



# Words from St. Werburgh's

Autumn term 3



## DIARY DATES

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

Friday 22nd October	School closes for half-term
Monday 1st November	School reopens
Tuesday 16th November	Academy Photography (school photos)
Thursday 25th November	Flu vaccinations (whole school)
Friday 17th December	School closes for the Christmas holiday
<b>Wednesday 5th January 2022</b>	School reopens for the spring term



## Y6 DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

A final reminder to the parents and carers of our fabulous Year 6, that all applications for high school places must be completed online

**by 31st October.**

If you have not yet applied, please visit:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions-secondary/apply](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions-secondary/apply)



## OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Lord, Bless our school,  
So that working together  
And playing together,  
We may learn to serve You,  
And each other.  
Amen

## STAYING SAFE DURING HALF TERM

Through our commitment to keeping children safe, our Computing lessons have shown children ways to stay safe online. Information on how you can help your child to stay safe online can be found in the 'School Family - Parents' section of our website ([www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-werburghs)).

Should you feel any child is in immediate danger, please contact the Police (999) or Staffordshire County Council's First Response/ Front Door service on 0800 1313 126.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Each year on Armistice Day, we proudly remember the men, women and animals who have fought so bravely for our country. This year we will once again support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and poppy-related items in school. Our wonderful School Council will share further details when we return from the half-term break.

## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the Parent Consultation Evenings this week. The staff enjoyed speaking with you over the telephone and we hope that you found the discussion to be useful.

## HALF TERM

Time has passed so quickly that school finishes today for the half-term break. 'Well done' to our lovely Reception class for completing your first half term in school...what superstars you are!

Have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on

**Monday 1st November!**

## 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 9th October to Friday 22nd October.

Happy Birthday: Seth, Alexander A., Samuel, Isla S., Oliver J., Lacey R. and Mrs Eyre.



## A LITTLE HELPING HAND WITH MEALS

Many families may have experienced a change in circumstances, or are finding things a little tougher at the moment.

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.

Those children in receipt of income-based Free School Meals are also eligible for additional benefits in school.

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](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals)



## 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.*

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**



ChatHealth

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 also 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 suggest messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health service from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

## 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/>

## ADVICE ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

### 6 essentials to keep your children safe online

Follow this list to help keep your children safe online:

- Use parental controls** to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases, or manage how long your child spends online. They're really easy to set up. More info about setting controls on mobiles, tablets, home broadband, games consoles, apps, wifi, films, music and TV is on the [NSPCC web pages](http://www.nspcc.org.uk), ([www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)) and there's a helpline number too.
- Regularly remind your kids not to give out personal information**, like their address, phone number, school name or email address. It can be easy to forget with live streaming videos (like YouTube) that anyone could be watching, and it's important not to give away too much information about themselves.
- Get to know the games, apps and social media sites they use**. Learn how to use them yourself and how their *privacy*, *block* and *reporting* settings work.
- Make sure they know that people aren't always who they say they are online** and that they don't accept friend requests from people they don't know (even if the person has mutual friends, it doesn't mean they can be trusted).
- Talk about the risks of sharing photos** online or sending them to others. Once they're out there, they're out there!
- Let them know that you're listening** and want to know if anything at all makes them feel uncomfortable online, no matter what.

Please also make yourself aware of the age restriction of certain social media platforms, for example **Whatsapp is for 16+**, **Snapchat is for 13+**, **Instagram is for 13+** and **TikTok is for 13+**. These restrictions are important and are there to simply keep your child safe in the online world.

### Need to know more?

These are the places we've found the best advice and guidance:

- NSPCC** ( [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/)) great for easy-to-follow parental control guides and knowing what to talk about;
- Think u know** ( [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)) great if you're concerned, need to understand social media or are worried about online abuse;
- Staffordshire Police** (<https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/police-forces/staffordshire-police/areas/staffordshire-police/campaigns/2019/cyber-bullying/>) explains cyber bullying and online harassment;
- Livestreaming article** (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/live-streaming-what-professionals-need-to-know/>) great if you've got a budding 'Youtuber' at home;
- internetmatters** ([www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)) great for cyberbullying advice;
- CEOP Child exploitation and online protection command** (<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>) - if you suspect abuse, report it to one of their specialist advisers now.

Advice on keeping children safe can also be found on our school website,  
[www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

We hope you find the above information useful, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff.

## WATCHING TV SAFELY

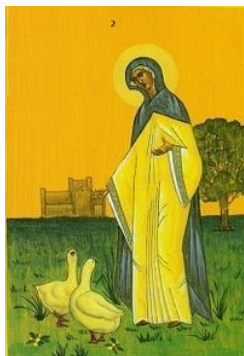
Currently, a new TV Series called 'Squid Game' is attracting a lot of media coverage. Despite the name, the programme is not suitable for children of primary school age. It carries a '15 certificate' due to its graphic and violent content. As you know, age restrictions are very important for children, especially in the online world. They are designed to protect them and align with their emotional and social understanding.

## SCHOOL MEALS

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





## 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

**SOCCER 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

## BONFIRE MENU

On Friday 5th November, we are delighted to provide the special 'Bonfire Menu' at lunchtime.

November

### BONFIRE NIGHT

Choose a main meal...

- Guy Fawkes Pork Sausages
- Veggie Bangers

On the side...

- Explosive Mash
- BBQ Beans
- Peas

For dessert...

- Bonfire Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard

Charwell's

## 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. This decision is made to keep **everyone** safe in school.

**ASMSports HALLOWEEN SPORTS CLUBS**

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **October 25 - 29**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

Children need to wear comfortable clothes/trainers, bring a packed lunch and lots to drink. Our team are fully insured, enhanced DBS checked and trained in Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding children.

Select the mornings, afternoons or days which suit your family needs with wrap around care also available!

**FULL DAY from £15.00** Automatic sibling discount applied

- First Half: 9:00 - 12:15
- Second Half: 12:15 - 15:30
- Full Day: 9:00 - 15:30 (Packed lunch required)
- Kick Off: 8:00 - 9:00
- Extra Time: 15:30 - 17:00

Select your venue, days & times and book today!

Visit: [asmsports.co.uk](http://asmsports.co.uk)  
Call: 01782 366 332  
Email: [info@asmsports.co.uk](mailto:info@asmsports.co.uk)

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\* Half day booking only for children aged 4. \*\* Clubs are open for children aged 4 - 12 years.



## THANK YOU

As we reach the end of the first half-term, we would like to congratulate the children for being so brilliant and a pleasure to have as part of our lovely school. May we also thank you, our parents/carers for your support, understanding, and help in minimising the impact of the Covid-19 in school.

It means a great deal to us to know you support what we do. Please continue to take care of yourself and your loved ones and have a lovely half-term break...and we look forward to seeing you see you on **Monday 1st November!**

**...love one another.**

