

Words from St. Werburgh's

Newsletter 15- Summer term 2021



DIARY DATES

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

■ Friday 28th May School closes for half-term

Monday 7th June School re-opens

■ Tuesday 8th June Trust 'Relationships & Health Education' Policy (online meeting) 4.30pm Wednesday 9th June

Parent Forum (online meeting) 4.30pm

School's out for summer!

Love to learn, love God, love one another.



Friday 16th July

PENTECOST

Last week, the Christian Church celebrated Pentecost (from the Greek, 'Pentekoste' or fiftieth), which marks 50 days after Easter and brings the Easter season to an end.

It is a special time in the Church when Christians recall how God's Spirit was given to the Disciples after Jesus' ascension into Heaven. This began their work of making followers in all nations.

...love God...

PTA FUND-RAISING

Many thanks for your support of the PTA fund-raising for non-uniform day today.



HAPPY HALF-TERM

School closes today for the half-term break. During this time there will be more work taking place to complete the roof project. We will also be having a corridor ceiling replaced. We will be talking to the children about staying safe around building works as there may still be scaffolding in place upon their return.

Have a lovely and well-deserved break in the sunshine and we look forward to the children returning on Monday 7th June.

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

Following the success of the first-ever issue of the Journalism Club's newsletter. 'The Werburgh's Word', issue 2 is now hot off the press and will be soon be with you to share with your child.

Well done to our Y6 journalists: Sofia A., Erin and Evie K.

CAN YOU HELP?

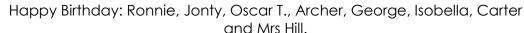
In the previous newsletter, we wrote about the kindness and support of a group of parents who were helping to develop a plan to help to bid for funding to develop a couple of areas and install new flooring beneath the fixed play equipment at the front of school.

You will have received a link to this questionnaire, if you could complete and return this, we would really appreciate it. Another link to the questionnaire can be found below:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/65YHKM8

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUU!

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 (15th May) and today (28th May).







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>

Parish and community nice and safe.



TRUST RHE CONSULTATION

As a Trust, we shall be holding a consultation on our Relationship Health and Education (RHE) Policy at 4.30pm on Tuesday 8th June via an online platform. If you wish to participate in the policy review, please let the school office know.

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 by Monday 7th June.

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.



THANK YOU MORRISON'S

A big '**thank you**' to our friends at Morrison's in Cheadle for their very generous donation to help us to learn a little more about growing plants.

We were delighted to receive bedding plants, seeds, plant labels, compost and even a trowel to help us to develop our 'green fingers'.

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.**



EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters is a 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

CATERING ASSISTANT

Chartwells are currently looking to recruit a Catering Assistant for our sister school, Bishop Rawle C.E. Primary in Cheadle.

The role is 18.75 hours per week – Monday to Friday, school term time only. Hours 09.15 to 13:00

For further information, please call Bishop Rawle C.E. Primary on 01538 702355 (option5)

WELL DONE Y6

Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 for their hard work during this week's version of 'SATs week'.

The government decided that SATs testing would not go ahead again this year due to the issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, the children had been working so hard and we wanted them to be able to show off their learning in a more-formal test environment. We also wanted to give them the chance to experience this important part of end-of-primary-school life.

Well done!



THANK YOU

Thank you for all of your kindness and support during the first half of the summer term. The team are very grateful for the kind words and thoughtful gestures from you, our fabulous parents/carers. Have a lovely half-term break, fingers crossed that the sunshine stays with us, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 7th June**. Please stay safe.

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ACTS 2:4

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'