



# Words from St. Werburgh's

Autumn term 3



## DIARY DATES

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

Friday 23rd October	School closes for half-term
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 High School Applications
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens
Thursday 5th November	Bonfire Night themed lunch
Friday 13th November	Fluenz Vaccinations
Tuesday 17th November	School Photographs (individual)
Friday 18th December	School finishes for Christmas
Tuesday 5th January 2021	School re-opens to pupils for the spring term



## NEW STAGGERED STARTS AND FINISHES

As you know, we changed the school start and finish times on 12th October. Many thanks for your support of these and your help in keeping one another safe.

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

To help keep our bubbles separate, it is important that parents/carers only arrive at the times stated and maintain safe social distancing. Arriving at the wrong time can cause queues, and mean that you may have to wait longer, and essentially, it also works against our efforts to keep bubbles separate and reduce risk to children and adults. 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. 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 just let us know.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind words of support following news of a positive case of Covid-19 in our lovely school and the subsequent closure of one of our 'bubbles'. We take the safety of all members of our school family very seriously and although it was something we all wanted not to happen, the closure was under advice of the Department for Education and was to reduce the risk of this virus being passed on. As a school and a Trust, we fully appreciate how frustrating it is when closures are needed, however, these take place with an aim of trying to protect the children and your families, and the staff and our families. Although we hope to not be in this situation again, we understand that it may be necessary and we thank you for your support. We are very excited to today welcome back the 'bubble' which has been self-isolating.

Please stay safe.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUUU!

We would like to share our 'Happy Birthday' wishes (in our best singing voices) with the following members of the school family who have celebrated a birthday between 6th October and today (21st October).

Happy Birthday: Eddie, Seth, Alexander A., Emily E., Isla S. Zac L., Oliver J., Lacey R. and Mrs Eyre.





## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Just a quick reminder to the parents/ carers of our wonderful Y6 children that the deadline for high school applications is **31st October**.



## REMOTE LEARNING

As you will remember, previously we sent home a book which was for your child to use in case we had to close a class, or even the whole school. Unfortunately, as we know, this then happened! In the event of any closures or prolonged absences due to self-isolation, school will provide work which can be completed at home to support your child's learning in a similar way to how we did during the period of partial school closure earlier in the year. This is now known as 'Remote Learning'.

Remote Learning is in place in an attempt to support children's education during any absences caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. We continue to support by producing Remote Learning in the format which you can best access and are looking at several different options as we move forwards.

If you are able to access this work via the website please do so as this will give you instant access and allows us to manage the use of paper and help our environment.

As previously, we have class email addresses to which any Remote Learning can be sent and each class will make contact with you directly to share this. Sending us a photograph of any work is always welcome and is a great opportunity for us to see this and quickly give feedback.

As a school family, we know that it can be a little challenging to deliver learning at home and that sometimes accessing online resources may be a little tricky. However, we know that you, just as us, want to support all aspects of your child's learning. If you are unsure of any parts of the work set, please just let us know.

All work which you are able to do at home with your child makes a positive impact on their learning and keeps them in the routine of completing school work on a school day. Routine is an important aspect to supporting children's learning.

## KINGSLEY AND KINGSLEY HOLT PUMPKIN TRAIL

Families are invited to take part in a 'Pumpkin Carving Trail' in Kingsley and Kingsley Holt over half-term to raise money for a local charity.



Those interested in taking part should contact the Blacksmith's Arms before 27th October to register their pumpkin. Once registered, simply carve the design and pop it at the end of the driveway/path/ doorstep by mid-day on Saturday 31st October. All members of the community are then welcome to collect a



map from the Blacksmith's Arms (£1 - proceeds to charity) on Saturday 31st October or Sunday 1st November, have a wander around (with a trusted adult) and pick a favourite.



For further information, please contact the Blacksmith's Arms, Kingsley Holt.

## 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-cheadle-tickets-121740173135>



## KINGSLEY'S AMAZING NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

Last week, we wrote to tell you about the brilliant new play equipment in Kingsley following many months of bid-writing, quote-gathering, and hours-upon-hours of organisation from

Mrs Corby, Mrs Hughes and Miss Wainwright, a thoughtful group of our parents. It is our pleasure to share with you a few photographs and a few words from this kind trio.

*The Kingsley Venture Valley Project Team is delighted to finally announce your new play area is finished and ready to be played on! It has passed its safety inspection and the security fence has come down. Now all we need is for the rain to stop! Thank you very much for your*



*patience while the work has been in progress. We hope you love it as much as we do!*

*We would like to say a big thank you for the support and encouragement the school gave the project with the surveys and newsletter updates. These were very helpful and as they will see the equipment and facilities they expressed interest in have been included in the design.*



*We hope the children will enjoy the swinging, sliding, climbing, spinning and zipping and have many hours of fun and adventures here.*

Thank you very, very much for your spectacular efforts to benefit our community and we are sure that the children will really, really enjoy playing safely on this fabulous equipment.



## 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/>



## JOINING OUR RECEPTION CLASS IN 2021

Although it only seems like yesterday when our fabulous Reception Class joined us, applications will shortly be opening for the September 2021 Reception Class intake! If you, or anyone you know is thinking about a place for a young superstar to join the St. Werburgh's family, the deadline for applications is **15th January**. We will shortly be sharing information about the ways in which parents/carers will be able to see our lovely school in these new times.

### 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.



### FAMILY WELLBEING

PE specialist and parent here at our lovely school - Mrs Holder - has offered available some brilliant family yoga sessions to help support with your wellbeing. For further information, visit the 'School Family -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 look after yourself.

### MARCUS RASHFORD MBE

We were delighted to see England and Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Marcus has campaigned for the government to provide food vouchers for children in receipt of Free School Meals during school holidays and we thank him for his care and hard work for so many families.  
**...love one another.**

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 sent 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 all mobile numbers only (texting 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.



### HARVEST DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind donations to our school Harvest collection. Your care and thoughtfulness has resulted in us having lots and lots of cans/tins and packets of food which will make a real difference to many families. At such a challenging time for everyone, your generosity is really heart-warming and is appreciated by many people within and beyond our school family. Thank you for really showing the '...love one another' part of our school motto.  
**...love God, love one another.**



### THANK YOU

Thank you for your support, care and understanding, especially during the last few weeks following the closure of a 'bubble'. We have really missed those who have been self-isolating and are delighted to welcome lots of them back today.

The staff enjoyed speaking with many of you at the 'new look' Parent Consultation Evening and we hope that you found it useful.

Enjoy the last few days before half-term..

Please stay safe.





**...love one another.**





# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:





## A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

A household includes everyone living in one home plus their support bubble (if you have one).

\*Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell.

See more at: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms)

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...NHS Test and Trace / Local Authority Outbreak Control has identified my child as a 'close contact' of someone with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Rest of household does not need to self-isolate unless they have also been identified as a 'close contact' of someone with a positive result</li> </ul>	...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
 ...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days.
 ...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team</li> <li>Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
 ...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)