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## Words from St. Werburgh's

#### **Autumn term 5**



#### **DIARY DATES**

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

Wednesday 9th December Christmas Dinner
Friday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December School finishes for Christ

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Tuesday 5th January 2021
School re-opens to pupils for the spring term

Friday 15th January Deadline for applications to join our lovely Reception class in 2021

Friday 12th February School closes for half-term

Monday 22nd February School re-opens

Thursday 1st April
School closes for the Easter holiday



Many thanks for your support of the Royal British Legion 'poppy appeal' over the last few weeks. Although things were very different to our usual

commemorations this year, we were very proud to bring the children together using video calling and through prayer to remember those who sadly lost their lives in conflict.

...love one another.



Thanks also for your kind support of our fund-raising for 'Children in Need'. The children enjoyed wearing their own clothes and completing activities linked to Pudsey bear.

We were delighted to raise £155.85 for this most important cause.

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#### **ROAD SAFETY**

Please, please can we urge everyone to be very careful on the roads around school, especially as the dark nights and mornings are drawing in. We wrote to let you know that we are currently without a school crossing patrol (lollipop lady/man) and are awaiting news from Staffordshire County Council of when this will recommence. As such, we are currently without anyone to stop the traffic and help children to cross.

As motorists, please can we be really careful as children will be looking for places to cross, and also avoid parking at the bottom of the drive.

As parents/ carers, please can we continue to talk to our children about the importance of road safety, looking both ways, listening, not running into/playing on the road and crossing sensibly and carefully. If your child is walking home, please consider adding something reflective to their coat.



We were delighted to host an 'Odd Sock Day' in school on Monday, which was part of our learning surrounding national 'Anti-bullying week'.

'Odd Sock Day' was designed to celebrate the little differences which make us all unique and special and which makes our school a happy and diverse place to be.

In the last newsletter, we also let you know about the fabulous NHS 'One You' website which is full of advice and information to support your child and the whole family, especially during this period.

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/youth-mental-health ...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 7th November and today (20th November). Happy Birthday: Alex B., Jenson, Emily H., Hollie S., Johanna, Mrs Wright and Miss Halton.





#### FOOTBALLERS HELPING SUPPORT THE FOODBANK



We were delighted that several of our Year 6s and one Year 3 - along with foodbank friends from other schools in The Moorlands Primary Federation - are kindly giving their time, and running energy, to raise funds for the local Foodbank.

On 29th November, Cheadle Town FC players, Callum, Izaac, Alfie H., Will, Ewan, Jake, Nelson, Milton and Zach, along with Harry C. (a star supporter), will run a combined total of 100 miles, with the aim of raising a much-needed £500 for the Cheadle and District Foodbank.

At such a challenging time, the foodbank is very important in helping many families. We are very proud of the runners and indeed of all of the team-mates across our other Trust schools and beyond who are taking part. This really shows the 'love one another' part of our school motto.

Many of you have supported the foodbank already this term, by generously donating some food (see picture) to our Harvest celebration, which was shared with this wonderful cause.

If you wish to support, please visit:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cheadletownfc-under11s



In the event of children needing to be absent from school due to Covid-19 self-isolation, we will provide work so they are able to continue their

learning. If you are able to access this work via the website, please do so as it gives you quick access and allows us to manage the use of paper (as there will be no need to print) 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.

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.



#### BEING NEIGHBOURLY

May we kindly request that parents/carers do not park in the spaces next to the newer houses opposite the front of school. These spaces belong to the residents and by parking there, it is the same as someone parking in your driveway at home.

We have been contacted by one of the residents who has expressed real frustration that people are parking in the private space which belongs to them. This area may be a car park, but it is a private one for the homeowners. Please can we urge people not to park here (even if for just a few minutes) – we are sure that you will agree that it is not fair. We don't want anyone in our community to be upset by something entirely avoidable. As you know, we have staggered start and finish times at the moment and by following these we also reduce the need to be waiting around.

# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:



### A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if		Action needed	Back to school	
500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500	my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul> <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> <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>	when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours 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.	
	somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul> <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> <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).

<sup>\*</sup>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: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms">www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms</a>

What to do i	f	Action needed	Back to school
<b>₩</b>	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> <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
S. S	we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy  Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days	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	Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	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> <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

#### 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, <u>please only arrive at the times stated and maintain safe social distancing.</u> 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.

#### A LITTLE HELP WITH SCHOOL MEALS

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. Those who successfully applied were also eligible for food vouchers during the half-term holiday thanks to Staffordshire County Council and the campaigning of Marcus Rashford.

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

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

#### **FUNDRAISING**

You may remember that in March, we planned an 'afternoon tea' for Mothers' Day. All proceeds from the event were being used to raise funds towards a defibrillator for school. As you know, this had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you wish to receive a refund for this amount, please just let us know, if not, we will continue to add the money into our fund-raising for this worthwhile piece of equipment.



#### **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 of our parents will complete their first 5k run on November 29th, 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.



If you would like to support Gemma Ash and Laura Parkin, you can donate here: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laura-parkin-3">https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/laura-parkin-3</a>





#### **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 & CHIPS & MILKSHAKE

Miss Varley and Mrs Mulvey are offering a number of initiatives with our school dinners:

The 'Golden Ticket' event - each Tuesday for three more 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.

**Milkshakes**– children who have a school meal on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th December will receive a free flavoured milkshake.

**Friday bowl of chips** - for the next three weeks, children who usually have a packed lunch from home can now add a bowl of chips to their lunch for 50p. This will be payable directly to the kitchen on the day.

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



#### LOVING ANIMALS

We were delighted to hear that a fabulous member of our school family opted to spend their 8th birthday money to help an endangered animal.

Harry D. donated money received as a gift from his grandparents to the WWF to help to protect tigers in the wild.

We are very proud of you...and we are sure that the tigers appreciate it too.

#### **KEEPING COVID-19 SAFE**

As we continue in this period of national lockdown, we thank everyone in advance for continuing to follow the <u>Government</u> rules on when to self-isolate. Even though we appreciate that this may be frustrating, it can help to reduce the risk of the infection spreading.

Just like you, we want to do what we can to minimise risk and keep you, your families, our team and our families nice and safe.



#### **THANK YOU**

At such a period of uncertainty, the staff team would like to thank you for your support of school as we continue to work with the children. We know how tricky it has been for them to adapt into a new way of school and we are proud to see how hard they are working at this. Thank you to each of you and please continue to take good care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Stay safe.

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