



# Words from St. Werburgh's

## End of Summer term 2020



### DIARY DATES

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

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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### SEPTEMBER PLANS

As part of this newsletter, we want to share with you a few pieces of information for the return to school for all children on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020**. The team are really excited to see all of the children together once again and have been missing them greatly. If you have any questions about the plans - which are, as you would expect, subject to change in Governmental guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us via: [office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk)

### START AND FINISH TIMES...AND WHICH GATE TO USE

Our current Covid-19 control measures include staggered start and finish times and the use of two entrances. This is to reduce contact between groups.

**Reception** (car park entrance) start: 9.00-9.10am; finish: 3.10-3.15pm

**Year 1** (car park entrance) start: 8.40-8.45am; finish: 2.50-2.55pm

**Year 2** (car park entrance) start: 8.50-8.55am; finish: 3.00-3.05pm

**Year 3** (front of school entrance) start: 8.40-8.45am; finish: 2.50-2.55pm

**Years 4/5** (front of school entrance) start: 8.50-8.55am; finish: 3.00-3.05pm

**Year 6** (front of school entrance) start: 9.00-9.05am; finish: 3.10-3.15pm

Please, please ensure that you follow the timings and gates stated above - they are in place to keep children, parents/carers, and staff safe, which is something we all want.

If your child has brothers or sisters in other classes, you may bring (and collect them) at the earliest time for one of the classes e.g. if you have a child in Year 1 and Year 5, they can both follow the plans for the Year 1 and the elder child will come to this gate too. Please note that these arrangements should not be swapped within the day i.e. children should not arrive at Y1 time and leave at Y5 time. There will be no access to the front of school via the carpark.

To stay safe when coming to school, please follow the one-way system, maintain social distancing, and tempting as it may be to have a chat with other parents/ carers whom you may not have seen for a while, please make your way off the drive/path once you have dropped-off or collected.

Children will be met by staff at the playground gate indicated above. **Parents/carers are not able to pass beyond these, nor enter the school site at this time.** If you need to speak to a member of the team, please telephone, or email, and if we are not available at that time, we will call you back.

## WHAT CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL?

These can be brought into school:

PE kit in a separate bag (to leave in school). Lunch (unless having a school meal); healthy snack; drink bottle (containing water); returned reading/homework book (on specified days only); coat; optional small bottle of hand-sanitiser (parents must show children how to use this safely and responsibly and it cannot be shared with others); and a sunhat and suncream (weather dependent). All of these (PE kit aside) must be brought-in in a labelled plastic/carrier bag only.

**Unfortunately, at the moment, these cannot be brought into school:**

School bag, pencil case, toys, teddies etc, book/magazine from home (not including school reading book), stickers/cards, any toys, mobile phones.

## WILL THERE BE ASSEMBLIES AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP?

Unfortunately, in September children will not be able to mix together in the hall for whole-school Worship or assemblies as they will remain in their groups. This also means that there will be no Praise and Celebration assemblies, or Church Services at the moment. We will, however, bring the children together for Collective Worship via online conferencing programs...which means they can also wave at one another!

## WILL THERE BE LUNCHES AND SNACKS?

Lunches will continue to be available and prepared onsite. Children will be eating lunch in the classroom upon our return. At the start of term, there will be no snacks available for purchase from the kitchen, nor any prepared in class in Key Stage 1. Children should bring-in their own healthy snack.

## HOW DO WE TALK TO SCHOOL IF GATES CANNOT BE CROSSED?

Should you need to talk to your child's class teacher, or the office, please email: [office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk), or call: 01538 702355 (opt1).

Currently, children will not be able to mix with other groups at lunch or breaktimes. They may see one another on the playground or field on some days, but they will be in separate areas.

## WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORM?

Children should be wearing full school uniform from 2nd September onwards. May we also remind all that **shoes must be worn in school**, not trainers, boots, or sandals.

## CAN WE USE THE CAR PARK?

Sorry, but No. Please can we remind all that the car park is still for **staff only**. As the car park entrance will be in use as a pedestrian entrance, the car park will also be closed to vehicles for a period of time both in the morning and afternoon.

## 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](http://www.stwerburghschurchkingsley.org.uk)

## KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19

In school, we will continue to talk to the 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 (children are also permitted to bring this in from home), 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.**



## NEW ROOF

During the first week of the holidays, work will begin on a new roof for several parts of the school building - how exciting!

Due to the scale of the work being undertaken, the project will continue into the autumn term and as such, for some weeks, children will have lessons in different parts of the school other than their normal classroom. There will also be scaffolding, materials and workers on site and more vehicles than usual. Please remind your child about the importance of staying safe around areas where building work is taking place.

## QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks for the returned questionnaires received last week. If you wish to share your thoughts, please email your form to: [office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk)

## BBC RESOURCES

Your child's teacher enjoyed planning learning activities throughout the period of partial school closure. Now the school holidays are upon us, if your child wants to complete a few more pieces of work, then the BBC Bitesize website is continuing to publish online lessons until 24th July.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

If you have any children up to the age of 5 (or perhaps even a little older), there is a lovely new BBC resource launched recently by Princess Catherine, called 'Tiny Happy People' which has lots of information and fun activities to complete alongside your child.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

## A BIT OF BLING

As you know, for safety reasons children are not permitted to wear jewellery for P.E. If you are planning on your child's ears being pierced, please can this be done at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure they are healed ready for the return to school in September. Earrings and retainers are not permitted during P.E. sessions or sporting events, therefore if your child wears earrings to school they must be able to take them out themselves and it will be the responsibility of the child to look after them. We are sure you join us in not wanting your child to miss any parts of their learning.

## A LITTLE NERVOUS?

We know many of you may be feeling a little nervous about the full return to school in September - rest assured that this is perfectly understandable. The team know that some children will be a little more nervous than others about their return and will, of course, offer plenty of support.

Some of you may have seen that on the school website we have uploaded a book which is designed to help children understand a little more about the pandemic. Although guidelines have changed a little since this was published, it is still a lovely resource. In the same section of the website, we also have information which we previously published to mark 'Children's Mental Health Week'. This has some useful information and links to sites to help children and adults through Mindfulness approaches.



There are also a few links on how to keep children safe online.

[www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/school-family/childrens-zone/](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/school-family/childrens-zone/)

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## 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.

## BYE BYE YEAR 6 - WE WILL MISS YOU!

Farewell to our amazing Year 6 class who have headed off for the next exciting step in their lives. Throughout this period, they have been unable to experience so many of the exciting times which are special to Year 6, yet have remained positive, happy and, quite frankly, fabulous! We are all very proud of you! Thank you to the PTA and the church for their thoughtful gifts, and thank you to those who were able to send in messages for them.

Good luck: Megan, Isla, Thomas, Isla, Reuben, Ruby, Mya, Ella, Bella, Callum, Macie, Aimee, Summer, Libby, Cooper, Reece, Isaac, Bluebelle and Lukas.

We will miss you and thank you for being so 'owwwwtstanding!'



## WHAT IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

Should your child experience any symptoms of Covid-19, **it is essential** that they remain off school until a test has been undertaken and results received. In the case of a positive test, they must remain at home for a minimum of 7 days from the date of the test. If a household member tests positive, your child must remain at home for a period of 14 days, regardless of if they are displaying any symptoms. This is to keep the entire school community safe. Should your child display any symptoms whilst at school, they will enter an area of isolation with a member of the school team and we will contact you to collect them immediately. Unfortunately, any positive cases in school could result in class or whole school closure.

## THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your ongoing support of the school, the staff team, and one another during this difficult time. Undoubtedly it has been one of the most challenging periods for each of us and for a number of reasons. Being part of such a special and caring school family has been a real positive during the past few months.

In September, school will be different from how it is today, which is different from how it was pre-Covid-19. However, the resilience we have seen from the children whom we have been able to welcome back into school has been amazing and this gives us confidence about the return of each class. As guidelines change, school will continue to change: so we will adapt and keep you informed of what will happen.

All members of the St. Werburgh's family have been in our prayers and in those of Rev Sue during this time and it was a special moment last week when Rev Sue led the classes in prayer and Worship via the safety of an online conferencing tool. This is something which we will build upon during the new term when hopefully we will have improved broadband bandwidth!

We have all certainly been part of something which will forever be remembered in history. Future generations will learn about the life/lives of your child/children during this pandemic and they will be historical experts!



Thank you for all of your hard work in the dual role as parent/carer and teacher. We know it has been tough at times, but all of the time you and other family members were able to spend supporting your child's learning has been brilliant. Thank you.

Thank you in advance for following the procedures in place for September and for your flexibility when these may change. I know it may be difficult with some of the following changes: staggered start and finish times; different entrances and exits; changes to what can be brought into school; changes to reading book and homework procedures; parents and carers no longer being able to come onto the school playgrounds or building; no whole-school worship; no assemblies; no visits to our beautiful church...and more. However, by working together, we *will* pass through this.

In a school year when we lost our beloved Mrs Brassington and haven't seen many of you for such a long period of time, we look forward to all of the children joining together once again in September.

Please stay nice and safe this summer and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September.**



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