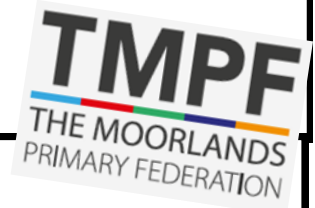




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Sunday 19th May	All Age Worship - 11.00am in Church, all welcome!
Wednesday 22nd May	KS2 Recorders Performance 2:45pm
Thursday 23rd May	PTA Disco: 6.30-7.30pm FS/ KS1; 7.45 - 9.00pm KS2
Friday 24th May	Y5 and Y6 Scooting Skills
Friday 24th May	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Monday 10th June	PTA Meeting - 6.00pm
Thursday 13th June	Photographs - teams, groups and councils
17th-21st June	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 19th June	Y1 and Y2 Scooting Skills
Friday 19th July	School's out for summer.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

We are sure that you will all join us in wishing our wonderful Year 2 children the very best of luck as they continue with their end of Key Stage 1 SATs.

A huge 'well done' to our lovely Year 6 pupils for completing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs this week. We are sure that the children have dazzled with their understanding.

Children in both classes have been working really, really hard to prepare for these tests and the whole staff and TMPF team are very proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you to you, their parents, carers, and family members for supporting them at this special time.

It's 'Walk to School Week' – 20th – 24th May.

This year's national Walk to School Week Campaign starts on Monday 20th – Friday 24th May and fits beautifully alongside the work we have been doing with Staffordshire's School Travel team.

There are lots of great reasons to try to walk to school including:

- It's healthy for children and adults – it contributes to the recommended amount of daily exercise...watch the step counters go up and up;
- It helps keep the roads around school free from traffic, which is safer for all children;
- It's better for our environment;
- It keeps our neighbours happy – less cars outside their homes and driveways;
- Walking to school improves children's road safety skills;
- Research has shown that children who walk to school are more alert in the classroom... exercise is a good start to the school day.
- It's FUN and a good chance to have a chat and admire the beautiful views!

BOOK TOKEN PRIZE DRAW - YOU CAN HELP!

'National Book Tokens' are running a 'Big Prize Draw' where there is a **chance to win £5000 of National Book Tokens** for our school library. Parents and staff can enter the draw, and the more entries we have, the greater chance we have of winning!

Therefore, if you get change, please log on to:

www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

and put in an entry for
St. Werburgh's C.E. (A) Primary.

Also...if your entry is picked, you will get £100 of vouchers to spend on yourself.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

Reception	95.65%	
Year 1	99.62%	
Year 2	98.89%	
Year 3/4	96.07%	
Year 4/5	97.24%	
Year 6	100%	<i>Very well done - what a great example!</i>

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.

PERIOD POWER

We are delighted to be working alongside the local charity, 'Period Power'.

The organisation strives to support girls to ensure that they have access to sanitary products when they need them, which sadly isn't always the case.

We thank the charity for providing the school with a range of free sanitary products.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

As you know, 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

Should you feel any children are in immediate danger, please contact the Police or Staffordshire County Council's First Response service on 0800 1313 126.



ALL AGE WORSHIP

You are all warmly welcome to join the children and staff at the 'All Age Worship' Service in our lovely church this Sunday (19th May) at 11.00am.

If you would like to join us in prayer, we would love to see you there.

MODEL EXHIBITION

On Friday 3rd May, years 3, 4 and 5 all came together in the hall with the Hill Fort models, that they had spent a long time making for homework. Lots of parents and grandparents came and said lots of amazing things to us about how hard we had worked and how proud of us they were. The models looked so good, even the teachers were really impressed—and sometimes they can be hard to impress! There were lots of different models: big ones and small ones but everybody had worked hard. Thank you to everybody who came to look at our models, we hope you enjoyed your tea and biscuits!

By Bluebelle (Y5)

CADSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

On Thursday, some of the Y5/6 girls footballers played for our friends at The Valley in a football match hosted by Cheadle Primary. Our excellent striker (Molly) scored the first goal in our match against the hosts.

Well done, and thank you for playing for The Valley:
Katie, Maddison, Molly, Megan S., Mia A., Ruby and Ella.

By Katie and Maddison (Y6)

On Thursday 16th May, the St. Werburgh's girls football team played against St. Thomas' in their first match. Codi scored a goal and the defence was strong. Unfortunately, we lost, but we were happy for St. Thomas' for winning. During the second game, we played St. John's. Isla E. successfully scored and Eva was an amazing goalkeeper. We all played extremely well and are looking forward to our final matches next week.

Well done: Eva, Sophie F., Olivia, Codi, Sophie, Josie, Melody, Jasmine, Isla E. and Megan B.

By Melody (Y6) and Megan B. (Y5)

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>

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.

RECORDERS PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday (22nd May), all children from Key Stage 2 will be performing in a Recorders Performance to celebrate their achievements in music lessons this term. Parents, carers, grandparents and other family members are warmly welcome to come and watch. Please let us know how many seats you require by Tuesday.

FRIENDS OF KIDIDIMA - EXCITING NEWS!

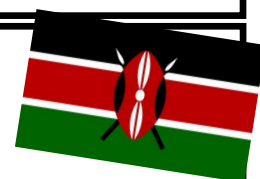
As you will remember, in March we had a non-uniform day to raise money to enable us to sponsor a child in Kenya to enable them to go to school for a year.

As a result of the incredible generosity of lots of members of our school community, we have raised enough money to sponsor not just one child, but two children!

Maureen, the project leader, is visiting the school in Kenya at the end of May and upon her return she will provide us with information about the children who will receive an education due to the generosity of the support of members of our school community.

We look forward to updating you with further information.

Thank you again for your amazing kindness.



PTA THANKS

Thank you to those who were able to support the recent PTA Chocolate Bingo fund-raiser. We received lots of donations through our non-uniform day, which led to plenty of big smiles and arms full of chocolate!

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who organised and led the event to raise money for the children.

The next PTA events are the end-of-half-term discos on Thursday 23rd May.

THANK YOU

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.

Please remember that school closes on Friday 24th May for the half-term holiday and reopens on Monday 3rd June.