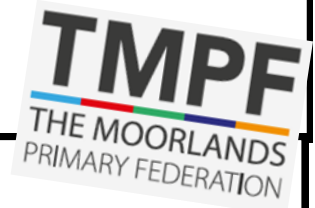




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Friday 19th July	School's out for summer!
Tuesday 3rd September	School re-opens for the autumn term
Thursday 24th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4th November	School re-opens
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 7th January	School re-opens for the spring term
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 20th April	School re-opens for the summer term
Friday 17th July	School's out for summer...again!

SO LONG (NOT SO!) OLD FRIENDS

We are sad to say goodbye to a number of staff who are retiring this summer.

Mrs Brassington has been a massive part of St. Werburgh's school and Church life for more than two decades and has had huge impact on the children and many parents, aunties and uncles too.

The role that *Mrs B.* plays with the children is tremendous: she offers so much care, love, support and guidance, that each child cannot fail to like her. Add into this a wonderful sense of humour, thoughtfulness, talent, experience, artistic skills, and dedication to the school, and you can see why the staff team think so much of her too.

We were thrilled to offer a 'Service of Thanks' for Mrs Brassington in church on Monday, and thank all who attended and also kept it as a surprise for her! She loved it! Thanks also to those who were able to send good wishes to *Mrs B.*, or contributed to a gift on behalf of the parents.

We will miss her lots and lots and lots in so many ways and she leaves our school with so much love, admiration, friendship and happiness...obviously we will still try to coax her back to help out from time-to-time! Mrs Brassington leaves plenty of amazing memories here and we know that she will be as amazing in retirement – and as a grandma to two fab little ones - as she has been here and she will always remain part of the St. Werburgh's family.

Mrs Jones sadly bids us '*au revoir*' after 17 years teaching French throughout our school. Mrs Jones has been '*magnifique*' throughout her time with us and has given children bundles of confidence with a new language, with the ability to communicate more widely across the world, and also with a great deal of care and love. The staff are also extremely fond of Mrs Jones and wish her '*bonne chance*' for her fabulous-sounding retirement.

Mrs Welford has also now retired from her role as our Home-School Support Worker. Although many of the children may not have worked directly with Mrs Welford, she has been simply brilliant with her support of lots of children and indeed their families. She has been instrumental in building confidence, offering support and much, much more. We wish her the very best of luck in the beautiful new home close to the sea that she and her husband will be moving to!

GOOD LUCK Y6

We say a fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 children who are leaving us and heading off to High School for a new adventure. It has been a pleasure to see you grow into such wonderful people and representatives of your school and we know you will impress everyone in your new school. You are a great class and great young ladies and gentlemen and we will miss you dearly.

Good luck and thank you: Mia, Maverick, Codi, Sophie, Melody, Jasmine, Oliver, Josie, Olivia, Lily-Mae, Allan, Riley, Liam, Zach, George, Maddison, Sophie, Phoebe, Molly, Alfie, Charlie, Dylan, Liam, Katie, Tyler, George, Megan and Eva.

RACE FOR LIFE

On Thursday 18th July, we all took part in the St. Werburgh's 'Race For Life'. As well as raising money for a cause very close to many people's hearts, all the children (and some parents) enjoyed running together and had lots of fun! We raised a whopping **£1325.72** for Cancer Research which supports people living with cancer and their families.



Here is a little of what the children had to say about the event:

Zara (Reception).- 'I liked the Race for Life because I could run really fast.'

Jessica (Reception)- 'I enjoyed raising money and getting a medal.'

Edward (Year 1)-'I liked that we had lots of exercise and that we were having fun.'

Esme (Year 1)-'I liked that we were helping people.'

Many children achieved personal bests and tried really hard to mark the day and support the cause. The staff would like to thank all parents and families for raising so much money and showing support to the children during the 'race'.

...love one another.

MRS B's SURPRISE SEND OFF

On Monday, we had a happy/sad service as we said goodbye to Mrs B, who has been here for 26 years – You will be missed by everyone here. Enjoy your retirement!

By Lexi (Y3) & Milton (Y4)

'BEST KEPT VILLAGE' COMPETITION WINNERS

As you will remember, recently the children were asked to design a poster to promote Kingsley in the 'Best Kept Village' competition. Thank you for all of the wonderful entries, they were all amazing! They were all sent off and this week we received exciting news that two of our children have been recognised for their entries. Congratulations to Edward in Year 1, who was placed second and also congratulations to Maja in Year 2, who was placed 3rd.

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 for ensuring that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds, so we can enable the children to feel safe and reassured at their school.

Thank you too for setting a good example to children by not smoking or vaping on school grounds.



Y6's RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO SHUGBOROUGH

On Monday 17th June, all of the Year 6s, along with the Y6s from The Valley and Great Wood travelled all the way to Shugborough for their end-of-primary-school residential trip. We were there for 5 days (Monday to Friday) and took part in a variety of fun-filled activities such as: canoeing, archery, orienteering, BMX-ing, climbing and much, much more! During our time at the education centre, we also went on a huge hike around Cannock Chase, where we played lots of games, such as 'ninja squirrels' and raced rubber ducks in the river. Overall, we had an amazing week – we enjoyed all of the activities and made new friends.

