

St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

Love to learn, Love God, Love one another

11 June 2021

Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you are well and are enjoying the sunny weather.

At our recent Parent Forum, we discussed concerns regarding parking outside school. May we please remind all parents/carers and anyone else who brings children to school, to please, please, please park carefully, courteously, legally, and safely around our school, so as not to put any child or adult at risk. We all have the same goal of wanting to keep children – and each other – safe, and this will really, really help to do so! Each of us can do our bit. As you know, we currently have staggered start and finish times which should help to reduce congestion at the start and end of the day. Please play your part and avoid driving to school if possible (of course we understand that for some parents this isn't an option), and if not, please only park for the necessary amount of time. Next **Thursday**, **17th June**, is '**Clean Air Day 2021'**, which seems like a wonderful opportunity to reduce car travel and either walk to school, or park a little further away and enjoy the fresh air with your child/children during the walk.

As we approach the final five weeks of term, please can we kindly remind any adults dropping-off, or collecting children from school, that it is our preference that face coverings are worn when on the school grounds (unless, of course, you have a medical reason not to do so) and to please maintain social distancing. As you will have no doubt seen in the media, there is a particularly notable outbreak of the Delta variant of Covid-19 in Leek. We all hope that this situation continues to improve for our Moorlands neighbours. By maintaining vigilance, social distancing and wearing face coverings, we can try to reduce the chances of it becoming such a serious issue any closer to us.

Today marks the start of the Euro 2020 football championships (being held in 2021, due to last year's Covid-19 postponement). As such, there will be elements of learning in school which focus upon the different countries taking part and celebrate a significant international event. This year, we are proud that three of the home nations, England, Scotland and Wales, will each be participating, playing their first match on Sunday, Monday and Saturday respectively. To celebrate the match between England and Scotland next week; on **Friday 18th June**, we will be holding **a non-uniform 'red, white and blue day'**, where children are welcome to come to school wearing something featuring one, two, or all three of those colours, or an article of clothing from one of the home nations. There is no donation necessary, it is just to show our support for England, Scotland and Wales in this international event and a chance to be proud of living in Great Britain.

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Prior to half-term, you will remember that we wrote about a group of parents who are very kindly supporting school with a bid to improve some of our outdoor facilities. The questionnaire to gather important information to help with this bid can still be completed. If you are able to help, please visit: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/65YHKM8</u>.

On **Thursday 17th June**, we will be offering a **special themed lunch** to the children, which will be an 'all-day breakfast'. The usual menu will be replaced by: pork sausage, crispy bacon, omelette, baked beans and toast. The vegetarian option will replace the sausage and bacon with veggie sausages.

As we are currently basking in some glorious weather, please can we ask that children come into school with a water bottle (only filled with water), sun hat or cap, and wearing sunblock. Of course, children can bring sunblock in to 'top themselves up' during the day, but please ensure that this is clearly labelled with your child's name as it cannot be shared with others.

We wanted to finish this letter with the very exciting news that Miss Bullock is expecting a baby. Those who may have seen her recently may well have guessed this! We are all thrilled for Miss Bullock and her family who will be welcoming the new addition towards the end of next month and enjoying the sleepless nights and nappies! We are sure that you join us in sending her the very best wishes. As Miss Bullock prepares to commence her maternity leave, we are excited to be welcoming a new teacher to our team in September.

Following a few enquiries about booking summer holidays, we wished to confirm that the autumn term will be starting for children on **Thursday 2nd September**.

Thank you, as always, for your support of school.

Please stay safe, have a good weekend and enjoy the football in the sunshine (in a sun hat!).

The St. Werburgh's team

Good luck, England.



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