friday 29th March	Key Stage 1 Scooter Skills
Friday 29th March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 1st April	Termly Reports
Monday 1st April	TMPF Music Festival at The Cheadle Academy
Tuesday 2nd April	Key Stage 2 Mothers' Day Lunch
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

OUR COMMONWEALTH

This week has been particularly poignant for us in relation to our Commonwealth and we wish to celebrate our place within this group of nations and states.

During the past five days, we have commemorated 'Commonwealth Day' (see back page), fund-raised to support a child's education in Kenya, and are sending love to our Commonwealth friends in New Zealand.

We often talk to the children about the importance of loving one another and celebrating differences. We each have such an important role to play in our community, our country, our Commonwealth, and our world, and really can make a difference - just as we have done in Kenya.

...love one another.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Earlier in the week we wrote to you following a wonderful assembly about ways in which we can positively change a child's life in Kenya, at Kididima School.

A huge thank you to all for your generosity in helping to make a difference.

We are humbled, proud, and thrilled to announce that due to your kind donations, we can now fund a child's education for a whole year, something which can really change their life. The need to help has also led to some additional donations for this particular cause, from a few of you. Members of the staff team are also donating, and due to the combination of these, we are delighted to be able to also sponsor a second child to receive a year's education.

We are also very proud to have raised such an amount through our non-uniform day, that we are also donating a sum of money to help the wonderful Comic Relief charity.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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

Reception	98.26%
Year 1	99.23%
Year 2	97.37%
Year 3/4	97.24%
Year 4/5	95.86%
Year 6	92.50%

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 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 social media sites which people may use. As you know, age limits are set to protect children.

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

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

'WORLD BOOK DAY' FUN

On Thursday 7th March, St. Werburgh's celebrated the annual 'World Book Day'. The children and the staff dressed-up and we participated in lots of fun activities. To start the day, lots of parents came into school for 'The Big Booky Breakfast' and shared stories with their children, and had some toast and juice. After break time, we took part in 'The Big Book Swap', where we were given book tokens in exchange for the books we had brought into school that week and used them to choose new books. Across the TMPF, we all designed our own bookmark and entered a competition. In the afternoon, each class practised performing a chapter from a book, which we are looking forward to performing in assembly. We had an exciting and very busy World Book Day!

By Eva T. and Dylan(Y6)

'THE BIG BOOKY BREAKFAST'

We took part in 'The Big Booky Breakfast' on 'World Book Day'. Our family members, such as Mums, Dads, Nans and Grandads visited the school so that we could read to them (we were even provided with toast and juice!). It was so much fun and we enjoyed reading with our families.

By Olivia (Y6) and Ester (Y1)

'WORLD BOOK DAY' AT THE CHEADLE ACADEMY

On Thursday 7th March, we travelled to The Cheadle Academy and participated in lots of 'World Book Day' events with children from other schools. When we arrived, we had a buffet lunch - we ate lots of cakes! Mr Jamieson and Miss Wilkins judged the best costume and Josie, from St. Werburgh's, was the winner and received a £10 book voucher! After, we shared our favourite stories and took part in some crafts. The afternoon was really fun!

By Josie and Allan (Y6), Bluebelle and Reuben (Y5)

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.

Dance Festival

On Friday 8th March, five local schools (The Valley, Dilhorne, Bishop Rawle, Great Wood, Cheadle Primary) came to join St. Werburgh's in our wonderful school hall to learn a Country-style dance to 'Cotton-Eye Joe'. Our fabulous Dance Leaders from St. Werburgh's and The Cheadle Academy taught us. We practised all morning and then performed to a group of parents, the rest of the school and lots of members of staff. We had a fantastic morning and really enjoyed ourselves.

By Summer, Holly and Maggie

Well done to our dancers: George E, Mia, Reuben, Maggie, Emily, Lillie, Lyra, Lacey, Evie W., Eliza, Holly, Sophie F., Thomas.

Well do our Dance Leaders: Codi, Melody, Josie, Summer, Megan S., Isabella, Bluebelle, Molly, Lily-Mae, Megan B., Ella, Isla B., Ruby, Isla E., Katie, Eva, Aimee, Macie, Mya, Olivia, Libby, Maddison.

Year 4/5 Reasoning Workshop

On Wednesday 13th February, Y4/5 took part in a Maths Reasoning Workshop with our parents, which was really good fun - even our parents enjoyed it! We used our maths knowledge to work out some very tricky questions with our parents and other family members. Thank you for joining us.

By Sofia, Macie and Aimee.

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. They have said that should there be a big improvement in the next two weeks, they will not end these services.

We are continuing to work closely with the County Council's School Travel team, taking their expert advice, and have also contacted the Police for advice and support.

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. 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.

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FLYING A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Throughout the morning of Monday 11th March, our TMPF family of schools went to the 'Fly a flag for the Commonwealth' procession in Cheadle. The theme of this year's Commonwealth Day celebration is: 'A Connected Commonwealth'.

The procession started at The Cheadle Academy and we joined at Cheadle Primary. We then made our way to our sister school, Bishop Rawle C.E. (A) Primary where our friends from the other TMPF schools joined us, as did the Mayor of Cheadle.

Two children from each of the seven schools involved carried the Commonwealth flag through the town, led by the mayor. On the way, we even held up traffic! When we reached Lulworth House the mayor and three children read messages about the Commonwealth Day celebration. The flag was then raised on a pole and we all had our photo taken with the mayor.

To end our special morning, we were invited to a reception in Lulworth House and enjoyed some snacks.

Being part of the Commonwealth Day celebration made us all feel proud, respectful and excited. We also felt proud to represent our outstanding school and all of our friends.

By Macie, Isaac U., Mya G. and Cooper.

The children who represented their schools at the procession also received a special letter of thanks from the Mayor.

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SURVEY FOR KINGSLEY'S PLAY AREA BID

Thank you to all who were able to share their ideas for the Kingsley Play Area survey. Your responses are very much appreciated and are helping to shape the bid for funding.