



Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

Thursday 13th February	PTA Disco (FS/KS1 6.00-7.00pm; KS2 7.10-8.10pm)
Friday 14th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24th February	School re-opens
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 20th April	School re-opens for the summer term
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 22nd May	School closes for half-term
Monday 1st June	School re-opens
Friday 17th July	School's out for summer!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week, we have been marking 'Children's Mental Health Week 2020' with a series of activities aimed at supporting children's mental health and talking about ways to relax, and ideas of how to be calm and peaceful. Children have been offered a range of activities delivered by the team within class and as a whole school.

For further information about 'Children's Mental Health Week', please visit:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



DANCERS DAZZLE AT THE REGENT THEATRE

On January 31st, Key Stage 2 dancers performed fantastically on the Regent Theatre stage. Over the past few weeks, we have been perfecting our 'Roaring 20s' themed dance. We really enjoyed the thrilling experience of dancing for such a huge crowd. Everybody had an amazing time and cannot wait to perform again. Thank you ever so much to everyone who gave us this opportunity to shine on the stage.

Congratulations to our dancers: Keira, Iyla O., Amelia P., Destiny and Ophelia (Y3); Jess, Lyra, Lexi, Lillie H., Lacey P. and Evie W., (Y4); Sofia, Maggie, Evie-Mae, Emily, Evie K. and Angel (Y5); Isla B., Isla E., Ruby, Mya G., Ella, Isabella L., Callum M., Macie, Summer, Libby, Cooper, Reece T. and Bluebelle (Y6). Megan (Y6) was also a very important part of our group too.

By Libby and Isabella (Y6)

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

This week we have welcomed two new members of the school team.

We are delighted that **Miss Reynolds** has joined us as a new Learning Support Assistant and we are sure that you will join us in making her feel welcome.

Unfortunately, Mrs Hambleton has now left her post as our School Cook. We thank her for keeping our tummies full and wish her the very best of luck in her new post. The organisation who provide our school meals, Chartwells, have appointed **Miss Varley** to join Mrs Mulvey and Mrs Finney as part of our fabulous catering team. We are sure that you will join us in also welcoming Miss Varley to our lovely school too.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

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

As you know, school opens from 8.45am and begins at 8.55am. Children who arrive after 9.00am will be marked as 'Late'. Should your child receive 10 'Late' marks, you may receive a penalty notice from Staffordshire Local Authority.

Poor attendance can also 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 be absent - this is simply to safeguard children!

ATTENDANCE STARS

Our attendance for the week ending 7 February

Reception - 99.2%	Y1 - 95.5%
Y2 - 99.2%	3/4 - 98.3%
Y4/5 - 98.5%	Y6 - 96.8%

Well done Reception and Year 2



CAR PARK

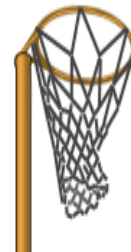
Please can we remind all that the car park is for **staff and visitors only**. We also request that you do not walk across the car park with children as there are moving vehicles and we all want to keep children safe.

CADSSA Y5/6 NETBALL A LEAGUE COMES TO AN END

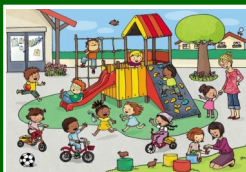
We had an amazing time participating in the CADSSA Y5/6 Netball A League alongside our friends from other schools. We tried really hard, played brilliantly as a team and had a fantastic amount of fun at Cheadle Leisure Centre over the three weeks of the league.

Well done: Alfie H., Megan, Isla B., Isla E., Ella, Isabella L., Macie, Cooper and Reece T.

By Alfie H. (Y5)



EXCITING NEWS FROM THE 'KINGSLEY VENTURE VALLEY' PROJECT



The aim of Kingsley Venture Valley is to regenerate the recreation area in Kingsley to provide an inspiring, safe and enjoyable space for all village children to play.

We have recently been informed that our project will be **awarded a £15,000 grant** from the Kingsley Community Fund. Along with the **£10,000 already donated** by Kingsley Parish Council, this is a significant boost for the project. The project team would like to thank Kingsley Parish Council and the Kingsley Community Fund for their donations. We would also like to thank the residents of Kingsley for their continued encouragement and support.

Huge thanks to the parents leading this community project.

...love one another.

CHURCH DROP-IN

As you will know from a previous letter, **your church is open from 9.30am-4.30pm on a Thursday** for anyone to pop-in, have a cup of tea, a slice of cake, make new friends...and even enjoy a light lunch. There is also a Eucharist Service. All are warmly welcome.

...love God...

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.



SAFE PARKING

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

By parking safely, courteously, and legally, we help our neighbours, other parents, Parishioners, and all road users, to be safe and happy. Parking restrictions are in place 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.

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**.

This is simply to keep children safe.

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

NEW APP - POTENTIAL RISK

The safety of children is important to us all. We have recently received the following information about a new app, 'Omegle' which poses a potential risk to children.

"With any social media there is a potential risk but this app in particular is concerning. Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to socialise with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names 'You' and 'Stranger' or 'Stranger 1' and 'Stranger 2' in the case of Spy mode."

Please make sure you know what your child is viewing online and following the age restrictions for social media - these simply exist to protect children's emotional, mental and physical health.

