

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 18th October	Parent Consultation Evening (telephone): Rec, Y3 & Y5/6
Tuesday 19th October	Parent Consultation Evening (telephone): Y1, Y2 & Y4
Friday 22nd October	School closes for half-term
Monday 1st November	School reopens
Friday 17th December	School closes for the Christmas holiday
Wednesday 5th January 2022	School reopens for the spring term



IT'S A BOY!

We are delighted to share news with you that our wonderful school cook, Miss Varley, has given birth to a lovely baby boy. All are well and we are sure he will enjoy lots of cuddles from his big sisters!



HARVEST THANKS

Thank you very much for all of the wonderful Harvest produce which has been received into school. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will make a big difference to many local families at this time. Led by our new Worship Council, our Harvest Service took place on Thursday via Microsoft Teams, with Rev. Sue guiding us in prayer and children from each class giving thanks to God and showing their creativity to celebrate Harvest.

**Love to learn, love God,
love one another.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BADGE HOLDERS

Huge congratulations to our sensational Year 6 for their excellent speeches and effort as they stood for election for a position of responsibility this year. A big 'well done' to children from other classes too, who put themselves forward to be representatives on the councils.

Linking to our Fundamental British Values, democratic elections took place (to develop children's understanding of the importance of democracy in society) which afforded children the opportunity to choose who they wished to represent them and their school. We know the decisions were incredibly tricky, as the standard of speeches was so high and the children are all fabulous!

The care, respect, support, happiness and humility shown by all throughout the process, was 'owwwwtstanding', and each child set a fine example of how to behave in an election.

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STAYING NUT FREE

To continue to keep everyone safe in school, may we remind all that **NO nuts, or nut-based snacks/ lunch** should come into school with 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUU!

We love to celebrate birthdays in school during our in-class, virtual 'Praise and Celebration' on a Friday. Please tune-in your best singing voice and join us in celebrating with the following children who have enjoyed a birthday from 18th September to Friday 8th October.

Happy Birthday: Ben, James, Theo, Tilly, Daniel, Cora, Iyla, Eddie, Matthew M. and Miss Jewell.



Y6 APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

Although we may be early into the new school year, our eldest children and their parents/carers have already been busy attending virtual open evenings and making decisions about which Secondary School they will be joining in September.

The deadline for High School applications is 31 October.

To apply, visit: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions-secondary/apply

SMILE PLEASE

You may see some familiar faces in the current issue of the Times and Echo newspaper, as many of our Reception class show off their smart school uniform and big smiles!



WELCOME

We are delighted and excited to welcome Mrs Frith to our school team this week, to support the children during lunchtimes.

WELL DONE, COUNCILLORS

School Council

Chairs: Lacey P., Jay and Jake;
Cora, Jonty, Madison W., Blake H., James,
Tiffany, Levi, Frankie, Keira, Kodi, Iyla and Joey

Worship Council

Chairs: Evie and Alfie;
Tommy S., Teigan, Sienna, Charlie S., Ben, Zara, Millie,
Lucas, Amelia P., Aaliyah, Ruby-Mai and Charlie C.

Eco Council

Chairs: Rosie, Jessie and Lillie;
Seth, Maddison S., Alexa, Carter, Harry G., Ava,
Molly, Arthur, Archie, Kayde, Ophelia and Meeah.

WELL DONE, SPORTSLEADERS

Rosie, Jessie, Lyra, Lexi, Alfie, Lillie H,
Oliver J. Jay, Lacey P., Harry,
Evie and Jake.

DRIVEWAY

Please can we remind all that the drive at the front of school (leading to the gates) should not be used by parents'/carers' vehicles at any time.

JEWELLERY

Just to remind that no jewellery is to be worn for PE, swimming or after-school sporting clubs. This includes watches, fitness trackers, earrings and earring retainers.

We now have a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

TEXT: 07520 615722

KEITH HOLLINS

It is with sadness that we learnt of the passing of Keith Hollins, former Headteacher and Executive Principal of The Cheadle Academy and Westwood College (amongst others), and CEO of the Staffordshire University Academies Trust.

