



Words from St. Werburgh's

Issue 6 - Autumn 2019



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th December	TMPF Choir performing at The Victoria Hall
Wednesday 11th December	FS/KS1 Nativity 2.00pm (tickets needed)
Thursday 12th December	FS/KS1 Nativity 6.00pm (tickets needed)
Friday 13th December	A very special visitor is coming. <i>Ho, Ho, Ho!</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
Sunday 22nd December	Parish Christmas Carol Service - 4.00-5.00pm in Church
Wednesday 25th December	MERRY 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
Friday 17th July	School's out for summer!



RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2020

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. If they would like to visit us to see our lovely school, please ask them to contact the office.

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

KEEPING SCHOOL HEALTHY

As you know, we wrote to you about a bit of a bug going around our community, other schools and our lovely school. To reduce the spread of this, please ensure that if your child has been sick, or had diarrhoea, that they do not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last bout. Can we also continue to emphasise to children the importance of good hygiene and of washing and drying hands carefully.

...love one another.

FAYRE THANKS

A huge festive thank you to all who were able to support us for the PTA Christmas Fayre. It was brilliant to see so many donations of goods and prizes and to see such a superb turnout of visitors. An enormous thank you to our PTA Committee of Mrs Smith, Mrs Harrod and Mrs Price for organising the event and for all of the sensational and very kind members of our school community who gave time so generously to lead us all in this festive fun.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO SCHOOL

We are thrilled that Father Christmas has managed to fit our school into his busy December schedule. He will be popping in to meet the children on the morning of Friday 13th December. As such, there will be no Praise and Celebration Assembly on that day as the reindeer may need to rest in the hall!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO KINGSLEY TOO

Santa Claus is coming to town! On Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, Santa will be visiting Kingsley and Kingsley Holt, offering sweets to all the children he sees.

Starting at 4pm each day, he will visit Kingsley Holt on Saturday, and Kingsley on Sunday. Volunteers will be collecting for Kingfishers Preschool and Care Club.



ATTENDANCE STARS

Our attendance for the week ending 6 December:
Reception - 84.2% Y1 - 95.9%
Y2 - 84.8% 3/4 - 93.9%
Y4/5 - 87.1% Y6 - 92.1% -
A week of a bug has certainly had an impact!



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.



CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

All members of our school family are invited to two special Christmas events this weekend.

St. Werburgh's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December 12.30pm-4.30pm
at St. Werburgh's Church, Kingsley.

Fir trees, memory tree, stalls, raffles, refreshments, cakes and fun for all.

Methodist Church Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December 11.00am-3.00pm at Kingsley Holt Methodist Chapel. Stalls, raffles and refreshments



SWIMMERS TAKE THE SPLASH

On Monday 25th December, children from Year 5 & 6 took part in the CADSSA Swimming Gala at Cheadle Leisure Centre. During the gala, we swam lengths in which there was individual races and relays, we had lots of fun cheering for our school. Overall, the boys achieved an amazing 2nd place and the girls secured a brilliant joint 6th place, with an overall position of 4th.

Year 5 swimmers: Noah, Ewan, Nelson, Zac, Erin, Maggie, Evie-Mae, Sofia and Evie.

Year 6 swimmers: Lukas, Cooper, Callum, Reece, Ella, Macie, Ruby and Isla E.

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Many thanks to those who park safely and considerately around our school site.

May we politely remind all that the small residential car park opposite school is a private car park. Please respect this and the residents as this area is, in effect, their driveway!

Many thanks for your care and consideration.

SCHOOL UNIFORM HELP

We know that this time of year is very expensive and that sometimes children's uniform gets mislaid or damaged. If you are short of an item or two, please let us know as we have some spare uniform which is no longer needed by other pupils.

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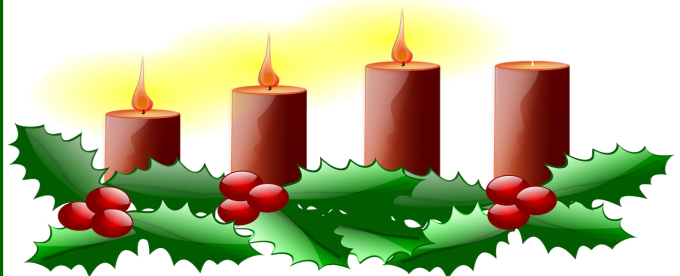
CHRISTMAS SERVICE

All are welcome to join us for our school Christmas Service in our lovely Church on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am

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.



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.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS!

On Thursday 28th November, we all travelled to Fenton Manor to take part in Athletics. We took part in many running races and field events, which we really enjoyed. We did brilliantly too and came first overall, beating our friends at Great Wood by just 6 points. It was a great event and we were very pleased to win.

By Megan, Bluebelle and Isla E.

A big well done to:

Ruby, Isla E., Cooper, Megan, Callum M., Bluebelle, Zac, Ewan, Izaac, Maggie, Evie-Mae, Alfie H.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The Moorlands Primary Federation send their thought and prayers to those affected by the recent terror attacks on London Bridge. Our staff team have all received specialist training on preventing radicalisation and constantly encourage the children to, as our motto tell us, **Love one another**.

NATIVITY TICKETING

This time of year is very exciting for all and we are delighted to be hosting our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativity on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December. Tickets are available to be ordered by parents and carers of these little stars (and shepherds and angels etc) and you would have received a letter with information on how to order these and how many can be ordered. Please remember that tickets are needed and must be ordered from the school office. If you have yet to purchase your ticket, contact the office urgently.



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

Many thanks for your support of your school, and we hope you enjoy a wonderful Advent.

Love to learn, love God, love one another.

Thank you!!