



# Words from St. Werburgh's

Spring term 13



## DIARY DATES

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

Monday 3rd May  
Friday 28th May  
Monday 7th June  
Friday 16th July

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)  
School closes for half-term  
School re-opens  
School's out for summer!

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

## LEARNING ABOUT THE NHS

*In school this week, each class has been celebrating the brilliant work of the NHS.*

For NHS Day, we learnt about all the jobs you can have in the National Health Service. We looked at everyone including the unsung heroes such as: porters, cleaners, call centre workers and chefs. After discovering over 350 jobs in the NHS, the children of Saint Werburgh's have come to appreciate the dedicated people who save lives and keep the hospitals running.



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(Year 6 Journalism Club)

**Thank you NHS!**



## PARKING SAFELY



Please can we remind everyone to park carefully and considerately around the school site and only for as long as it takes to drop-off or collect.

Yellow zig zags and yellow lines are on the road to **keep everyone safe**, please, please respect these. We can all help to keep the children and one another safe by driving and parking carefully outside school.

**Swapping, "I'll be alright here for a minute", for "I'll park where it is a little safer", could make a big difference!**

Currently, our school times are staggered which also reduces the need for so many cars to be here at once. If we can avoid driving to school, we not only keep ourselves healthier, we also help protect the environment and reduce risk caused by too much traffic. It also provides a lovely additional time to spend chatting with your child whilst exercising.

We have received concern from parents about people parking on the zig-zags, or double-parking and the danger this could cause. We have also written to remind everyone to avoid blocking the driveways of the houses opposite school. **Please** park responsibly and considerately and keep the children and other members of our school and community nice and safe.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUUU!

Please join us in sharing our 'Happy Birthday' wishes (in our best singing voices) with the following members of the school family who celebrate a birthday between our last celebration (27th March) and today (30th April).

Happy Birthday: Joey, Max, William, Frankie-Mae, Destiny, Tommy, Izaak, Nancy, Harriet, Mr Ratcliffe, Mr Salt, Miss Bullock and Mrs Whiteley.



## RAISING FUNDS FOR THE KINGSLEY KINGFISHERS

Kingsley Kingfishers and Kingfishers of Dilhorne need your help – it's so easy to do and you can even take the dog. All we are asking you to do is to walk, run, skip, hop, whatever you want to do, out in the fresh air for 5k – or 10k if you are feeling super active! Make a donation to our cause and you could even win a prize for the best photo of your family having fun.

To register, email [committeekingfishers@yahoo.com](mailto:committeekingfishers@yahoo.com) and make a donation at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingfishers>.

We will add you to the private Facebook group then all you need to do is upload your pictures when you've done it and we'll take it from there. You could win a bottle of something nice for the grown-ups and some personalised water bottles for the kids courtesy of Cubby Crafts and Gifts, so what are you waiting for?!

So come on, let's all get out in the fresh air and help Kingfishers at the same time!



## HOME TEST KITS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

NHS Test and Trace have announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Schools cannot give test kits to parents, carers or household members.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees;
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests;
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes.

For further details, visit:

**<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>**

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

**Children of primary school age without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.**

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

## STAYING SAFE

Information on how you can help your child to stay safe online can be found in the 'School Family - Parents' section of our website.

Should you feel any child is in immediate danger, please contact the Police (999) or Staffordshire County Council's First Response service on 0800 1313 126.



## IMPORTANT SCHOOL TIMINGS

Please can we urge anyone who is collecting your child/children from school to only **arrive at the times for the relevant class**. Arriving early creates a gathering of too many adults, adds to the risk level, and means that some adults will have to walk past you to collect their child.

	Car park gate			Front gate	
	Arrive	Collect		Arrive	Collect
Year 1	8.40am	3.20pm	Year 3	8.40am	3.15pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.25pm	Years 4/5	8.45am	3.20pm
Reception	8.50am	3.15pm	Year 6	8.50am	3.25pm



## STAYING NUT FREE

To continue to keep everyone safe in school, please ensure that you **do not send in any nuts, or nut-based snacks/lunch** for your child. All products which you buy in shops have a list of ingredients, and on these it will say if they contain nuts. If they do, please do not send them into school as **they cannot be eaten on site**.

If you are unsure if something contains nuts, or nut-based products, please play it safe and leave this at home.

This decision is made to keep **everyone** safe, which is something that each of us want.

## A LITTLE HELPING HAND WITH MEALS

Many families may have experienced a change in circumstances at this time. 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 check and, if so, submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, or Years 1 and 2.

To find out if you are eligible, or to apply for this additional support, please visit:

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



## A LITTLE MORE HELP

**Digital Parenting Support:** free online support for parents with children of all ages. This includes a "chat" facility with parenting coaches who offer professional advice and support. Within this service there is also online information for mental health, parenting, dealing with parental conflict, what I need to know about the Covid-19 situation and practical home learning and activity ideas. For more info please see the website:

[www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk)

**Materials to help support your child's emotional well-being following the COVID-19 pandemic - for parents and carers**

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=4Pf3vU6K9yM>

**Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub** – created to offer help for families in the Staffordshire Moorlands answering questions, helping you to find support and share ideas for coping with life in lockdown. [www.facebook.com/staffordshiremoorlandsfamilyhub](https://www.facebook.com/staffordshiremoorlandsfamilyhub)

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS - SELF-ISOLATION

Should your child, or any member of the household (or anyone your child may have been in contact with) display any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not bring them into school until any self-isolation period is fully complete. Should anyone in the household develop symptoms, please arrange a test as soon as possible. If your child has been in school the days prior to the test, or the days prior to the symptoms beginning, please let us know so we can follow our necessary procedures to minimise risk.



**CORONAVIRUS  
SYMPTOMS?**

**NHS**

Do **not** visit A&E or your GP Practice.

Please call 119 or visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) to book a test.





With lockdown coming to an end are you ready to get outside and start your next adventure?

Then join Moorlands District Scouts and learn some new #SkillsForLife.

You can be part of the adventure, learning new skills and making new friends.

We cater for every age range and have 8 Groups spread across the Staffordshire Moorlands waiting for you to join!

**BEAVERS**

Ages 5 ¾ - 8

**cubs**

Ages 8 - 10 ½

**SCOUTS**

Ages 10 ½ - 14

**EXPLORERS**

Ages 14 - 18

Better  
Health every mind  
matters

### EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters is a new resource from the brilliant NHS which has lots of information to help during this unusual period.

It contains practical tips and videos from experts on dealing with stress and anxiety, boosting your mood, dealing with change, coping with money worries, sleeping better and looking after your wellbeing.

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



### IT'S MAY DAY

Remember that on Monday 3rd May, school will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Enjoy your long weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 4th May.**

### THANK YOU AND HAVE A LOVELY LONG WEEKEND

Many thanks for your support during the first two weeks of the summer term. The children have quickly settled back into school life and are continuing to shine. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

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**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**



**FRESH AIR**

