



# Words from St. Werburgh's

Autumn term 2



## DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 7th-Monday 12th October:	Dried or packed donations for Harvest to come to school.
Thursday 8th November	School Harvest Service (in each classroom)
Monday 12th October	New school day times begin
Week beginning 12th October	Parent Consultation Evening (by telephone)
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half-term
Friday 30th October	Deadline for Year 6 High School Applications
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens
Friday 13th November	Fluenz Vaccinations



## NEW STAGGERED STARTS AND FINISHES

As you know, we have been supporting children's wellbeing on their return to school with a slightly shorter school day. We are thrilled with how well the children have settled back into/ adapted to school life. Due to their brilliance, **from Monday 12th October**, our times of the school day will be changing a little to provide more learning time. Children will continue to have staggered times and use their different gates as part of our Covid-19 control measures which are designed to reduce risk and hopefully keep us all nice and safe.

If you have children in different year groups and wish to bring them to, and collect them from school together, please choose the earliest drop-off and collection times of one of your children's classes. If there are any problems with this 'joint collection', please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the school office.

As we wish to reduce any potential impact on parent/carer work patterns, the changes do not mean that any child is finishing earlier, or starting later. We hope this helps.

	Start	Finish	Gate
<b>Reception:</b>	8.50-8.55am	3.15pm	Car park gate
<b>Year 1:</b>	8.40-8.45am	3.20pm	Car park gate
<b>Year 2:</b>	8.45-8.50am	3.25pm	Car park gate
<b>Year 3:</b>	8.45-8.50am	3.15pm	Front/ Key Stage 2 gate
<b>Years 4 &amp; 5:</b>	8.50-8.55am	3.20pm	Front/ Key Stage 2 gate
<b>Year 6:</b>	8.40-8.45am	3.25pm	Front/ Key Stage 2 gate

To help keep our bubbles separate, please only arrive at the times stated and maintain social distancing. This is to keep us all safe. These timings will be reviewed as the year continues, to support the children with their learning. It is our hope that we can return to the previous arrangements without staggered times once the current pandemic and regulations allow. Thank you.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning - THANK YOU!

On Friday 25th September we held a special non-uniform day in support of the MacMillan Coffee Morning. This year, we were unable to welcome guests into school for a brew and a slice of something naughty, however, your kindness really shone through as we raised **£190** for this special cause.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUUU!

As we cannot celebrate birthdays during 'Praise and Celebration' at the moment, we would like to share our 'Happy Birthday' wishes (in our best singing voices) with the following children who have celebrated a birthday between 19th September and today (5th October).

Happy Birthday: James, Theo, Tilly, Alfie H., Cora, lyla O. and Miss Hickman.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BADGE HOLDERS

Enormous congratulations to each of our sensational Year 6 pupils for their brilliant speeches, time and hard work as they stood for election for a position of responsibility this year.

A big 'well done' to children from other classes too, who put themselves forward to be representatives on the councils.

Using democratic elections (linking to Fundamental British Values), and developing their understanding of how this is important in society; voting allowed children the opportunity to choose who they wished to represent their school. We know the decisions were so difficult as the standard of speeches was so incredibly high this year and the children are all so fabulous!

The care, respect, support, happiness and humility shown by all throughout, including when the results were announced, was 'owwwwtstanding' and something of which the children should feel very proud. They were a fine example of how any candidates should behave in an election.

This year, the roles will be different from previously, but we are sure that each of the children will shine and impress all with their brilliance, commitment and in the way in which they reflect our school motto of: **Love to learn, love God, love one another.**

### WELL DONE: EXCELLENT ELECTED HEADS AND DEPUTIES

**Head Boy:** Milton  
**Deputy Head Girl:** Sofia A.

**Head Girl:** Emily E.  
**Deputy Head Boy:** Callum

*The elected Heads and Deputies support all Councils and Prefects too.*

### WELL DONE: AMAZING COUNCILLORS

#### School Council

**Chairs:** Will, Evie K. and Maggie.

Izaak, Alfie H., Evie W., Alfie G., Iyla O., Archie, Oliver F-A., Millie, Vinnie, Carys, Jasper and Nancy.

#### Worship Council

**Chairs:** Ewan, Erin and Holly F., Evie-Mae D., Noah, Jessie, Jake Y., Kodi, Destiny, Bella-Rose, Harry D., Phoebe, Brodie, Etti and Theo.

#### Eco Council

**Chairs:** Logan, Alfred and Zac L.

Nelson, Jake H., Jay, Lexi, Joey, Amelia P., Harry C., Molly, Jessica, Nicholas, Charlie R. and Kenzie.

## KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19

We receive regular updates from Staffordshire Local Authority; our Health and Safety partners 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 (yours and ours), staff and Trustees, and we thank you for your ongoing full support of these decisions and the reasons behind them. By working together and following government advice, we can minimise the risk here at our school and amongst all of your families and our families.

## STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLAND'S ZOOM COFFEE BREAK - LET'S TALK A TIME TO REFLECT AND RECHARGE!

Join us for a regular break each week during the school terms, as we talk about the important issues that affect us, our children, our family and our life. This term, we are talking about how we manage our lives.

