

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 Christmas
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



HAPPY ADVENT

The whole school team wish each of you a very Happy Advent.

This special season in the Church calendar may be synonymous with calendars and chocolate, but it is also celebrated as a time for waiting and preparation for Christmas.

Stay safe.

Love God...



ROAD SAFETY

Please can we urge everyone to be very careful on the roads around school. As you know, 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 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.

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 2021**.

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

To apply for a place for your child, please visit:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply

Love to learn, love God, love one another.



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 21st November and today (4th December). Happy Birthday: Kacie, Maggie, Jessica, Luca, Harry S., Kitty, Logan, Kodi, Evie K., Alexa, Joel, Matthew, Mrs Mace, Miss Knight and Rev Sue.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Parents/carers of the amazing children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes received a letter last week regarding our Nativity performance. Although we cannot hold our usual celebration of Jesus' birth, whereby we would welcome you to the hall to watch our younger three classes sparkle on stage, we still wanted to provide an opportunity to try to come together for this most special occasion.

So, this year's Nativity performance will be split into three parts (one performed by each class as our bubbles cannot mix) and then shared via an online platform (technology permitting!), to which parents/carers are invited. As the performance will be pre-recorded, children do not need to be in school and can watch with family members at home. We have two dates available, but as numbers of people able to log-on at one time are limited, we kindly request that parents/carers consider only watching one of these (as they are the same) and it means that others have more of an opportunity too. We appreciate that some parents live separately from one another, and as such, of course there may be a need to view separately which we are happy to arrange.



Please let us know if you wish to watch, by no later than **midday on Wednesday 9th December**. Once we know that each child has the opportunity for their parents/carers to watch, then should we have any additional spaces, we will email further details.

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STAYING SAFE ON THE ROADS

At this time of year, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads. **BE BRIGHT** – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) and a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

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.

**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.co.uk/e/parent-coffee-break-leek-tickets-121728991091>
 Cheadle Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-cheadle-tickets-121740173135>.

www.vision.org.uk
01260 290000

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE, PARK ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 1DP
 CHARITY NO. 1107951
 COMPANY NO. 5250758

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:





A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results 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 	<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>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school 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 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

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

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days 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 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days.</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For further information: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

QUEUING SAFELY

Many thanks for following the times set to maintain distancing between our bubbles. As you know, 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.

May we take this opportunity to politely remind everyone to maintain social distancing when queuing and to also avoid gathering closely together for a chat. We know it is nice to catch up with friends, especially as we are limited in where we can go at the moment, but please do so at a safe distance.

We want you to all stay nice and safe.



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.

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

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



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Friday 11th December**, we will be celebrating 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children are invited to come to school in appropriate non-uniform and, if they are able to, wearing something Christmas-sy. There is no need to bring any donation, it is just for a bit of festive fun!

We may also be welcoming a very special visitor on this day too!

LUNCHTIME INITIATIVES

The 'Golden Ticket' event - on Tuesday, 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.

KS2 Friday bowl of chips - for one more week, children in Key Stage 2 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



ChatHealth

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!



THANK YOU

As we enter the Government's Tier 3 restrictions, please keep yourself safe. The team would like to thank you for your ongoing support of school during such uncertainty and wish you the very best for a happy, if not somewhat unusual, Advent.

Stay safe.

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