

DIARY DATES

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

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

Love to learn, love God, love one another.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The whole school and TMPF team, and our Trustees, wish each of you a very, very Merry Christmas and send you our best wishes for a New Year which hopefully allows us to spend more time with our loved ones.

Although this Christmas may not be the one which we hoped for, it is a time to celebrate and remember Jesus' birth. Some of our family and friends may not all be able to be near this year, but they will still be in our hearts and if we can't see them in person, hopefully we can still speak with them, or see them through video-calling.



Our Church is offering a few Services this Christmas, details of which we emailed to you, or can be found on our website: www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/our-church

The support and kind messages which have been offered to school are highly appreciated and mean so very much to us all, especially at this time of year.

God bless, stay safe, and have the most wonderful Christmas.

JOINING OUR RECEPTION CLASS IN 2021



If you, or anyone you know, is thinking about a place for a young superstar to join the St. Werburgh's family from September 2021, applications are now open and will close on **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

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19 on or before **24th December**, having developed symptoms within **48 hours** of last being in school, the NHS Track and Trace application will ask for your child's most recent contacts. In this event, please email:

COVIDSAFE@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk as soon as possible, so that we may assist in contacting those potentially affected in school.

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 celebrate a birthday between 5th December and the weekend before we return to school (3rd January). Happy Birthday: Evie W., Poppy and Keaton.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

We were so proud to see our youngest three classes sparkle as brightly as the star of Bethlehem in our Christmas Nativity performances this week.

The re-telling of the Christmas story, complete with a few carols and songs (including one in Spanish!), was a little different this year, being pre-recorded by each class, edited together, and then broadcast over a video conferencing platform.

It was lovely to see so many children sitting at home and watching with family members and there were plenty of smiles when we watched in our classes on Friday.



The Nativity is such an important of our school and Church and we are delighted to have been able to celebrate this together.

Feliz Navidad!

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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.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

As Santa prepares to deliver devices which may allow children to access the internet, we have emailed and posted on our website a letter giving information of how you can keep your child safe online. Staying safe online is a big part of our Computing curriculum, and by visiting a few of the sites listed on our letter, and website, you can find out more about E Safety.

<http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/news/>



LEARNING ABOUT - AND ENJOYING - PANTOMIME

The pantomime visited us on Wednesday to teach our older children about the history of this artform and then to perform a socially-distanced show to a class in the hall which was broadcast live to all other classes.

The children enjoyed watching 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and then saying hello to a few characters. Each year, we visit the pantomime as a school and although we could not do that this year, we still had a taste of this festive performance.

START AND FINISH TIMES

When we return to school in 2021, the current arrangements for start and finish times and the different gates being used will continue. Please remember to stay socially distanced and keep yourself and all around you nice and 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/ KS2 gate
Years 4 & 5:	8.50-8.55am	3.20pm	Front/ KS2 gate
Year 6:	8.40-8.45am	3.25pm	Front/ KS2 gate



SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN

Father Christmas managed to take time from his busy schedule to join us last week to say hello to the children and bring a few presents.

We wish him and the reindeer well for a busy week ahead!



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 11th December, we will celebrated 'Christmas Jumper Day' and welcomed a special guest into school with a bag full of gifts!

It was also a special day as the children created Christmas cards for vulnerable, elderly and lonely members of our community whom we usually visit at Cheadle Health Centre at Christmas time.

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ENORMOUS PTA THANKS

Enormous thanks for the very generous support of our PTA Christmas Raffle which took on a bit of a different look this year. Your kindness in buying tickets and supporting the PTA, raised a whopping **£450!**

At a time of uncertainty, your generosity, and love for your school really shone through and for this, we thank you.

Many thanks to our wonderful PTA Committee for organising the raffle and for all who were able to donate gifts/prizes.

This term, your PTA kindly bought Christmas gifts for all of the children.

An enormous thank you to everyone.

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

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we reach the end of the autumn term and prepare for Christmas, the whole staff team would like to thank each of you for your kindness, support, understanding and thoughtfulness. This is a challenging time for many people across the world and the care within our community is something to be proud of. Your messages of support have been really valued by us all - thank you!



We also remember our beloved Mrs Brassington who we lost earlier this year, who was always so excited and busy at this time of year, in school, at home, and in church.

Thank you for continuing to help us to keep the children, staff and our loved ones safe.

Please stay safe this Christmas and have a magical time with those dearest to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the school team.

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We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.