Keith kindly offered advice and support as we formed The Moorlands Primary Federation and through his co-founding of the South Moorlands Schools Learning Community, created many positive opportunities for schools throughout our area.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

SCHOOL COOK VACANCY

Our catering provider, Chartwells, are advertising for a school cook on a maternity cover basis. As the post is in our school, candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. For more information, see below:

Chartwells Catering

**St Werburgh's C.E. Primary School
Maternity Cover**

25.00 hours @ £9.25 per hour

**For further information, contact: Kay Prince,
kay.prince@compass-group.co.uk**



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, other national mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health adviser from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



COVID IN THE MOORLANDS

As we hopefully continue to reduce the number of positive Covid-19 cases in school, we ask that everyone continues to support us, as the cases in the Staffordshire Moorlands remain very high, with primary school-age children heading the list of most infected age groups.

Your efforts have been greatly appreciated and we ask that you continue to be vigilant and safe. By working together, we can keep the children and your families; the staff team and our families; and other members of the Parish/community safe.

...love one another.



STOKE CITY 7s OFFER

Following the recent ticket offer from our friends at Stoke City FC, we received many replies and believe that there will more than 150 seats filled by members of our school family! For those who attend the match v Cardiff City - we hope you have a great time...and keep an eye out for the big screen!

WELL DONE, PREFECTS

Lacey P., Jake, Rosie, Lillie H., Jay, Jessie, Alfie and Evie. Our Head Girl, Head Boy and the Deputies also fulfil this role.

SCHOOL MEAL - MENU CHANGE

May we remind parents/carers that Chartwells, the organisation who provide school meals, have temporarily reduced the menu. Currently, there is one main meal choice, with the alternative/vegetarian option being put temporarily on hold due to their food and staffing shortages. Of course, in addition to the main meal, children will continue to also be able to choose from a jacket potato or a sandwich.

SCHOOL MEALS

School lunch menus are on our website:
www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/school-family/parents

Here, you can also see if you are eligible to receive Free School Meals and the other benefits which this brings. Choices are subject to change on occasion. Should your child have any allergies, please speak to school as a matter of urgency.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND WHAT TO DO

Coronavirus/Covid-19

Below is a list of possible Covid-19/ coronavirus symptoms:

- High temperature (feel hot to touch on the chest or back);
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours – if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- A loss of, or change to your sense of smell or taste – you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of the symptoms. We have also been advised that the virus could present itself in children as an upset stomach, or headache.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus: please arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible.

The person displaying symptoms should stay at home until the results have been returned. Should the result be positive, then it is essential that the infected individual self-isolates as per the government guidelines and does not attend school, or come onto the school site.

If you are worried about your symptoms, or are unsure what to do, please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>). If your child is under 5 years old, call 111 straight away.

If your child has symptoms and has undertaken a test:

please do not return to school until results are known and shared with us.

The current governmental guidelines state that children who are close contacts of a positive Covid-19 case no longer need to self-isolate. However, it is recommended (and strongly encouraged) that if they have been a close contact, then they do take a PCR test. Of course, if your child is unwell, please keep them off school until they feel better - even if they have returned a negative result.

Although this may seem a little frustrating, it is essential that we protect the children, your families, the staff and our families. For further (regularly updated) information on the virus, visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

WELL DONE, ELECTED HEADS AND DEPUTIES

Head Boy: Oliver J.
Deputy Head Girl: Lyra

Head Girl: Lexi
Deputy Head Boy: Harry T.

The elected Heads and Deputies support all Councils and act as Prefects too.

SAFE AND COURTEOUS PARKING

Please can we remind those who drive to school with children to park safely and responsibly and only remain parked for as long as is necessary.

Children will leave school at their stated class times and those who have brothers and sisters in other classes will both leave at the latest available time - please don't arrive until your child's/ children's designated finish time to reduce the traffic around school and to avoid you waiting for them on site. May we urge you to not stop on the zigzags - these are there to keep children safe. Similarly, please do not double park, or park on the bend as this creates risks for others. Many of our parents and carers walk to school with pushchairs - please check that if you do park by the pavement, you have left enough room for a pushchair, pram or wheelchair to pass your car safely. We are very lucky to have great neighbours to school - please continue to respect them and their driveways and entrances to their property. The small car park across the road from the front of school is **not** a public, or school car park, it is the homeowners' driveways. Parking there is the same as someone parking on your drive at home, which none of us would like.

