

Words from St. Werburgh's

Newsletter 16- Summer term 2021



DIARY DATES

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

■ Thursday 24th June Academy Photography - Reception and Year 6 class photos

Thursday 1st July 'Football Fun' Menu for lunch
Friday 9th July PTA Raffle Tickets to be returned

Friday 16th July
School's out for summer...'bye bye Year 6!'
Thursday 2nd September
School opens for the new school year

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CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

This week sees the third edition of the children's Journalism Club's newsletter, 'The Werburgh's Word'.

Congratulations for producing another lovely newsletter: Sofia A., Erin and Evie K.



SPECIAL MENU

To celebrate Euro 2020, on **Thursday 1st July**, there will be a themed 'football fun' lunch menu. This will offer children hot dogs, or mac and cheese with special football-themed biscuits.

SMILE PLEASE

On Thursday 24th June, our wonderful Reception class and our superstars in Year 6 will be having their 'school starter' and 'school leaver' photographs.

We have a few days to practice our very best smiles ready for these special photographs!



COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT

At a time when one of our Moorlands neighbours are experiencing an upsurge in Covid-19 (Delta variant) cases, please can we kindly request that parents/carers maintain social distancing, wear a face covering when on the school site, and ensure that any children displaying any possible symptoms of Covid-19 are kept at home for a period of self-isolation and a test is taken.

If we all act in a vigilant manner, hopefully we can reduce the likelihood of a similar situation impacting upon our area too. We all send our very best wishes to the families, schools and businesses in Leek and have our fingers crossed that the situation improves quickly.

PTA RAFFLE

Our wonderful PTA are currently finalising plans for our summer raffle to raise funds for the superstars within our school. If you, or any organisation which you, or a friend or family member work within, would like to donate any prizes for the raffle, these would be warmly welcome.

Ideas can be bottles of nice things, chocolates (also nice things!), trips, visits, products, experiences, or maybe even something specific to local companies which may be of interest.

We would like to offer lots of different prizes to those who are able to buy tickets.

Please contact the school office, or let one of the PTA Committee know if you are able to support.

Details of how the raffle will work, and how you can buy tickets, will be with you shortly.

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 (29th May) and today (21st June).

Happy Birthday: Nelson, Jake H., Lillie H., Mrs Mulvey and Mrs Carr.





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>

CAN YOU HELP?

As you know, a group of parents have very kindly offered to help to produce a bid for funding to develop a couple of areas and install new flooring beneath the fixed play equipment at the front of school. To help us to gather information to support the bid, please complete the questionnaire through the link below:

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



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.

For further details, visit:

 $\frac{https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff}{school-pupils-and-staff}$

If you have any queries about the tests, call 119. 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.

TRUST RSHE CONSULTATION

As a Trust, on Tuesday 8th June, we held a special meeting to discuss our policy for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Relationships and Health Education. The consultation provided some very useful and much-appreciated parental insight into the policy and we look forward to finalising this shortly.

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, we held a very helpful and productive online Parent Forum. The Forum focused upon parking outside school, our parent-supported bid, uniform and the importance of wearing of face coverings by adults collecting and dropping children off at school. Many thanks for the time and extremely useful input from those involved.

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

EURO 2020

Many thanks for your support of the children for our 'Red, White and Blue' non-uniform day to celebrate England, Scotland and Wales' involvement in Euro 2020.



It was lovely to see so many bright colours and big smiles...now let's hope that England and Scotland can follow Wales' lead and qualify for the next round.



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.**



Please call 119 or visit
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
to book a test.

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





HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We hope that the Dad, carers, Grandads, Great Grandads, Step-Dads, Godfathers, Uncles, big brothers and anyone else who plays a big part in a child's life enjoyed Father's Day this weekend.

We know it is an exciting time to make a really big fuss of someone special in our lives and hope that you enjoyed the lie-in and breakfast in bed!

YEAR 6'S WEEK OF OUTDOOR FUN!

Our wonderful Year 6 have enjoyed a busy week of Outdoor Education and Activities.

On **Monday**, they visited Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre to learn how to climb and canoe (and to get wet!).

Wednesday saw an exciting and practical Forest School day at our sister school, The Valley.

Thursday's activities were very kindly
(and expertly!) led in school by the wonderful
Mrs Caroline Holder, Mr Graham Holder, and Mrs Rachel
Jukes, whereby the children enjoyed archery, playing
golf and a range of forest school tasks, including toasting
marshmallows on a camp fire!

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the week (in an unusual period) so special for this wonderful class, including those who were able to kindly support with transport to Stanley Head.

Further details about our exciting week can be found in the children's 'Journalism Club' newsletter,

'The Werburgh's Word', also out today.

A big thanks to Year 6 who showed their brilliance in so many ways throughout the week and had a great time! ...love one another.



THANK YOU

Many thanks from the whole staff team for the ongoing wonderful support of your school. The positive messages and conversations are very much appreciated as we continue to work in unusual circumstances due to the pandemic.

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