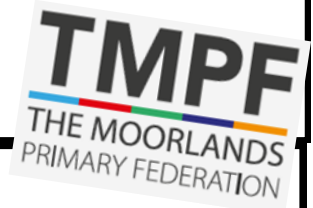




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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Thursday 11th April	School closes for Easter
Monday 29th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday 29th April	<i>School Swimming Lessons start for Years 1 & 2</i>
Wednesday 3rd May	<i>Heights & Weights - Reception & Year 6</i>
Friday 3rd May	<i>Y3,4,5 Exhibition 9-10am</i>
Friday 3rd May	<i>Non uniform day (chocolate donation for Chocolate Bingo)</i>
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.

TMPF MUSIC CONCERT

On Monday 1st April, children from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the TMPF Music Concert at The Cheadle Academy. There were people playing the: flute, piano, guitar, ukulele, clarinet and recorder. Our friends from our sister schools, Great Wood Primary, Dilhorne Endowed C.E. (A) Primary, The Valley Primary and Bishop Rawle C.E. (A) Primary performed as well and it was our very first TMPF Music Concert. All of the children came together to sing: A Million Dreams, One in a Million, Groovy Grandma, The Rockpool Rock and Sing. We had lots of fun performing in front of our lovely parents and teachers and have really enjoyed learning to play our instruments with Mr Prescott.

Well done on a fantastic performance to:

Eva, Allan, George E., Maddison, Mia, Charlie, Arwen, Isla B., Ruby, Isabella L., Reuben, Lukas, Alfie G., Jacob C., Milton, Evie-Mae, Mya, Isla E., Aimee, Liam C., Liam M., Lexi, Lyra, Lillie, Ashton, Kayla, Kodi, Kayde, Meredith, Amelia, Florence, Jakob and Jasmine B.

By Reuben and Aimee

NATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION QUALIFIERS

On Wednesday 27th March we took part in the UDO Dance Championships Qualifiers at Fenton Manor, where we performed our routine to 'Come Alive' from the *Greatest Showman* in the hope of qualifying for the national finals. We danced brilliantly and really thought about our faces and performance throughout. After we danced, we took part in workshops that were led by the judges – they were great! It was time for the results and we were delighted to place third and qualify for the nationals finals on Wednesday 26th June...fingers crossed we perform just as well!

Congratulations for gaining a place in the UK Finals to:

Megan B., Macie, Isla B., Isla E., Isabella L., Ruby, Summer, Aimee, Mya, Ella, Bluebelle, Libby, Lily-Mae, Maddison, Eva, Olivia, Megan S., Codi, A-C Katie, Melody, Molly G., Josie.

By Megan, Macie and Summer

CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 26th March a group of runners competed in the CADSSA cross country event in Oakamoor. It was a beautiful day and all were eager and ready to conquer the distance. All runners worked extremely hard and ran a whole lap around the edge of the cricket club field. They maintained a good pace, something they have practiced at Running Club, to ensure they had enough energy to tackle the whole distance. Girls came in 2nd and Boys in 3rd place out of all of the schools - an excellent achievement! Well done to all runners and a huge thank you to parents and families for both their support at the event and in transporting the children to and from Oakamoor.

WHAT A 'GOLD' STAR



Congratulations to Izaac B. and Maddison on receiving their St. Werburgh's Gold Stars for being outstanding member of the St. Werburgh's family and for always working really hard.

Well done, Izaac and Maddison!

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

Reception	85.87%
Year 1	94.23%
Year 2	91.67%
Year 3/4	92.67%
Year 4/5	85.78%
Year 6	88.84%

Sadly, we have had a few bugs in school this week.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS TEA PARTY

On Thursday 4th April, some members of the Worship Council visited Well Street Surgery in Cheadle for the senior citizens tea party. After introducing ourselves, we read some poems and made Easter baskets together. We really enjoyed spending time with the senior citizens and can't wait to visit them again during the summer term.

We would like to thank Milton, Cooper, Mya, Maddison, Maverick, Jasmine B., Oliver B., Sophie F., Olivia, Dylan, Sophie A. and George E for their wonderful contributions to help our community.

By Jasmine B. and Mya.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

As you will be aware, we are committed to the safeguarding and safety of all our wonderful pupils. For this reason, we provide ongoing education to the children about the importance of staying safe online and we endeavour to provide them with the tools to use the internet safely.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we would like to remind parents to be *mindful* about the information they choose to share online. Please **do not** post any images of any children or their personal details, who are not your own, on Facebook or other forms of social media, without permission from their parents or carers. By doing this you may be unknowingly putting them at risk. This includes children in the background of photographs. It is simply to keep everyone safe. As you know – under no circumstances must any photographs of any children at school events be posted onto any form of social media, or shared with others. This is to keep **ALL** children safe.

