



Words from St. Werburgh's

Newsletter 17- Summer term 2021



DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 2nd September	School opens for the new school year
Friday 22nd October	School closes for half-term
Monday 1st November	School re-opens
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January	School re-opens for the spring term



Love to learn, love God, love one another.

GOODBYE, THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK

As we reach the end of our school year, we say 'Bye bye' to some of our amazing pupils who are heading off to new adventures.

Reaching the end of their time at primary school, we thank our superb Year 6 who have been absolute stars at St. Werburgh's and even kept smiling during their two unusual final years! Good luck: Sofia A., Maggie, Isaac, Erin, Noah, Callum, Evie-Mae, Emily, Holly, Alfred, Ewan, Alfie H., Jake H., Evie K., Zac, Angel, Logan, Rory, Milton, Will, Reece and Nelson.

Many thanks to the PTA and the Parishioners for the generous mementos for our Year 6s.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Jenson, Mia, Riley and Oliver F-A who are off to shine at new schools in September; one of whom is even moving to another country!

Although we will miss these superstars greatly, we know that their new schools will be as proud of them as their St. Werburgh's family are.

For the parents/carers who will also be leaving us after many years, we thank you for your support and for being such an important part of the St. Werburgh's family.

In September, two of the team will also be taking on new challenges. Mrs Goodwin will become part of the Learning Support team in a specialist role in one of our sister schools. Miss Bullock will be taking Maternity Leave and busying herself with nappies and sleepless nights!

We are sure you join us in wishing them both the very best of luck.

...love one another.

ST. WERBURGH'S GOLD STAR

We were thrilled to award a 'St. Werburgh's Gold Star' to Esmae (Year 3) and Alfie H. (Year 6). Esmae's star is for her attitude to her learning; her thoughtful and caring nature; and her determination to always do her very best.

Alfie's star is for being helpful and kind all of the time; for giving 100% in all lessons and for his enthusiasm in everything he does.

Well done, what stars you are!



CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

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

Thank you for producing the newsletters, Sofia A., Erin and Evie K. and good luck as journalists at High School!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUUU!

Please join us in sharing our 'Happy Birthday' wishes (in our best singing voices) for the final time this academic year, with many members of the school family who celebrate a birthday between our last listings through to the end of August.

Happy Birthday: Joshua, Charlie R., Milton, Harry G., Bethan, Teigan, Jessie, Holly F., Alfie G., Oliver T., Lucas K., Erin, Lyra, Keira, Jakob Y., Oliver O., Arthur, Ellis, Blake, Sofia A., Olivia-Rose, Jaxon, Harry T., Phoebe, Edith, Jenna, Archie, Charlie S., Jack N., Nirad, Miss Varley, Mrs Bloor, Mr Coates, Mrs Upton, Mr Wardle, Mr Brayford, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Hall.



PARKING SAFELY AND RESPECTFULLY

Although the term has now finished, please can we ask that parents/carers think about ways to arrive at and depart school in September which keep children, pedestrians (including those with pushchairs and mobility issues), other road users and our neighbours safe and happy. We thank everyone for your support in playing a part in ensuring that the roads around school are kept safe at all times.



"PACK YOUR BAGS, WE'RE HEADED FOR WILDERVILLE! FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!"

**LAUNCHES SATURDAY, JULY 10TH, 2021
AT A STAFFORDSHIRE LIBRARY NEAR YOU!**



HOW TO TAKE PART

At your local library

- Visit your local Staffordshire library to sign up for the challenge.
- You will receive a starter pack containing all the items you need to begin your reading adventure - including a pull-out poster and stickers!
- Take out six books and get reading!
- When you have read your books bring them back to your local Staffordshire Library, and collect your completers certificate, medal and bookmark.

Online

- Sign up to the Reading Agency's easy-to-use website and create a profile at www.wildworldheroes.org.uk.
- Children set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Summer.
- Collect rewards with additional activities and incentives along the way, including online badges, games and videos.
- Children can download a certificate once they have completed the Challenge.



ONLINE ACTIVITIES

There's lots taking place online during the summer too!

- Visit [Facebook/StaffordshireLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/StaffordshireLibraries) for fun creative activities taking place every Wednesday during the summer holidays.
- Check out our Creative Explorers program taking place at: StaffLibrariesCulture.wordpress.com/creative-explorers





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HOME TEST KITS

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

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, call 119. Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Testing is voluntary, but recommended to all who are eligible.

Scarecrow Festival

4TH - 5TH SEPTEMBER



e-mail for entry form
kingsleykingsleyholtscarecrow@gmail.com

Kingsley & Kingsley Holt

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 26.



WRAPAROUND CARE RETURNS TO KINGSLEY KINGFISHERS

In September, Kingsley Kingfishers will again be offering the wraparound provision for children in school. As you know, due to the Kingfishers not being in a position to offer wraparound for our pupils last year, as a school we wanted to help working parents and carers who needed this service until such time that Kingfishers could resume.

