



# Words from St. Werburgh's

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## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 18th March	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea - Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 25th March	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea - Reception and Years 5 & 6
Monday 30th March	TMPF Music Festival at The Cheadle Academy
Wednesday 1st April	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea - Years 1 & 2
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Service in Church 9.30am (whole school)
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 20th April	School re-opens for the summer term
<b>Friday</b> 8th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 22nd May	School closes for half-term

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

We loved taking part in lots of activities for 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The whole school took part in lots of different things, including yoga, art, singing and reading together, and learnt about different ways to help us to relax, stay calm and stay strong.

*By Mya G. (Y6) and Ester (Y2)*

For further information about 'Children's Mental Health Week' and ways to support children at home, please visit: [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

The school celebrated reading on March 5th, by dressing-up in fabulous costumes for 'World Book Day'. There were some fabulous costumes worn by the children and the staff, including characters from 'Harry Potter', 'Billionaire Boy', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', comic books and many, many more. We had a parade in the hall to show our costumes and had lots of fun. We all really enjoyed when the older children joined with the younger children to share stories together too. The librarians started the day by leading a special assembly for the whole school. We had lots and lots and lots of fun!

*By Will and Nelson (Y5)*



## CORONAVIRUS

As you know, with the national concern over the Coronavirus (Covid 19), we are continuing to talk to children about the importance of washing their hands thoroughly, maintaining good hygiene, and acting in a sensible manner to reduce the spreading of any germs. We also have an effective cleaning team in school and display lots of posters reminding children to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' when using tissues. Thanks to the parents who joined us for Praise and Celebration Assembly who also set a lovely example by washing their hands too!

We receive regular updates from Staffordshire Local Authority; our Health and Safety partners; Public Health England; and the Department for Education, to keep us up-to-date with any processes which we need to have in place to reduce risk. Any decision which we take as a school and Trust will be solely based upon the safety of our children, family members, staff and Trustees, and we thank you in advance for your full support with these decisions and the reasons behind them. Any relevant advice which we receive, we will share with you. By working together and following government advice, we can minimise the risk here at our school and amongst all of our families.

For further (regularly updated) information on the virus, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> or

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For any other advice regarding Coronavirus (covid-19) please contact 111.

**Love one another.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

Our attendance for the week ending 13th March

Reception - 94.9%	Y1 - 91.7%
Y2 - 94.7%	3/4 - 95.7%
Y4/5 - 99.2%	Y6 - 97.7%

**Well done Years 4/5!**



## 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.

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On 7th February, we held a special 'Number Day' in school to celebrate maths and to raise money for the NSPCC. On the day, we all dressed-up in something related to maths, this included clothing with numbers, patterns, or shapes on. Also, we did lots of activities linked to numbers and maths. We raised plenty of money for the NSPCC which is important because it helps against cruelty to children and helps to keep us safe.

By Cooper (Y6) and Amelia (Y3)

## SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COUNTY FINAL

On 28th February, our Y5/6 sportshall athletics team went to Fenton Manor Sports Centre to represent the Staffordshire Moorlands in the School Games County Finals. We had lots of fun and really enjoyed competing against other schools from across Staffordshire. We took part in many events, including: sprints; long jump; vertical jump; relays, javelin, the triple jump and more.

Well done for finishing in an amazing fourth place:

Bluebelle, Callum M., Megan, Cooper, Isla E., Zac, Maggie, Ewan, Evie-Mae, Izaac, Holly and Milton.

By Bluebelle, Callum M., (both Y6) and Maggie (Y5)



## 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.



## 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.

## RAISING FUNDS

From Monday 16th March, we will begin raising funds towards a new defibrillator for school - something which we hope we will never need. Fund-raising will take place through the Mothers' Day Afternoon Teas and also through a few competitions in school for the children. These will be 'Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar' and 'Guess the name of the Giraffe'. Entry into each of these is just '20p a go'.

## WASHING MACHINE SAFETY

We have received a letter from Whirlpool Corporation asking us to make parents and carers aware of a product recall due to a safety risk on certain models of Whirlpool and Indesit machines purchased since 2014. We are advised that affected owners are entitled to a free replacement or repair of the machine. To see if your washing machine may be one of these being recalled, please call 0800 3161442, or visit [www.washingmachinerecall.whirlpool.co.uk](http://www.washingmachinerecall.whirlpool.co.uk)

## Drop-in Health Sessions

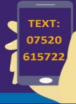
See your **SCHOOL NURSE** on  
**Tuesday Mornings**  
**09.00 - 10.30 (TERM TIME)** at  
**Cheadle Health Centre**

**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



## SCHOOL UNIFORM HELP

We know 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 used by other pupils.

*...Love one another*

## INVESTING IN OUR LOVELY SCHOOL

Since the start of school year, we have invested in new learning resources to support our amazing children. They have been using a new Mathematics scheme, 'Busy Ants', which aims to improve the diversity of the maths which the children learn. Although an expensive resource at over £1000, we believe the children deserve the best and they are undertaking an exciting varied curriculum. This also works alongside the 'Times Tables Rocks Stars' which we see the older children enjoying on a regular basis.

Technology is a fundamental part of our lives. We teach Computing as part of our curriculum, including e-safety, and as such need the latest devices to facilitate this teaching. So, we have invested nearly £7000 in new laptops for the children and two classroom touchscreens. We have also invested over £600 on online Computing resources from which the children across the school have enjoyed learning.

Hopefully several of you will have already seen and used the new reading books for our younger children, kindly funded by our wonderful PTA following their brilliant fund-raising and your generosity. The children tell us that they love the new books! **THANK YOU!**

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and the staff team, we really appreciate it, especially at such a challenging time.  
Please look after yourselves and one another.

***Love to learn, love God, love one another.***