SUPER, SUPER SWIMMERS

On Monday 27th January we took part in the CADSSA Year 3&4 Swimming Gala at Cheadle Leisure Centre.

All the events were two widths and we also took part in a relay. It was extremely busy with 11 schools involved, and amazingly we finished in 4th position overall! We are very proud of our school, how we performed and how well we worked as a team.

St. Werburgh's Spectaculars Swimmers:
Bobby & Edward (Y2); Amelia, Kodi, Iyla, Keira, Alex (Y3); Lacey, Lexi, Lyra, Lillie, Harry, Jay, Oliver and Alfie (Y4).

By Harry (Y4) and
Keira (Y3)



Drop-in Health Sessions

See your **SCHOOL NURSE** on
Tuesday Mornings
09.00 - 10.30 (TERM TIME) at
Cheadle Health Centre

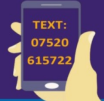
Bedwetting
Emotional Support
Growth Concerns
Developmental concerns
Unsure as to where to go ?

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF A CHILD AGED BETWEEN 0-19 WHO LIVES IN STAFFORDSHIRE?

We now have a text messaging service where you can get confidential advice and support with behaviour, parenting, child development, emotional health and wellbeing and general health queries.

TEXT:
07520
615722

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BEING NEIGHBOURLY

May we politely remind all that the small residential car park opposite the front of 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.

BOGUS ONLINE AGENCY RISK

We have been advised of potential danger from an organisation pretending to be a modelling agency who are contacting children directly through social media. We are advised that the organisation is called Starlett, or Scarlett Booking Agency. Please make sure you know what your child is viewing online and follow the age recommendations for social media... this is to keep children safe.

KS1 MULTISKILLS

We went to The Cheadle Academy and we played lots of different games. Our favourite activities were mat-jumping and running around the cones. It was so much fun and we would definitely do it again.

By Lacey R. and Vinnie (Y1)



ON YOUR BIKE!

On Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January, we had lots of fun learning new skills on our bikes.

We learnt how to signal left and right and had lots of fun doing U-turns. Our favourite part was riding together in partners at the crossroads. We had a fabulous time and we enjoyed riding our bikes and developing our skills with our friends.

By Callum C. and Will (Y5)

On 24th January, Year 4 took part in a Bikeability Scheme. This took part on the school playground and first we were taught how to check our bikes to make sure they were safe. Then, we were put into two groups - called Fish and Chips! During the session, we learnt how to signal left and right, how to turn our bikes safely and even had a race to see who could ride their bike the slowest (without touching the floor). We really enjoyed developing our cycling skills and we look forward to doing it again next year.

By Lillie and Jake (Y4)

ADVICE ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

6 essentials to keep your children safe online

Follow this list to help keep your children safe online:

Use parental controls to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases, or manage how long your child spends online. They're really easy to set up. More info about setting controls on mobiles, tablets, home broadband, games consoles, apps, wifi, films, music and TV is on the [NSPCC web pages](http://www.nspcc.org.uk), (www.nspcc.org.uk) and there's a helpline number too.

Regularly remind your kids not to give out personal information, like their address, phone number, school name or email address. It can be easy to forget with live streaming videos (like YouTube) that anyone could be watching, and it's important not to give away too much information about themselves.

Get to know the games, apps and social media sites they use. Learn how to use them yourself and how their *privacy, block and reporting* settings work.

Make sure they know that people aren't always who they say they are online and that they don't accept friend requests from people they don't know (even if the person has mutual friends, it doesn't mean they can be trusted).

Talk about the risks of sharing photos online or sending them to others. Once they're out there, they're out there!

Let them know that you're listening and want to know if anything at all makes them feel uncomfortable online, no matter what.

Please also make yourself aware of the age restriction of certain social media platforms, for example **Whatsapp is for 16+**, **Snapchat is for 13+**, and **TikTok is for 13+**. These controls are there to simply keep your child safe in the online world.

Need to know more?

These are the places we've found the best advice and guidance:

NSPCC (www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/) great for easy-to-follow parental control guides and knowing what to talk about;

Think u know (www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) great if you're concerned, need to understand social media or are worried about online abuse;

Staffordshire Police (<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/police-forces/staffordshire-police/areas/staffordshire-police/campaigns/2019/cyber-bullying/>) explains cyber bullying and online harassment;

Livestreaming article (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/live-streaming-what-professionals-need-to-know/>) great if you've got a budding 'youtuber' at home;

internetmatters (www.internetmatters.org) great for cyberbullying advice;

CEOP Child exploitation and online protection command (www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) - if you suspect abuse, report it to one of their specialist advisers now.

Advice on keeping children safe can also be found on our school website, www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk.

We hope you find the above information useful, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff.

PTA DISCO REQUEST

As we approach the end-of-half-term, we kindly request that **children do not bring any mobile phones to the brilliant PTA Disco**; or if they need to, then they should be handed to staff and kept secure until it is time to leave. With the ease in which images or video can be shared or uploaded to the internet, this is simply to safeguard the children.

Many thanks for your understanding and playing your part in keeping children safe.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY FEBRUARY

Many thanks for the support of your school and the team. We hope that you enjoy the final week before we finish for half-term on Friday 14th February (St. Valentine's Day).

Love to learn, love God, love one another.