



Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

****ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC****

Friday 17th July	School's out for summer - good luck to our amazing Year 6!
Wednesday 2nd September	School fully re-opens for the autumn term - fingers crossed!
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half-term
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens
Friday 18th December	School finishes for Christmas
Tuesday 5th January 2021	School re-opens to pupils for the spring term
Friday 12th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 22nd February	School re-opens
Thursday 1st April	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 19th April	School re-opens to pupils for the summer term
Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Friday 28th May	School closes for half-term
Monday 7th June	School re-opens
Friday 16th July	School's out for summer 2021!

The term dates can also be seen on the school website, please visit:

<http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/school-family/parents/>

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KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19

In school, 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. Amongst other controls, we also have hand sanitiser available in each class, we follow a cleaning process and display lots of posters reminding children to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

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. All decisions which we take as a school and Trust are based upon the safety of our children, family members, staff and Trustees, and we thank you for your ongoing full support of 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.

WE MISS YOU

The whole staff team are really missing seeing all of the children in school each day and are also missing having conversations with you, their parents and carers, too. Remember to keep in contact with your child's teacher through email ...and please, please, please keep looking after yourselves and one another.





OUR FIRST COVID-19-FRIENDLY WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

On Friday 26th June, we held our first 'Virtual Worship Assembly' in school, using Microsoft Teams.

It was lovely for the children to see each other's faces and classrooms, especially as they currently have to stay apart from one another. Despite the odd technical hitch, it was a special moment during this most unusual time.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Our lovely Rev Sue and Josie have begun to publish services via YouTube. If you wish to share in prayer in the comfort of your own home, please visit:

www.stwerburghschurchkingsley.org.uk

We look forward to Rev Sue leading the children in virtual prayer soon too.

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A HELPING HAND FROM A TRUE ENGLAND STAR

Many professional footballers live a life more privileged than we may be able to imagine. It was therefore amazing to see one such young player putting the health and lives of children at the top of his thoughts during this difficult time.

You will have seen in the media the brilliant work of England and Manchester United striker Marcus Rashford in showing care and love for those children throughout the country who may have to go without meals during this time, something which everyone would agree should not happen.

Marcus campaigned that children who receive Free School Meals based upon family income should also be entitled to these during the summer holidays too and remembered the times when food was so difficult for his family to come-by when he was a child growing up in the North West. Thankfully, the Government took notice of his status, read his open letter, listened to his experiences and subsequently pledged to provide vouchers to help during the summer holidays.

If you think that your child may be eligible to benefit from receiving income-based Free School Meals, please visit:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Q001.aspx

Should you successfully apply and receive notification that you are eligible, please let school know **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 2nd JULY** if you wish for us to submit an application on your behalf for you to receive vouchers over the six-weeks holiday. **We cannot process any applications received after this date.**

Marcus Rashford, we thank you.

...love one another.



STAYING SAFE

During this difficult time, remember to visit the 'School Family - Parents' section of our website for information on how to keep your child safe.

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

CREATING A WERBURGH WAVE

As we continue this unusual time of partial school closures, we would like to create a display in school to welcome children back when we are able to reopen fully.



If you wish for your child to be part of the display, please email your child's teacher a photograph of your daughter or son waving to the camera. Those children who are attending school can have their photograph taken by a member of the team... unless you would prefer to take one at home.



We also plan to publish a section/ version of the picture on the school website, so please can you also let us know if you are happy that your child's photograph is part of this too. With this in mind, please title the email as either:

'Werburgh Wave - Web Yes', if you are happy for their image to be used online, or if you do not wish for their image to be published online, please title the email **'Werburgh Wave - Web No'**.



If you wish for your child's image to be part of this art piece, **please send to us no later than Friday 3rd July.**

LET'S SAY HELLO!

As we all want to stay nice and safe and we cannot all see one another in school at the moment, over the remaining weeks of the term, we will be offering children the chance to say 'hello' to their friends in their class by using the wizardry of technology! We will contact parents by email to share dates, times and log-in details for each class' 'Let's Say Hello' session using an online conferencing tool.

Children in school on those days will, of course, be able to join-in too. The meeting will be scheduled by a member of staff, who will remain in the call throughout. To protect all of the children in the group, please do not share login details (which will be sent to you) and times with anyone. There will also be a few additional guidelines to follow so we can keep children safe, which we will also share with you by email in advance.

It will be a nice chance for children to say 'hello' to their friends and also to share a big smile, maybe even have a sing-song, or ask a few questions. We anticipate the meetings lasting approximately 20 minutes.



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. Your understanding of the necessary control measures which we have in school is very clear to see and helps us to keep all members of the school family safer.

Please keep in touch and stay nice and safe.

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