



Words from St. Werburgh's

Issue 3 — Autumn 2019



DIARY DATES

Thursday 24th October	School closes for half term
Thursday 31st October	Y6 High School Applications Deadline
Monday 4th November	School re-opens
Tuesday 5th November	Reception class begin 'balance bike training'
Tuesday 5th November	Bonfire themed lunch
Wednesday 6th November	Parent Information Session - Y2 - 9.05am
Wednesday 6th November	Parent Forum 3.45pm
Thursday 7th November	Photographs (individuals and with siblings) - <i>smile please!</i>
Friday 15th November	Fluenz immunisation - <i>whole school</i>
Tuesday 19th November	Open Morning - new Reception Class 2020
Wednesday 20th November	Parent Information Session Y4/5 - 9.05am
Friday 29th November	PTA Christmas Fayre 3.35-5.00pm

URGENT HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please can we remind parents and carers of children in Year 6 to complete the High School application process for your child by **no later than 31 October**.

Failure to do so, may result in you having no choice of High School for your child and you simply being allocated a place at any available school in Staffordshire.

OPEN MORNING

On **Tuesday 19th November 2019**, we will be hosting an 'Open Morning' for anyone wishing to join our school family in Reception class in 2020 (even though it seems so far away!).

If you have children of this age, or know anyone who may be keen on coming along to see us, please let them know about the event and ask them to simply contact school to book their place.

As you know, it is really important that we continue to welcome new children into our school family each year.

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 and for ensuring that anyone collecting your child is also aware of this important message.

EXTREME READING CHALLENGE

We look forward to receiving photographs of the children as part of the 'Extreme Reading' challenge. As you will be aware from the recent letter, we want children to enjoy being immersed in a book which can bring so much more joy than any console or TV show.

Please remember that any photographs of children reading in unusual place should be emailed to office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk and although the place, or situation should be unusual, **IT MUST BE SAFE!**

Y6 MATHS QUIZ

On the 17th October, six Year 6 pupils went to The Cheadle Academy to participate in an annual maths quiz against other schools. The event consisted of many different challenges, which included: problem solving; dingbats (which is like 'Catch Phrase'); code-breaking; shape identification and memory games. We thoroughly enjoyed the morning and the different activities that we undertook. Thank you to our friends at The Cheadle Academy for Inviting us.

By Isabella L. and Reece T.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Our attendance for the week ending 24th October:

Reception - 97.4%

Y1 - 98.9%

Y2 - 98%

3/4 - 93.8%

Y4/5 - 94.2%

Y6 - 98.7%



Well done Year 1, Year 2 and Y6!

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.

MATHS ROCKSTARS DAY!

On **Friday 8th November**, children are invited to dress-up as a fictional or real rock star to celebrate the '**Times Tables Rockstars**' program which we are using as part of our learning. We love Maths and want to support all children in sharing this and boosting their understanding of the multiplication tables. In the spring term, children in Year 4 will also be the first to sit the Government's new statutory Multiplication Tables Check, which will test their knowledge and recall of the multiplication tables and the related division facts.

Please remember that although some rock stars may choose to wear 'unusual' clothing, all of **our** rock stars **MUST** be dressed in a manner which is **appropriate** and **Primary School Friendly!** Those children who do not wish to dress as a rock star may, of course, come to school in non-uniform.

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.

ALDI STICKERS

We are making great progress on our lovely Aldi sticker chart and the children are enjoying adding their stickers to it. We have completed our first poster and are progressing well with our second.



PARENT FORUM

On Wednesday 6th November we will be holding a Parent Forum in school at 3.45pm. All parents/ carers are welcome to join us should you wish to discuss your school.

If you wish to add anything to the agenda for the forum, please email school before 3pm on Tuesday 5th November. We will aim to discuss as many of the suggested agenda items as possible, however, this may be dependent upon time.

Please note that out of respect and confidentiality, specific matters involving individuals will not be discussed here. These should, as always, be raised on a one-to-one basis with your child's class teacher.

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.

POP-IN TODDLER GROUP

A community-led toddler group is now running at Kingsley Holt Chapel on Churnet Valley Road, (during term times) on Tuesday mornings between 9.30-11.30am.

Parents, grandparents, carers, babies, toddlers and 'bumps' are all welcome with a suggested donation of £2 per child.

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.

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

SHOWING RACISM THE RED CARD

Our two eldest year groups came together for a special assembly following the horrible scenes at the recent Bulgaria v England football match. The children were very so caring, mature and sensible and truly reflected our motto by showing great love for one another as they condemned the **"disgusting"**, **"mean"** and **"horrible"** racism shown by a small number supporters at the game. The children spoke beautifully about how they can act as responsible citizens in society so that everyone is treated equally and how the colour of somebody's skin, or their religious beliefs, makes no difference, and that **"it is what a person is like inside that matters"**.

The children really showed how they meet the Fundamental British Values of 'Mutual respect' and 'Tolerance of those of different faiths or beliefs'.

We are very, very proud of the brilliant contributions from Years 5 and 6 and the quotations in bold are just a selection of their thoughts.

FOOTBALLERS CONTINUE IN THE A LEAGUE

Last week, we competed in another round of A League football fixtures. In these games, we played against two tough teams: St. Joseph's and St. Thomas'. The outcome of these matches were: a win for us against St. Joseph's, where the score was 2-1; and a 0-0 draw against St. Thomas'. We were delighted with these results and can't wait to play again after Christmas to catch up with the week that we missed due to bad weather.

Well done: Callum M., Megan, Cooper, Isla E., Callum C., Alfie, H., Milton, Izaak B., Will, Ewan and Zac.

By Megan and Cooper

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for Parent Information Sessions in the last few weeks. We enjoyed welcoming parents from Reception class and years 1, 3/4 and 6 and hope that you found the sessions to be a useful insight into your child's learning in relation to Phonics and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Information sessions will take place next half term in the following classes:

Year 2 - Wednesday 6th November
Years 4/5 - Wednesday 20th November

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.

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!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following the holiday, children should be wearing correct autumn and winter school uniform which should include either a skirt, pinafore dress, or trousers. May we also remind all that **shoes must be worn in school**, not black trainers, boots, or sandals.



THANK YOU

Many thanks for your continued support of school throughout the first half term, the whole staff team really appreciate it. Have a most wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 4th November**.

Love to learn, love God, love one another.

A small graphic of a corkboard with a white note pinned to it that says "Thank you!!".

Thank you!!

