



Words from St. Werburgh's

Issue 1— Autumn 2019



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 3rd September	School re-opens for the autumn term
Thursday 26th September	Musical Instrument Tuition begins with Mr Prescott
Monday 30th September	HARVEST SERVICE in Church - 9.30am - all welcome
Monday 7th October	PTA Meeting - 5.30pm in school - all welcome
Wednesday 9th October	Parent Consultation Evening
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!

WERBURGH'S ONLINE

Please remember to visit our website
www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk
for news, updates, copies of newsletters and
lots of information, including how to help your
child to stay safe online.

HARVEST SERVICE

Our annual school Harvest Service will
be taking place in Church on Monday
30th September at 9.30am.
You are warmly welcome to join us
and celebrate our first whole-school
service of the year.
Details of how you can donate food to help our
community will be shared closer to the event.



PLAY SAFETY AND SAFELY

Please do not allow any children to use the
fixed play equipment on the grassy area at the
front of school **at any time**. Many thanks for your
help with this and for ensuring that anyone
collecting your child is also aware.

GOOD LUCK FOOTBALLERS!

'GOOD LUCK' to our Y5/6 footballers who will
be kicking off the CADSSA A and B League
seasons next week. They have been training hard
and we know they will dazzle on the pitch.

WERBURGH'S WONDERFUL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDED

It is a pleasure to share with you the amazing news that in the first week of term, our lovely school received a very special award for sporting behaviour.

As you may know, we are part of a group of 12 primary schools called CADSSA (Cheadle and District School Sports Association) which organises a large programme of sporting competition throughout the year. At this year's September meeting, each school voted for the school whom they believed showed the best sportsmanship at these events throughout 2018-19. It was a genuine honour and very humbling when announced that St. Werburgh's had been chosen by the other schools to receive the award!

We are always so incredibly proud of the children at these sporting events and their attitude and respect for opponents and officials is always first class and for this to be widely recognised by the group is an amazing achievement.

Thanks to all of you who supported, washed kit and transported children to the events, you each played your part too.

What an outstanding start to the year and something which the children should be very, very proud of.

...love one another

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

Each Friday morning, parents and family members are welcome to join us in school for a 'Praise and Celebration' assembly/ worship. We start at approximately 9.05am and finish around 9.45am.

Each Thursday morning, one class will visit church for a Communion Service at 10.00am. Over the next few weeks, the following classes are scheduled to attend, however, this is subject to change, so please check with school first.

19th September - Y4/5
26th September - Y3/4

SCHOOL DINNERS - THEME DAYS

This term we will be hosting some very special School Dinner 'theme days', where the menu will be a little different from the one advertised on the school website.

30th September - Harvest-themed Lunch
24th October - Halloween-themed Lunch!
5th November - Bonfire Night-themed Lunch.

CAR PARK

Please can we remind all that the car park is for staff and visitors only. We also request that you do not walk across the car park with children as there are moving vehicles and we all want to keep children safe.

SAFETY ON SITE

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

HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

You can see all term dates, on the school website:

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Please do not book holidays during term time as you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

PTA AGM

Our amazing PTA will be hosting their first meeting of the year (and AGM) on **Monday 7th October, at 5.30pm**, here in school.

The purpose of a PTA is to raise funds for the school which benefit the children... and our PTA does a fabulous job!

If you wish to join in and find out ways in which you too can help, or perhaps you wish to share some ideas for fund-raising, please pop along, you would be most welcome!

KEEP IN TOUCH



Please can you ensure that the school office have the most up-to-date contact numbers for your child. If one of the numbers for you, or one of the named contacts, has changed, please pop in to check that we have the right information... just in case we need to get in touch.



ALDI STICKERS

If you do your shopping at Aldi, please can you collect the new Aldi's 'Kit for School' stickers and pop them into school.

Similar schemes in the past have allowed us to order some brilliant equipment for PE lesson and sports clubs.

STAYING SAFE

Through our commitment to keeping children safe, our Computing lessons this term will teach children ways to stay safe online. Information on how you can help your child to stay safe online can be found in the 'School Family - Parents' section of our website.

May we also remind parents: not to post online any images of children other than their own; and that no photographs of any children at school events should be shared on any social media platform. This is to keep **ALL** children safe.

We also encourage parents to speak with children about 'Stranger Danger' and road safety, perhaps even walking routes with our older children and showing them the safest places to cross roads.

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.

SAFE PARKING

May we continue to thank those who park safely and considerately around our school site.

By parking safely, courteously, and legally, we are helping neighbours, other parents, Parishioners, 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.

PARENTS' EVENING

To improve communication between school and parents, we shall be staging parents consultation evenings ('Parents' Evenings') at new times of the year. These will now take place in the middle of the autumn and spring terms, with our first one being held on Wednesday 9th October, from 3.35-5.30pm.

School reports will continue to share information at other points throughout the school year.

As always, should you have any concerns at any point throughout the terms, your first point of contact is always your child's class teacher.

TAEKWONDO STARS!

We are excited to hear that two of our Y6 pupils won medals in the Scottish Taekwondo Championships in Motherwell.



Lukas and Reuben competed wonderfully at the championships last weekend and both finished as individual bronze medallists!

Scouted during martial arts PE lessons in school, the boys have been training really hard for several months.

Well done, Taekwondo Stars!

VOTING AT ST. WERBURGH'S

HUGE congratulations to each candidate who showed their expertise as public speakers and also their love of their school during the recent election campaigns for Head Boy and Head Girl.

Children in other classes across the school also used their speaking and listening skills to stand for election to posts in the Worship, School and Eco Councils as well as for Team Captains and Vice Captains.

The children have enjoyed learning about, and playing their part in, democratic processes.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

Attendance at school is an essential part of a child's education.

AS you know, school begins at 8.55am. After this time, your child will be marked as 'Late'.

Excessive lateness, or poor attendance, can lead to fines being issued to parents by the Local Authority. If your child is going to be absent for the day, you **must** call school **before 9.30am** to let us know why they will not be in - this is simply to help safeguard children!

We want to celebrate high attendance, therefore, below are each classes' attendance for the week ending: 13 September 2019 (these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence).

Reception - 96.25%; Y1 - 97.73%; Y2 - 95.2%; Y3/4 - 98.8%; Y4/5 97.93%; Y6 100% Well done Y6

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children have started the year looking very smart indeed. Many thanks for ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. May we also remind all that shoes must be worn in school, not black trainers, boots, or sandals.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD, LITTLE ONE!

We are absolutely delighted to share the news that Miss Boswell gave birth to a lovely baby boy during the summer! Mum, Dad and baby Elliott are all doing well and enjoying being an extended family. We are sure you join us in sending love to them all!

Thank you!!

THANK YOU

An enormous **THANKS** for the support and lovely messages during the first two weeks of the school year, The whole staff team really appreciate it and we know that working together, we can really support your child's learning.