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

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

EASTER SERVICE

On Monday 8th April, we went over to our wonderful church for our annual Easter Service. Mums, Dads and other relatives joined us to listen to the very important story of Easter. The Worship Council delivered most of the service but one child from each year group read a prayer and a group of Year 1's told us what they'd given up for Lent. We'd like to thank our families and friends for joining us in Church.

By Holly F. and Sofia

YEARS 3,4,5 READING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 10th April, some of our lovely parents from Years 3, 4 and 5 came in to take part in a reading workshop and read with us, which was fun. We did some lovely activities such as: watch a video and read lots of passages using our inference skills. Thank you for joining us and helping with our learning, we really appreciate it.

By Isla B., Callum M. and Ella

YEAR 3/4 CADSSA NETBALL DEVELOPMENT EVENT

On Monday 1st April, at Cheadle Leisure Centre, we took part in a netball development session. We started off by practising our skills, after we played some games against the other schools. It was a fun afternoon and we learnt a lot and we look forward to our next opportunity.

Y3 : Lillie, H., Lexi., **Y4**: Evie- Mae, D., Angel, Alfie, H., Izaac, B., Nelson, and Holly, F.

By Angel, R. and Lillie, H.

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.

YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL STARS

On Wednesday 3rd April, at Cheadle Primary School, Year 3 and 4 took part in a CADSSA football tournament. The team played amazingly, showed team spirit and scored some amazing goals. We made it through to the semi-finals but sadly we lost, however we are very proud of this fantastic achievement. Well done team!

Year 3 players: Alfie, G. and Harry, T. **Year 4 players:** Izaac, B. (captain), Callum, C. (captain), William, S., Jake, H., Milton, S., Alfie, H., Zac, L., Angel, R., Evie-Mae, D., Holly, F. and Maggie, B.

By Captain Izaac, B. and Captain Callum, C.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 SCOOTING SUPERSTARS

On Friday 29th March, Year 3 and Year 4 had the opportunity to take part in an exciting morning with the ASM coaches developing our scooting skills. We started off by practising on an obstacle course, then we finished off with some races and we even had music playing! We had loads of fun and were completely exhausted by the end.

By Logan, R. (Y4) and Lacey, P. (Y3)

PARKING SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

PLEASE can we once again urge all who drive to school to park with consideration of other road users (including buses) and also for those who use the pavement. By mounting the pavement, people with pushchairs are caused problems when passing safely. Please avoid doing so and play your part in keeping everyone safe. The safety of our school family is the most important thing.

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.

As you know, a number of our parents, recently received criticism in the local press and at a Parish Council meeting for 'selfish and thoughtless' parking outside school, by showing our consideration for other users, this will help to change that opinion.

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

Should you see anyone parked dangerously, Staffordshire County Council advise that you should contact the Police on 101. For further information, please visit <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/parking/Enforcement.aspx>

Please play your part in keeping everyone safe and park legally and considerately.

...love one another.

YEAR 5/6 BOYS NETBALL

On a sunny afternoon, on Thursday 28th March, we took part in a CADSSA netball tournament at The Cheadle Academy. As a team, we played exceptional, showing great team work and we scored some fantastic goals, we even had our own 'celebratory dance' when we scored! Overall, we made it to the semi-finals but unfortunately lost to St. Giles. A huge well done to all the players, you were amazing! Well done for your outstanding teamwork!

Our players: Cooper, Callum M., Oliver B., Riley B., Zach C., Liam C. and Maverick.
By Maverick and Zach, C.

MEAL PRICES

Please be aware that the company who provide our school meals have advised us that there will be a 10p increase to school meals from 29th April 2019, therefore after Easter school meals for all children in years 3-6 will be £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week. This is for a two course healthy meal and a drink.

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.

LIFE ON THE FARM FOR YEAR 3

On Tuesday 9th April, we had a great afternoon at our sister school, Dilhorne Endowed C.E. (A) Primary School, where we explored their Farm School. We saw goats, chicks, rabbits, guinea pigs and we even cleaned out the chicks! Also, we made a fire and toasted marshmallows- yum yum! We look forward to visiting the Farm School again.

By Florence, O. and Jake, Y.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A LOVELY AND VERY SPECIAL EASTER

On behalf of St. Werburgh's and The Moorlands Primary Federation, we hope that you have the most wonderful, and safe, holiday (including the extra day tomorrow!) and really enjoy the Easter celebration – such a special time of the year for our school, our Trust and the church.

May we take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of your school and of the staff team. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Monday 29th April.**

Happy Easter!