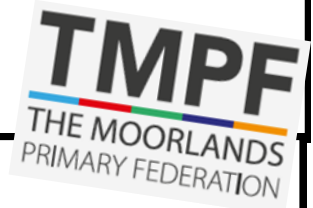




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Monday 8th July
 8th, 9th, 10th July
 Tuesday 9th July
 Wednesday 10th July
 Wednesday 10th July
 Tuesday 16th July

 Thursday 18th July
 Thursday 18th July

 Friday 19th July
 Friday 19th July

FS/ KS1 are going to the zoo, zoo, zoo
Painsley CC New Intake Days
Water Safety assembly
New Reception class intake afternoon
Y6 Parents' Evening
 FS/ KS1 Presentation Afternoon 2.00pm.
 KS2 Presentation Evening 6.00pm
 'Race for Life'
 Y6 Leavers' Service in Church 9.30am
 End of Year Discos: FS/ KS1 6.30pm - 7.30pm; KS2 7.45pm - 9.00pm
 Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2.00pm
 School's out for summer!

UDO NATIONAL DANCE FINALS

On Wednesday 26th June (2019), our fabulous dance team made their way to Fenton Manor for the UDO National Schools Dance Finals. When we arrived, we entered the sports hall and prepared for our amazing performance. When it was our time to shine, we danced our socks off in our pink spotty skirts! Throughout the day, the wonderful judges gave us master-classes and performed for us at the end. At the end of the day, it was the awards ceremony and we were placed third! How amazing is that? Well done to all the dancers and everyone who came to watch.

A massive well done to: Megan B., Isla B., Isla E., Ella, Isabella L., Mya, Ruby, Summer, Bluebelle, Libby, Aimee, Macie, Lily-Mae, Molly, Codi, Maddison, Eva, Katie, Melody, Megan S. and Olivia.



MUSICIANS HIT THE RIGHT NOTE!

Congratulations to each of our young musicians who completed their end-of-year instrument assessments with Mr. Prescott.

Children have been learning to play many instruments this year, including the piano, recorder, guitar, clarinet and the ukulele! We saw their talent at the first TMPF Music Festival earlier in the year and they have now finished their lessons for the summer.

Well done to all...and keep practising!

WEEEEEEEEEE WENT TO SEE THE WIZARD, THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ!

On Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th June, the whole of Key Stage 2 came together to perform their wonderful summer production: 'The Wizard of Oz'. We absolutely loved performing for our fabulous audiences and got some amazing comments in our 'Sparkle Book'. Well done to all of the children involved, a big 'thank-you' to the PTA (the wonderful people behind the counter!) for all of the refreshments and to all of our family and friends for coming to watch.

See you next year for another fabulous performance!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



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

Reception	98.70%
Year 1	95.38%
Year 2	92.94%
Year 3/4	94.64%
Year 4/5	96.33%
Year 6	97.50%

SAFETY ON SITE

Please can we remind you all 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. Many thanks for following these steps to help the children to feel safe, healthy and reassured at their school.

SMOKING AND VAPING

Just to remind all that **smoking and vaping are NOT Permitted on the school grounds at any time.**

We all want to keep children safe and healthy, and also set a good example.



FISHING COMPETITION - NEW DATE

As you may remember, in June, the Rotary Clubs of Cheadle and Blythe Bridge had planned to hold a Fishing Competition for any Y5 or Y6 children that were interested. Sadly, as June consisted of far too much rain, it had to be postponed.

The competition has been re-planned to now take place on 3rd August and once again, bait will be provided and there will be a barbecue at the end.

Places are limited and children must be accompanied by an adult. If you wish to participate, please contact school and we will pass you the details.

Y2 FOREST SCHOOL

Over the last few weeks, on Monday mornings Year 2 have been taking part in 'forest school' sessions at The Valley. We have had lots of fun, but our favourite parts have been making clay 'tree guardians' and when we roasted marshmallows on the campfire!

By Ophelia and Kayla (Y2)

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.

'GOOD' NEWS FOR THE CHEADLE ACADEMY

Congratulations to our 'Good' friends at The Cheadle Academy (TCA) for their recent Ofsted inspection where they were judged to be a 'Good' school.



The Moorlands Primary Federation (TMPF) work very closely on sporting, mathematics, community and transition events with TCA and are delighted for the whole school family and for those children who leave our school to continue learning with them.

"The headteacher and senior staff are relentless in their determination to make this school a beacon of excellence in the local community and provide the very best education for its pupils." Ofsted 2019.

...love one another.

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, 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.

KS2 LUNCH - CHANGE OF MENU, MONDAY 8th JULY

The menu for children in KS2 (Years 3-6) will differ from the original plan on Monday 8th July. Instead of pizza and noodles, children will now have the option of: hot dogs, wedges, sandwiches and jacket potatoes.



BEE-RILLIANT SPELLING

On Tuesday 2nd July, participants from St. Werburgh's took part in this term's 'TMPF Spelling Bee' finals at Bishop Rawle. Overall, we (Joe, Iyla O., Evie W., Holly F., Isla E. and Olivia) did amazingly well! A big thank you to all the people who came to watch us and our hosts.

By Isla E. (Y5) and Holly F. (Y4)

Each of our team finished in either first or second place in each age group! Very, very well done!

Y3-4-5 TRIP TO DEWA ROMAN EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 3rd July we had a lovely, sunny trip to Chester, where we became Romans for the day. When we arrived, we split off into our classes: one class became Romans and patrolled around Chester, chanting, carrying shields and learning shield formations; and the other group had a tour around the Roman museum during which we explored reconstructions and excavations, we even touched a 2000 year old stone wall! After a yummy lunch, sitting on Roman toilets, we swapped groups and had the full experience. We had a brilliant day, we even watched our teachers battle in the amphitheatre and learned how they used the Roman version of toilet tissue! It was a great experience and we would definitely do it again.

By Evie K. and Ewan (Y4)



KS1 SCOOTABILITY

Year 1 and 2 have taken part in Scootability sessions. We learnt how to cross the road safely and how to move past cars on the pavements. Not only did we learn lots of about to ride our scooters safely, but we also had loads of fun!

Amelia and Iyla O. (Y2)

We enjoyed Scootability and had lots of fun learning how to be safe while riding our scooters! It was exciting to ride around Kinglsey while zooming fast. We wish we could ride scooters all the time!

By Henry (Y1).

HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES 2019-202

You can see all term dates, school opening and closing dates at:

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

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise, only in exceptional circumstances, and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

PTA THANKS

Many thanks to you all for joining us for the lovely (and sunny!) Summer Fayre last week. We raised lots of money which we will spend on our amazing children.

A big, big 'thanks' to our superb PTA for organising the fayre and also for providing refreshments at the three productions of 'The Wizard of Oz'.

Your final PTA event of the year will be the end-of-term discos on Thursday 18th July.



THANK YOU

Many thanks from the team for the ongoing support of your school, especially at such a busy time of year.