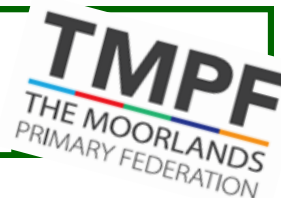




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 27th November	Non-uniform day - bring items for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 29th November	PTA Christmas Fayre 3.35-5.00pm
Thursday 5th December	Final TMPF Choir rehearsal before the concert at the Victoria Hall
Tuesday 10th December	TMPF Choir performing at The Victoria Hall
Wednesday 11th December	FS/KS1 Nativity (ticket information and times, to be sent out)
Thursday 12th December	FS/KS1 Nativity (ticket information and times, to be sent out)
Friday 13th December	A very special visitor is ' <i>...coming to town</i> '
Wednesday 18th December	Trip to the Pantomime - whole school
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Service in Church - whole school - 9.30am
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 7th January	School re-opens for the spring term
Tuesday 14th January	Deadline for applications to join our Reception Class in 2020
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 20th April	School re-opens for the summer term

OPEN MORNING AND ADMISSIONS/ APPLICATIONS

On Tuesday 19th November, we were delighted to welcome visitors to an 'Open Morning' designed for those wishing to join our Reception Class in September 2020 (it seems so far away!). The children all represented their school beautifully and our Heads and Deputies (Ella, Reece, Macie and Lukas) did a brilliant job as tour guides and answered any questions. We were also extremely proud of members of our choir who treated the guests to two songs. If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about our lovely school for your child in September, **applications for places are now open** and will close in early January.

To apply, please visit the **School Family-Parents-Admissions** section of our school website:
www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs

CHILDREN IN NEED

Many thanks to all for your support of our 'Children in Need' fund-raising. We had a lovely day in non-uniform and raised a brilliant **£233.49** through this, by singing at Morrison's and also through donations received at our 'Strictly Tea Dance'. Thank you to our School Council for your hard work, too.



SAFE AND SOUND AT THE FIRE STATION

On Monday 18th November, all of Year 6 visited Cheadle Fire Station to take part in the 'Safe and Sound' event. While we were there we took part in five sessions that could help to keep us safe. Firstly, we had a fire safety talk where we found hazards around the home. In this session, we also learned what to do in the event of a fire and how fast a fire could spread.

Next, we had a talk about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like and we were given some scenarios to which we had to decide whether the statements were true or false. After that, we learned how to keep our money safe from scammers and what scams might look like.

The fourth session was led by Staffordshire Police, who talked to us about anti-social behaviour and what is expected from us when we are with our friends. The final session was how to deliver CPR. During this session, we learned how to deliver basic CPR and how to put somebody in the recovery position. We even got to practice CPR on dummies!

We had a great afternoon and learned lots of very important life-saving skills to keep us, others, and our families, **safe and sound**.

By Bluebelle and Isla B. (Y6)

ATTENDANCE STARS

Our attendance for the week ending 22 November:

Reception - 95.8%	Y1 - 99.5%
Y2 - 99.6%	3/4 - 97.8%
Y4/5 - 97.1%	Y6 - 98.4%

Well done to our Key Stage 1 classes!



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.

SUPERSTARS AND NOW POPSTARS

We are immensely proud to see our friends at The Cheadle Academy shine so brightly with their fundraising for the Dougie Mac in memory of the wonderful Mr Beverley who sadly passed away three years ago.

The students (including many of our former pupils) have raised more than £22,000 so far and last Friday

'The Cheadle Academy Sixth Form Choir' released **'My Oh My'**, a song previously performed by Mr Beverley in his band.

The song (which is great!) is available to download and at one point last weekend, was placed directly above Taylor Swift and Westlife in the iTunes charts! All money raised goes to support the amazing Dougie Mac Hospice and is raised in remembrance of Mr Beverley.

We are so incredibly proud of all of the children and staff who are involved in such an amazing project, and the St. Werburgh's and TMPF family wish you the very, very, very best of luck!



COMMUNITY SINGING AT MORRISON'S

On Wednesday 13th November, some members of the choir headed to Morrison's to sing and raise money for Children in Need. We sang five songs including: 'Revoltin' Children', 'We're All Made of Stars', 'Teamwork', 'One Short Day' and 'Doll on a Music Box'. During our time there we raised £86.79, which we are thrilled with! We thoroughly enjoyed singing for Morrison's customers and hope to do it again to raise more money for charity.

A massive well done to: Aimee, Ella J., Isla B., Isla E., Ruby, Macie, Reece T., Lukas Y., Evie K., Sofia A., Nelson, Summer, JB and Lillie H.

By Aimee and Ella (Y6)

YOUNG MINDS

As you know, we were delighted to support Chartwells, the company who provide our school meals, with fund-raising and awareness-raising for the Young Minds charity. Thank you to those who were able to donate on the day, or who spent the time finding out a little more about their work.

TENNIS 'ACES'

Congratulations to our Y3/4 tennis team who served-up a superb performance in the CADSSA and School Games tournament.

They played some lovely tennis and finished in a very impressive third place...move over Serena and Roger!

Well done: Evie W., Alfie G., Maja and Ashton



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.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

A big 'thank you' to those who joined Miss Bullock for the Y4/5 Parent Information Session this week. We hope it was useful to find out more about the children's learning in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

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 (999) or Staffordshire County Council's First Response service on 0800 1313 126.

STRICTLY TEA DANCE

The school hall turned into a ballroom on Friday 15th November as we hosted a Y3/4 'Strictly Tea Dance'.

Parents, grandparents, carers and other family members were invited to school to dance and to enjoy tea and cakes. The afternoon enrichment activity then allowed the dancers to show off their new Latin and Ballroom moves having been taught the basic dance steps for the *Cha Cha Cha* and the *Waltz*. The children then taught our guests how to dance too! It was a pleasure to also welcome Devon and Gracie from Leek School of Dance who joined us to give the children and other guests a brilliant ballroom and Latin demonstration. The event concluded with Mrs Wright leading everyone through the basic dance steps of a jive. Our tea dance was a celebration of dance and PE and was the conclusion of a day-long training course for teaching staff from our school and others, led by P.E. Consultant (and parent) Mrs Holder. Many thanks to Mr Holder and Mrs Jukes for your great support and delicious cakes which also helped to raise money for 'Children in Need'.

Keeeeeeep dancing!



PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Everyone is welcome to join us straight after school on **Friday 29th November** for our **Christmas Fayre**, organised by our lovely PTA. On Wednesday 27th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day in school and ask children to bring in items (such as bottles, chocolates, biscuits, new toys etc) which we can then sell at the Fayre.



ROAD SAFETY

At this time of year, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads. **BE BRIGHT** – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.



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.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

Attendance 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 safeguard children!

Thank you!!

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your ongoing support of your school, especially at this busy time of year.

Love to learn, love God, love one another.