

Words from St. Werburgh's

Newsletter 14 - Summer term



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

Thursday 20th May
Friday 28th May
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Monday 7th June
Wednesday 9th June

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'Taste of America' special lunch menu Non-uniform day (PTA) School closes for half-term School re-opens Parent Forum (online meeting) 4.30pm

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

This week (Thursday 13th May) marked the Feast of the Ascension, which is forty days after Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead. It is also the day in which Jesus' physical body ascended into Heaven.

On Ascension Day, Jesus visited His Disciples and told them that He would always be with them and promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit appeared to them 10 days later at a time known as Pentecost.

...love God...





HOLD THE FRONT PAGE!

In our last newsletter, you would have enjoyed a lovely article describing how we had been learning about the very special work of the NHS. This was written by our brand new Y6 Journalism Club.

This week, we are delighted to send to you the first edition of their very own newsletter, 'The Werburgh's Word' which offers fun things for children written by children.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and join us in being very proud of them indeed!

CAN YOU HELP?

We are delighted to have so many parents/carers and wider family members who care so much about our school. Recently, a very kind group of parents gave their time to meet with a member of the team and begin to develop a plan to help to bid for funding to possibly develop a couple of areas and install new flooring beneath the fixed play equipment at the front of school. We will shortly be sending out a questionnaire regarding this, so we can begin to gather thoughts and evidence in advance to us submitting a bid.

If you are able to complete the questionnaire, that would be a great help. Many thanks to Mrs Harrod, Mrs Holder, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Smith for so generously donating your time to start this process which will benefit our amazing children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUU!

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 (1st May) and today (14th May).



Happy Birthday: Amelia J., Vinnie, Ruby-Mai, Evie-Mae and Oliver F-A.



PARKING SAFELY AND RESPECTFULLY

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 remember that this is the same as someone parking on your driveway at home!**

<u>Please park responsibly and considerately and keep the children and other members of our school,</u> <u>Parish and community nice and safe.</u>



THANK YOU, AA SILENCERS!

The school and TMPF team would like to send our thanks to AA Silencers in Cheadle for the very kind donation of hand sanitiser to help to keep us all safe and to ensure our hands are sparkling! **Thank you very much!**

HOME TEST KITS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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. Schools are not able to provide kits.

For further details, visit:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-ofschool-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.



CASUAL LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We are looking to appoint a casual lunchtime supervisor to work with our marvellous children on an 'as and when' basis to cover staff absences etc. For further information, please contact the office or visit: http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/joining-our-team/

PARENT FORUM

On Wednesday 9th June at 4.30pm, we will be holding an online Parent Forum. If you wish to join, please let us know and we will send you a link to the meeting. We will be discussing parking, our parent-supported bid, and uniform. If you wish to add an item to the agenda, please let us know.

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 <u>contain nuts</u>. 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.

'TASTE OF AMERICA' MENU

On Thursday 20th May, Miss Varley and Mrs Mulvey will be serving a delicious special menu. Further details on this change to the usual menu can be seen here:

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



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 and keep your child at home until results are known. If your child has been in school the days prior to a positive test, or the days prior to the symptoms beginning, please let us know so we can follow our necessary procedures to minimise risk. **Please stay safe**.



EVIE-MAE RACES AT THE WORLD-FAMOUS CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE

One of our very talented superstars in Year 6 had an incredible experience on 1st May, by racing on the legendary Cheltenham Racecourse!

To find out more about Evie-Mae and her pony, Midsummer Solstice (Summer), please see the main sports story (written by Evie-Mae) in the first children's Journalism Club newsletter 'The Werburgh's Word', or you can visit the News section of our website: www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/news



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!





PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY During this unusual period, our wonderful PTA have not been able to have as many fund-raising opportunities as previously.

As such, on **Friday 28th May** (the day we finish for the half-term holiday), we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day and inviting donations towards the PTA's fund-raising. Although many aspects of school life have changed,

the PTA have continued to support the school with Easter eggs, books and much more. All donations are warmly welcome.

EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters is a new resource from the brilliant NHS. 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

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the wonderful support of your school as we continue in the summer term and for the very thoughtful gestures.

Have a lovely weekend.

Love to learn, love God, love one another.





MARK 16: 19

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.