

### DIARY DATES

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

Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Sunday
Wednesday 11th November	Armistice Day
Friday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 13th November	Children in Need non-uniform day (donations welcome)
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
Friday 12th February	School closes for half-term



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



This weekend we commemorate Remembrance Sunday, a very special time for us all to think about the brave men, women and animals who gave their lives in conflict. Due to the current situation, celebrations across the country will be different this year and for the first time in a long time, we will unfortunately be unable to join other parishioners at the cenotaph on Armistice Day to remember the fallen from our community.

Sadly, Mr Lucas from the Royal British Legion is also unable to lead us in an assembly this year. However, we are still selling poppies and similar items and will, of course, still mark Armistice Day (Wednesday 11th) as a school.

**...love one another.**



### FEELING GOOD!

As a school, we raise awareness of children's mental health and identify ways to support this throughout the year, including our annual celebration of 'Children's Mental Health Week'. At this time of uncertainty, we understand that many members of our families may find things a little tougher than usual and as such, we are happy to share with you this brilliant resource for all of the family, launched by the wonderful NHS.

**[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health)**

This ties in beautifully with the family yoga and wellbeing sessions, led by parent and PE specialist Caroline Holder, which we advertised last half-term ('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)**), and also the virtual Coffee Breaks held by Visyon (details on the next page).

Please look after yourself and one another ...and keep smiling!

**...love one another.**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUU!

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 22nd October and today (6th November).

Happy Birthday: Ewan, Oscar-John, Zara, Callum C., Nicholas, George D., Harry D., Reece and Kayde.





## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On **Tuesday 17th November**, 'Academy' photographers will be joining us to take individual photographs of the children.

The photographers have assured us that the sessions will follow Covid-secure measures but will be a little different to previous years. As we are sure you understand, family photographs involving children who are not in our school will, unfortunately, not be able to take place at this time. Each child will have an individual photograph taken and for those children who have brothers or sisters in our school (who live in the same house), 'Academy' will also take a picture of them together. Unfortunately, due to control measures, wider family members not within the same household will be unable to join together for a photograph. Although the procedures in school may represent a little change, we didn't want children to miss out on showing off their big smiles!

## REMOTE LEARNING

Previously, we sent home a book for your child to use in case we had to close a class, or even the whole school. 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 the period of partial school closure earlier in the year. This is now known as 'Remote Learning'.

Remote Learning is to support children's education during any absences caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. We will produce Remote Learning in the format you can best access and we continue to look at several different options as we move forwards. If you are able to access this work via the website, please do so as it gives you instant access and allows us to manage the use of paper (as there will be no need to print it out in school or at home) 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 most welcome and is a great, quick and easy opportunity for us to see this and provide 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 tricky. However, we know that you, just as us, want to support your child's learning. If you are unsure of any parts of the work set, please 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.

## NEW DATES RELEASED FOR COFFEE BREAKS

### STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLAND'S ZOOM

#### COFFEE BREAK - LETS 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 our children and how important our relationship is with them.

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 are talking Children!

Topic	Biddulph Families Wednesdays 10am	Leek Families Thursdays 10am	Cheadle Families Fridays 10am
Priorities	4th November	5th November	6th November
Respect	11th November	12th November	13th November
Role Models	18th November	19th November	20th November
Communication	25th November	26th November	27th November
Emotions	2nd December	3rd December	4th December
Self-esteem	9th December	10th December	11th December
Quality time	16th December	17th December	18th December

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.com/e/parent-coffee-break-leek-tickets-121728991691>  
Cheadle Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-chedale-tickets-121740173135>

www.vision.org.uk  
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## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November, we will be celebrating 'Children in Need'.

To mark the event, we are holding a non-uniform day. There will also be activities in each class which help us to think about this brilliant organisation...and Pudsey Bear!

To raise funds, we would welcome any donations which we will then send to this cause. We appreciate that times are a little challenging at the moment, so please don't worry if you are unable to make a donation, children should still come in non-uniform.



...love one another.

## STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES

Many thanks for following these and 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, mean that you may have to wait longer and also works against our efforts to keep bubbles separate and reduce risk to children and adults. 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.

## NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES - PLEASE STAY SAFE

Since the last newsletter, a lot has happened in terms of Covid-19 regulations. Firstly, we entered Tier 2, and then yesterday the whole country entered a new period of partial lockdown. We know how uncertain and potentially worrying these times are and hope that schools can continue to remain open so we can support families and children.

During this period, we understand that many families may have experienced a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think that you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, or Years 1 and 2, as a successful application could provide extra benefits for your child.

To find out if you are eligible, or to apply, please visit:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals)



## KEEPING SAFE AND KEEPING WARM

Part of our control measures to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 is that we endeavour to keep our rooms ventilated with plenty of fresh air. To do so, you will appreciate that there will be larger periods of the day where the windows and classroom's internal doors will be open. This allows the air to circulate and rooms to be better ventilated.

As this may mean that sometimes the classroom is a little chillier than normal, we would recommend that children remember to bring in their school jumper or cardigan and maybe wear a vest too... just to keep them a bit toastier!



## RUNNING UP FUNDS FOR THE KINGFISHERS

Two brave mums are lacing up their running shoes and attempting their first ever 5k run to help two village preschools.

Parents, Laura Parkin and Gemma Ash, will run the 5k on November 29 after several weeks of intensive training to help our friends at Kingsley Kingfishers and Kingfishers of Dilhorne, which have both been hit by the Coronavirus pandemic as all fundraising had to be stopped.

The runners' children attended the Kingsley Kingfishers preschool before they joined our lovely school and they have been training hard in all weathers for their run.

They have chosen to carry out their challenge at the JCB lake in Rocester, cheered on by family and friends.

If you would like to support Laura and Gemma, you can donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laura-parkin-3>







## 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**.

For further information about out joining the Reception class of our lovely school, please email:  
**office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk**

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

## LUNCHTIME GOLDEN TICKET & A DELICIOUS ALL-DAY BREAKFAST

Starting next week, Miss Varley and Mrs Mulvey will be running a little '**Golden Ticket**' event with school meals. Each Tuesday for four weeks, a small number of Golden Tickets may be randomly hidden underneath plates, trays, bowls etc. Children who find these will be entered into a prize draw on 18th December.

On **Thursday 19th November**, there will be a change to the published menu and children will be able to order an '**All-Day Breakfast**'.

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**



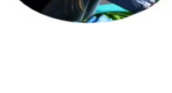
Feeding and nutrition



Child development



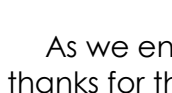
Parenting advice and support



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 instant picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (text 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.



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

Laurence Binyon

## FLUENZ VACCINATION

On Friday 13th November, the NHS School Age Immunisation Team will be joining us to deliver childhood flu vaccinations. The vaccination is designed to help prevent your child (and subsequently any household members) from contracting the flu. Please check your emails for details of how to consent before 12th November, to your child receiving this.

**Please note that consent must be given directly to the NHS via the link sent, and not to school.**

## ASSOCIATE TEACHERS

We are delighted to currently have four Associate Teachers in our lovely school to support the children's learning. Miss Halton, Miss Walton, Miss Sant and Miss Laws have joined us as part of their journey to becoming a teacher through our partnerships with Keele and North Staffordshire Teacher Education (KNSTE) and Staffordshire University.



## THANK YOU

As we enter another period in the Covid-19 pandemic, we would like to offer our thanks for the ongoing support of your school and one another. We are really pleased to be able to remain open under the current guidelines and hope to be able to continue to support your child and family during these uncertain times.







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)