If you wish to register your interest for a place at the Kingsley Kingfishers wraparound, please contact them as soon as you are able to do so, to confirm a place and enable them to make the necessary plans.

07891 861763, or kingfisherspresch@googlemail.com

We truly thank those who passed on such kind messages about the wraparound which we offered during this difficult period.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

We hope that all of our school family are safe and well.

However, **If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19 on or before 21st July, please email:**

COVIDSAFE@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

as soon as possible, with the date the symptoms started and the date of the positive test.

We will then inform the relevant organisations and take the appropriate steps to keep safe any members of the school family who have been in close contact, or in their 'bubble'.

STAYING NUT FREE

Just a quick reminder that school will continue to be 'nut free' in September.

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.

PROUD OF OUR NATION



Over the past month, many of us have been glued to the screen watching Euro 2020 and sharing the excitement and euphoria of England's journey to their first final in most of our lifetimes. Although the result may not have gone England's way, the joy which the team brought throughout the country at a time of worry was remarkable and we are very proud of them all.

...love one another.

CATERING VACANCY

Great Wood Primary School

Position: Cook (Chartwells Catering)

Hours: 22.5 per week

Hours per day: 9.00am-1.30pm (flexible)

Rate of pay: £9.25 per hour

Closing date: 23.07.2021

Contact: kay.prince@compass-group.co.uk



GOLDEN SUMMER

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities throughout the Summer. With experience in delivering **Holiday Clubs since 2007**, our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment. Let's get our Golden Summer started!

**Combat Sports**

**Multi-Sports**

**Alternative Sports**

**Booster Events**

**Arts & Crafts**

**10% OFF Full Week & Sibling**

**ALSAGER**

**AUDLEY**

**BIDDULPH**

**CHEADLE**

**KIDSGROVE**

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**NEWCASTLE**

**POYNTON**

**STAFFORD**

**TRENTHAM**



We provide **lunch** for all **FREE SCHOOL MEAL** children with healthy and wholesome options.



FUNDED BY THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME... WE OFFER CHILDREN FREE PLACES AT SELECTED VENUES IF ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Tel: 01782 366332 Visit: www.asmsports.co.uk

NOAH DAZZLING IN THE POOL

We are very excited that one of our pupils is currently one of the fastest swimmers of his age in England!

Noah, one of our spectacular Year 6 children, is a very talented swimmer and has been training hard to continue to improve his skills in the pool. Courtesy of his club submitting his times into a national programme, he is currently ranked in an amazing second place for the 100m Butterfly, and an incredible first place nationally for the 200m backstroke!

His brilliance in the pool has also been recognised by others as he has been chosen for the Staffordshire ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) County Development Programme and the regional programme for Swim England! Great work, Noah!

The whole team are very, very proud of Noah and are sure that you join us in congratulating him and looking forward to seeing him dazzle in the Olympics in 2030 and 2034!



SPORTS DAY

We were delighted to be able to hold our Sports Day this year ...despite the first attempt typically being rained-off!

Parents and carers were unfortunately unable to join us, in order to keep everyone safe, especially given the recent upsurge in Covid-19 cases in the area. A range of Covid-secure measures were in place throughout the celebration which featured a carousel of six different activities, with children all competing at the same time within their bubble, with the team scores recorded. This maintained the new-look event which started in 2019, re-designed for the children, so that they were all active and scoring points throughout the afternoon, rather than one race taking place at a time. There were lots of smiles as we once again celebrated as a school community!

Congratulations to all children for helping their team.

Our winners, with 1000 points, were...**St. Chad's team!**

OH I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE...IN KINGSLEY!

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a 'Day at the Seaside!'. The playground became 'Kingsley Pier' for a day of seaside-fun, with children enjoying traditional seaside games, including a tin-can alley, hoopla, hook-a-duck, pin-a-tail-on-the-donkey, a coconut shy and more! Children enjoyed a picnic-style lunch and ice-lollies; and made their own windmills, key-rings and other artistic crafts. Each class also learnt a traditional British summertime song: 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' (Reception); 'Zip-a-dee-doo-dah' (Year 1); and 'Summer Holiday' (Year 2).

During the afternoon, classes took it in turns to go to a special show in the theatre (hall), to be entertained by a magician, Dickie Bow! The day even finished with a souvenir stick of rock! Many thanks to the PTA for the generous support and to the children for bringing so many smiles!

We may not be able to go to the seaside together at the moment
...but we can still have a special day of fun!



ARTISTS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Children in Key Stage 2 had a great time developing their artistry and improving their skills of outdoor and adventurous activities.

Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a range of outdoor problem-solving activities and archery, led by Mrs Jukes; and took the chance to use their creative skills to plan, design and create their very own personalised water bottle.

Year 6 showed their creative flair - as glass artists! We were delighted to welcome local artist, parent, and former team member, Miss Danielle Knight, into school to teach the children about glass art and help them to create their very own original piece to frame, keep and display.

Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for supporting these exciting events for the children.

SEPTEMBER PLANS

Although we are starting our summer break, we are also thinking ahead to the new term and how we can remain safe. Below is useful information which is, of course, subject to change.

Arriving and departing: At the start of term, we will maintain the **staggered start and finish times** and the use of the two different gates. Once again, parents/carers should follow the timings given.

For those of you who have **children scheduled for different times**, please bring both to the earliest start time available to one of their classes and collect at the latest finish time available to them, as this reduces any missed learning time (e.g. a child in Y1 with a sibling in Y6 should both arrive at 8.40am and both be collected at 3.25pm). If your children are listed to use different gates, please let us know which one you wish to use, so we can arrange for both children to be at the same place. Parents/carers should continue to queue on the driveways by the appropriate gates and not enter the playgrounds. The car park remains for the use of staff only. We appreciate that government decisions are altering, but it is our strong preference at this time that adults continue to wear face coverings, maintain social distancing and follow the one way system by keeping left!

Snacks: Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be given fruit at breaktime. For all children in school (including Years 3-6), we ask that if you are sending in snacks, then this must be **one small healthy snack only** and not be crisps, sweets or chocolate, to keep children energised and ready to learn. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water (not juice, or pop) from home to remain hydrated throughout the day.

Uniform: All children should attend school in full and correct uniform. Black sensible school shoes must be worn. Trainers (even if they are black) boots and sandals are not school uniform and as such should not be worn.

Bags: We request that children bring a bag to school which is wipeable to minimise the risk of the virus spreading between school and home. P.E. bags, which should come into school on the first day of term, can remain in school and are not passing between home and school each day.

Sanitiser: Children (and staff and visitors) will still need to wash or sanitise their hands upon arrival and when leaving the school site. Sanitiser will remain available in school. If you do not wish your child to use this, please let their class teacher know.

At this time, children should not bring in toys, books etc from home. As some children wish to bring birthday treats for their classmates, please note that these will be stored in school for 72 hours before being sent home.

In September, parents/carers will remain unable to enter school and should make contact with their child's teacher via telephone or the class email address.

Wraparound: As you know, Kingsley Kingfishers were unable to provide wraparound care for our pupils last year and we worked as a school to offer help to working parents and carers through a service in school led by members of the team. In September, the wraparound provision will once again be offered by Kingsley Kingfishers (who also offer longer hours) and no longer by school. To book wraparound care, please contact the Kingfishers directly on 07891 861763, or kingfisherspresch@googlemail.com

Thank you, as ever, for your wonderful support and your understanding that the reasons behind these decisions are to keep children safe and are subject to change. Any questions, please let us know. Should any of these plans alter, then of course we will share this with you.

	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

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



PTA RAFFLE

Many, many thanks for all of the support of the PTA Raffle. Your thoughtfulness and generosity in offering prizes and buying tickets helped to raise a whopping **£875!** Thank you to the wonderful PTA Committee for your hard work in organising another successful fund-raising event.

Thank you all for your excellent support of the school and the children throughout the year.

WELCOME TO ODELIA

We are delighted to welcome a new addition to the school.

Odelia, a wire fairy created by local artist and parent, Daniel Powner (of Wire Art by Daniel), has been kindly donated to school by the Powner family.

Odelia, or 'gift from God' reflects our school motto wonderfully and is a beautiful piece of art which we look forward to displaying in school.

Many, many thanks.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A remarkable school year has come to an end with plenty of happy memories and many reasons to celebrate being part of the St. Werburgh's and TMPF family.

Children, parents/carers and staff all embraced a new way of learning, and children continued their education through blended learning in school and at home. Children have successfully adapted to complete a whole school year in 'bubbles' and with many changes to previous years, including periods where many have had to spend extended time at home.

However, the children have been outstanding. You, as parents and carers, have been outstanding to keep children calm and for the support you were able to give to help them to learn at home. This makes the whole team proud and shows the resilience of our school family. We have seen acts of remarkable kindness from children, parents and members of the wider community, wanting to help our school and our children to learn. These acts of thoughtfulness are outstanding.

None of us know exactly what next year will bring, but we do know that by school and parents/carers working together and supporting one another, we can keep smiling and make the best of the situation which we face with our motto firmly at heart.

On behalf of the St. Werburgh's and TMPF teams, we thank you whole-heartedly for your support, thoughtfulness and care: the difference it has made this year has been huge.

God bless and have a very safe and very enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Thursday 2nd September**.

Love to learn, love God, love one another.