All you need is you and a brew! It's totally up to you whether you just listen or join in the conversation with people in your community.

Autumn Term Sessions: We can do it!



Week	Topic	Biddulph Families Wednesdays 10am	Leek Families Thursdays 10am	Cheadle Families Fridays 10am
1	Life Stress	23rd September	24th September	25th September
2	Responsibility	30th September	1st October	2nd October
3	Resilience	7th October	8th October	9th October
4	Self Care	14th October	15th October	16th October
5	Support	21st October	22nd October	23rd October

If you are interested in joining us, please book a place via Eventbrite, using the links below:

Biddulph Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-biddulph-tickets-121739188189>

Leek Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-coffee-break-leek-tickets-121728991691>

Cheadle Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-chedale-tickets-121740173135>

## WELL DONE: PERFECT PREFECTS

Maggie, Izaac, Erin, Noah, Evie-Mae D., Holly F., Alfie H., Alfred, Ewan, Jake H., Evie K., Zac L., Angel, Logan, Rory, Will, Reece and Nelson.

## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

An important part of our school year is when we have the opportunity to chat with you about your child and how they have settled in the first term. With the current school year being a little different, we will be offering a Parent Consultation Evening (Parents' Evening) which is a little different too! Shortly, we will write to you with details of how to book a short phone call with your child's teacher. These will take place in the **week beginning 12th October** (subject to change under current circumstances). Please note that calls will only be made to those parents/carers who request one and receive an email confirmation of a time slot. As you know, this way of working is new to us all and as such we thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we introduce our new procedure.



Calls will be available for any parent/carer who wishes to receive one, and we will call you. We will provide preferred time slots for the calls and hopefully try to offer calls within this time, but this is dependent on numbers. We are sure that you support us in asking that everyone kindly respects the five minute time limit of the entire call, as we have to make lots of them and wish to try to follow time slots. Different classes may have different days for their calls due, in part, to the number of phone lines in school.

**Monday 12th: Year 1, Year 3 & Years 4/5**

**Tuesday 13th: Reception, Year 2, & Year 6**



## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND WHAT TO DO

### Coronavirus/Covid-19

Below is the latest NHS list of possible Covid-19/ coronavirus symptoms:

- High temperature (feel hot to touch on the chest or back);
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours – if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- A loss of, or change to your sense of smell or taste – you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal,

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of the symptoms.

If your child does have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus: please get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

**Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result –only leave your home to have a test.**

Anyone you live with, or in your support bubble, must also stay home until you get your result.

If you are worried about your symptoms, or are unsure what to do, please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>). If your child is under 5 years old, call 111 straight away.

### Self-isolating

You'll usually need to self-isolate for 14 days if:

- Someone you live with, or in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive;
- You've been told to self-isolate by NHS 'Test and Trace'.

### If your child has undertaken a test:

Please do not return to school until the results are known and shared with us.

Although this may seem a little frustrating, it is essential that we follow this as it is to protect your children, your families, our staff and our families. For further (regularly updated) information on the virus, visit:

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

## ART SHIRTS

Just a quick reminder, if possible, could children please bring in an old shirt/t-shirt that is no longer needed, which can be kept on site (and will get covered in paint etc) and used by them to cover their smart school uniform for Art lessons.



## WELL DONE: FABULOUS CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

### Venerable Bede

Captains: Evie-Mae D. and Izaak  
Vice Captains: Evie K and Harry T.

### St. Chad

Captains: Noah and Angel  
Vice Captains: Rory and Lacey P.

### St. Hilda

Captains: Jake H. and Holly F.  
Vice Captains: Erin and Reece

### St. Werburgh

Captains: Alfie H. and Lexi  
Vice Captains: Zac L. and Lyra.

We now have a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



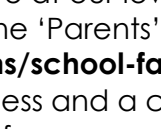
Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



## FAMILY WELLBEING

We contacted you to let you know of some brilliant family yoga sessions to help support with your wellbeing, led by one of the wonderful parents here at our lovely school and PE specialist, Caroline Holder. For further information, please visit the 'Parents' section of our school website:

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

In this section, you can also find ideas for mindfulness and a child's guide to Coronavirus.

Please stay safe.

**...love one another.**

## HARVEST DONATIONS

Each year our school family generously supports others in the community as we come together in prayer to celebrate Harvest. This year, as things are a little different and unfortunately we are unable to take children to our beautiful church, nor welcome anyone into school. However, we shall still give thanks to God for the food he gives us and show our support for others. Our school Harvest service will take place simultaneously in each classroom on 8th October and Rev Sue will lead us in prayer virtually. We fully appreciate that many families are finding things a little tough at the moment, however, if you wish to - and are able to - donate any dried, tinned or packaged food for local causes, please bring these to school from **Wednesday 7th to Monday 12th October** and place in the box by the gate where your child enters. We will then set these aside for at least 72 hours before passing to the local organisations.

**...love God, love one another.**



## THANK YOU

The school team would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support, prayers and thoughtfulness as we continue with the school term.

We look forward to chatting to many of you in the upcoming parent consultation evenings. Please stay safe.

**...love one another.**