By Olivia, Phoebe, and Liam C (Y6)

HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES 2019-202

You can see all term dates, school opening and closing dates on the school website. 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.

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 putting them at risk. This includes children in the background of photographs. 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.

QUEEN BEE OR SHOULD THAT BE... QUEEN BETSY!

As you know - we had approximately 1,000 little flying visitors earlier this term, as a cast (to give it its technical name!) of honeybees popped over to say *hello* and rest their weary wings! The kind bee-keeper, Mick, who re-homed the bees, offered the children the opportunity to name the Queen Bee. After many creative entries, the name which Mick chose was...Betsy!
Congratulations to our two winners: Lacey R (Rec) and Zach (Y6)

THANKS PTA

An enormous 'thank you' to our sensational PTA who have supported the school all year, finishing with a very special occasion for the Y6 Leavers on Thursday. The PTA work tirelessly to fund-raise for the children and also supported the purchase of the reading book awards for every child. If you wish to join the team, please pop along to our meeting in September.

Y5/6 NETBALL WORLD CUP WIN FOR NEW ZEALAND

On Friday 28th June, eight Y5/6 pupils from our school travelled to The Cheadle Academy for the one and only World Cup Netball Tournament. Our team's country was New Zealand - we wore black kits. You will never guess what? Due to our super shooting - WE WON!
Well done to: Eva, Megan S., Sophie F., Olivia, Josie, Oliver B., Maverick and Isla E.
By Megan, Eva and Sophie F. (Y6)

YEAR 6 ATHLETICS MEETING

On Wednesday 3rd July, 11 Y6 pupils travelled all the way to Northwood Stadium to take part in an athletics meeting. We took part in many different track and field events. A special well done to Oliver and Josie who competed in the 800m race – which was 2 laps around the whole track! Well done to everyone that took part: Maverick, Oliver B., Zach, Liam M., Dylan, Megan S., Maddison, Sophie F., Olivia, Codi and Josie (Y6)
By Maddison and Zach (Y6)

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 5/6 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 26th June, the Year 5/6 rounders team travelled to Cheadle Primary School. We had a strong team, including: Mia, Phoebe, Josie, Oliver, Charlie, Sophie F., Zach, Jasmine, Dylan (Y6) and Cooper (Y5). We played lots of teams and made it to the final! In the final, we played St. Thomas' but we lost by half a rounder! We had so much fun!
By Mia and Oliver B. (Y6)

GOODBYE TO OUR FABULOUS YEAR 6

We said goodbye to our Year 6s, who are heading off on a new adventure to their different high schools, in a wonderful service this Thursday. We wish them the best of luck and know you'll be OUUUUUUUT-STANDING!

By Holly F. & Cooper

FS/ KS1's ZOO-TACULAR TRIP

Reception and KS1 went on a trip to Twycross Zoo and saw lots of different animals. We saw rhinos, meerkats, lizards and LOTS of cheeky monkeys – some of them even reminded us of our cheeky brothers and sisters! We loved it!

By Jack N. (Rec), Harry C. (Y1), Destiny (Y2)



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



This year's 'Summer Reading Challenge' is now up and running and the theme this year is 'Space Chase'. Over the summer, the children are encouraged to visit the library and read at least six books. As the children reach different points in the challenge they will be given stickers and if they complete 'Space Chase' they will be awarded a medal and certificate. If you are interested, or for further details, please call into your local library.

CRICKET WORLD CUP

Many thanks for the support during our special non-uniform day to celebrate England's men's cricket team's first-ever World Cup win! We were delighted to mark such a significant cultural event as a school family.



WHAT (GOLD) STARS!



Congratulations to **Keira** (Y2) for receiving her '**St. Werburgh's Gold Star**'. This is very well deserved as she has consistently demonstrated herself as a kind, considerate and incredibly hard-working young lady. With a wonderful sense of humour and a gigantic smile, she brightens up the classroom and is joy to teach. Well done Keira!

Well done to **Joe** (Y1), on receiving his well-deserved '**St. Werburgh's Gold Star**' for his hard work and putting 100% into everything he does. His fantastic work effort and love of learning represents the very best of our school! Well done, Joe, and good luck in your new school!



GOOD LUCK - WE WILL MISS YOU BOTH...BUT WILL SEE YOU SOON!

I am sure that you will join us in wishing Miss Boswell all of the very best of luck for her exciting new adventure of becoming a mum! Miss Boswell is finishing this week and is really excited about dirty nappies and sleepless nights, and we know she will be a fabulous mum! We look forward to welcoming her back at the end of her maternity leave and are excited to meet her baby, who will, no doubt, share her love of Harry Potter!

As you know, Mrs Chilton will be leaving us to teach for a year on secondment at our sister school, Bishop Rawle C.E. (A) Primary, in September. We wish Mrs Chilton the very, very best of luck in her new role, we know she will be wonderful and we will continue to see lots of her through our close links with the schools across our Multi-Academy Trust.

THANK YOU

Thank you!!

The whole staff team and Trustees would like to thank you for your support of the school throughout the year. We really do appreciate it.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September** after an exciting summer holiday. Please stay safe in the summer and have a wonderful break.

Have a great summer, thanks again for your support, and good luck to those leaving us for pastures new in September - we'll miss you!