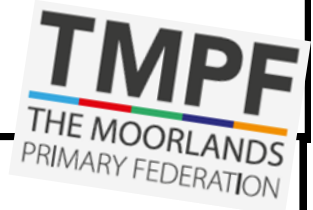




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

17th-21st June	Y6 residential - have fun!
Wednesday 19th June	Y1 and Y2 Scooterbility
Friday 21st June	Photographs - class groups and teams (not Y6)
Monday 24th June	Non-uniform day - bring items for the PTA Summer Fayre
Tuesday 25th June	KS2 Production 6.30pm (tickets needed - see office)
Thursday 27th June	KS2 Production 1.30pm (tickets needed - see office)
Thursday 27th June	KS2 Production 6.30pm (tickets needed - see office)
Friday 28th June	PTA Summer Fayre 3.45-5.15pm
Tuesday 2nd July	Parents' Evening (not Y6)
Wednesday 10th July	Y6 Parents' Evening
Friday 5th July	Sports Day (fingers crossed for no rain this time!) 1.00pm
Thursday 11th July	Reserve date for Sports Day 1.00pm
Friday 19th July	School's out for summer!

Y3/4 TAG RUGBY CHAMPIONS

The Y3/4 tag rugby team went to our friends at Picknalls school in Uttoxeter for the CADSSA tournament on Wednesday, 5th June.

We played six matches throughout the tournament and we won them all! We had a flying start to win against St. John's and carried in to win each match after that too! Throughout the tournament we felt joyful. We scored lots of tries and defended brilliantly in every match. When we realised that we had won, we were very happy and grateful.

Congratulations champions: Lexi, Jay, Jasmine, Ewan, Callum C., Zac, Izaac, Nelson, Holly and Will.

By Holly and Will (Y4)

Y3/4 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

On Monday 10th June, we were proud to take part in the CADSSA Y3/4 Swimming Gala at Cheadle Leisure Centre. There were lots of different schools taking part and we had plenty of races.

The water was very cold at first, so we swam faster which helped us to warm-up and win some races too! Everyone swam really well and tried their best throughout.

We were surprised and excited when we were told that the Boys Team had won and were the CADSSA Champions for 2019! The girls also did really well and finished seventh.

Champion swimmers: Flo, Jessiema, Alfie G., Harry, Lacey, Jay, Lexi, Oliver, Evie, Zac, Erin, Alfie H., Will, Arwen, Maggie and Noah.

By Noah & Maggie (Y4)

Y5 MATHS QUIZ CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday the 11th June, six Y5 mathematicians visited The Cheadle Academy (TCA) to take part in a special Maths Quiz. We were joined by our friends from our sisters schools: Bishop Rawle, Dilhorne, Great Wood and The Valley; and also Cheadle Primary.

To begin the event, we were introduced to the other schools and the team leaders from TCA. Next, we went to the dining room to collect data from different activities that we completed as a team. After we collected this, we went to a classroom to create posters showing this data within graphs.

Finally, we took part in a quiz where we had to work as a team to try and complete lots of questions including mental maths and problem-solving. We felt lost for words when Mrs Evans, from TCA, told us that we had won...it was amazing!

Well done: Isabella L., Callum M., Isla E., Cooper, Ruby and Lukas.

By Ruby and Lukas (Y5)

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

Reception	90.00%	
Year 1	100%	WELL DONE, Y1!
Year 2	97.65%	
Year 3/4	95.71%	
Year 4/5	97.67%	
Year 6	98.21%	

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.

Y6 CLIMBING EXPERTS!

On the 11th June, the Y6 class were surprised with a fun and exciting trip to 'Clip 'n' Climb' in Stone! Firstly, we were attached to a safety harness and watched a special safety video so we knew we were safe. After that, we went on lots of different climbing walls!

As a treat we also watched the teachers (not Miss Boswell!) go down the huge drop slide!

By Zach and Maddison (Y6)

As always, thank you to those who were able to support us with transport for the children.

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.

AN UPDATE FROM THE KINGSLEY VENTURE VALLEY PROJECT TEAM

Given the level of interest and support our project received, we would like to give you an update.

Following a lot of hard work, the bid for the play area was submitted in April. We have received feedback from the community fund and have been advised that some further documentation is required to clarify some technicalities and support the bid.

We will be working on these in the next few weeks with a view to re-submitting in the autumn.

In the meantime, we thank you for your continued support and encouragement and will update you again in the autumn.

ECO EVENT THANKS

The Eco and School Councils joined together to organise an assembly and celebration of the WWF 'Wear it Wild Day' and 'World Ocean Day' on Friday 7th June.

We asked children to come into school dressed in something related to an animal, or just in non-uniform, and to bring with them a small donation for the WWF. Lots of people dressed-up and enjoyed the day. We held a special assembly to talk about the day and even set a little piece of homework to ask children to design a poster related to saving the planet.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to these causes.

By Molly and Josie (Y6) Chairs of the Eco Council

Many thanks also to our friends at the Cheadle and Tean Times who joined us and very kindly published a photograph of some of the children on the front page of this week's newspaper!

PARKING SAFELY

May we continue to thank those who park safely and considerately around our school site. By parking safely, courteously and legally, we are helping everyone around us, and other road users, to be safe and happy. Parking restrictions are in place solely to keep people safe, so by sticking to these, we can help to look after all of the members of our school family and the community.

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.

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>

BOOK TOKEN PRIZE DRAW - YOU CAN STILL 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.

PTA THANKS

Many thanks to our lovely PTA, and to you for your kind donations, for the generous ipad ordered this week. We look forward to using this to support the learning of our younger children.

HAVE FUN YEAR 6

We wish our wonderful Year 6 pupils the very best for their exciting residential trip next week. The children will be joining our friends in Year 6 from two of our sister schools, The Valley and Great Wood, for a week-long programme of fun events. They will be learning new techniques, trying new activities...and even making their own beds! Have fun!

TERM DATES 2019-2020

The term dates for 2019-2020 will be published on our website next week. These have had to change slightly due to the movement of the May Day Bank Holiday 2020.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Many thanks to the parents/ grandads/ uncles/ carers/ other people who are special at home, who were able to join us for some Father's Day fun over the past two Fridays. We were delighted to organise the events and welcome so many visitors into school and to see children and adults having great fun together.

A selection of lovely Father's Day messages from the children can be seen in 'The Sentinel' newspaper this weekend.

THANK YOU

Many thanks from the team for the ongoing support of your school.