By parking a little further away from school, you will have a few extra minutes chatting with your child as they begin and end the day and also promote a spot of healthy exercise.

WERBURGH'S ONLINE

Please remember to visit our website

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

for news, updates, copies of newsletters and lots of information, including how to help your child to stay safe online.

WELL DONE, PLAYGROUND LEADERS

Alex, Lottie, Charlie C., Ruby-Mai, Kodi M., Keira, Amelia P., Aaliyah, Meeah, Joey, Archie, Kayde, Rosie, Jessie, Lyra, Lexi, Alfie, Oliver J., Jay, Lacey P., Harry T. and Evie.

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping children safe is important to us all. Our school Safeguarding Policy is available to be viewed on the website, or if you require a printed copy, please contact the office. Further details on how you can keep your child safe, including the Prevent Duty (to prevent children being drawn into radicalisation or extremism), can also be found within the Safeguarding section of the website:

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs/our-school/safeguarding/

If you have any questions regarding safeguarding please speak to a member of the team, or follow the links on the website.



SOCCKER SCHOOLS

Pre-book & receive
2 free SCFC EFL
match tickets

Girls Only Soccer Schools are being delivered by Stoke City's Community Trust this Half Term at Community Drive and will include:

- Small sided games and tournaments, Competitions & Prizes, Sessions to develop skills, Fun & Games

Attend all 3 days and be entered into a prize draw to win a Stoke City shirt signed by the Women's First Team

To book your place call 01782 592 252

Stoke City Football Club
Community Trust

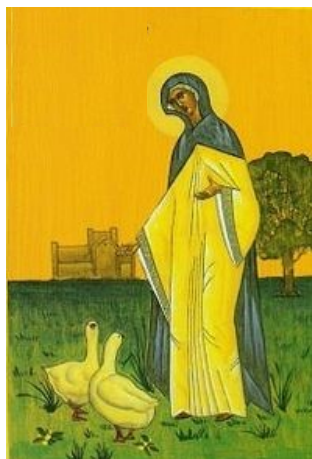
Tues 26 Oct - Thurs 28 Oct

Girls aged 6 - 15 Years Old

9.00am - 3.00pm

Community Drive, ST6 1QF

£14 a day



TIMINGS

Below is a reminder of the timings for each class. Please follow these to help us to reduce the number of people waiting on site.

	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	Year 4	8.45am	3.20pm
Reception	8.50am	3.15pm	Years 5/6	8.50am	3.25pm

WELL DONE, CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Venerable Bede

Captains: Jake & Rosie
Vice Captains: Harry T. & Keira

St. Chad

Captains: Lacey P. & Oscar T.
Vice Captains: Evie W. & Harry S.

St. Hilda

Captains: Alfie & Amelia P.
Vice Captains: Archie & Isla S.

St. Werburgh

Captains: Lyra & Joey
Vice Captains: Izzy & Harry C.



PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Throughout the school year, we offer various points where we share school information on a more-formal basis. On **Monday 18th** (Rec, Y3 & Y5/6) and **Tuesday 19th October** (Y1, Y2 & Y4), we will be staging the first of our two annual parent consultation evenings. Your child's teacher will email further information. Of course, if there is anything urgent which you wish to discuss, please email your child's teacher, or call the school office. Please note that Parent Consultation calls will only be made to those parents/carers who request one and receive an email confirmation of a time slot. Calls will be available for any parent/carer who wishes to receive one, and we will call you. We will provide preferred time slots and hopefully try to offer calls within this time, but this is dependent on numbers of requests. We are sure that you support us in asking that everyone kindly respects the **five minute time limit** of the entire call, as we have to make lots of them and wish to stick to timings. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Different classes have different days for their calls due, in part, to the number of phones in school!

DANIEL

We were sad to hear of the passing of a former pupil of our lovely school, Daniel Fallows. Daniel had many happy connections to members of our school family (past and present) and although he will be missed - we are sure that he will be fondly remembered.

We send our prayers at such a sad time.

THANK YOU

Thank you from the whole team for your support and understanding, particularly during the past few weeks which have seen the challenge of several positive Covid-19 cases in school. Your messages of support, kindness and help have been most welcome by us all, thank you.



Please continue to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

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