

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 7th April	Date for donations for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine.
Friday 8th April	Non-uniform Day - PTA
Friday 8th April	School closes for Easter
Friday 15th April	Good Friday
Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 25th April	School re-opens
Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 27th May	School closes for Half Term

SENDING PRAYERS, AND LOVE, AND HOPE FOR PEACE

As a school family, we join everyone across the world in sending love to all affected by the current conflict in Ukraine.

To support those whose lives have been impacted upon by the conflict, we are proud to be able to offer families and members of our community a chance to donate goods to those in need.

If you wish to help, we would welcome:

medical supplies (in date), bandages, toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, blankets (clean), tinned food (preferably with a ring pull), dried pasta, and dog and cat food.

Please can any donations arrive in school no later than **Thursday 7th April**.

Thanks to Leek School of Dance who have very kindly offered to receive these on behalf of Leek and Cheddleton Aid Support for Ukraine.

We have all been touched by the stories reported from the region and by the plight of so many refugees for whom we pray.

At this time, we also reflect upon the final two elements of our Trust values:

Peace and Friendship, and the final part of our school motto: **...love one another.**



LIBRARY RELAUNCH

The children and staff are extremely excited that the school library has been relaunched and librarians appointed to organise books and make recommendations. The children each get a chance to select a book of their choice from the library boxes for each class and then share their opinions with classmates when they finish the book and return it to swap for another. It has been wonderful to see so much discussion centred around a love for reading. Many thanks to the generosity of the PTA for a kind donation towards new books.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUUU!

We love to celebrate birthdays in school during our 'Praise and Celebration' on a Friday. Please tune-in your best singing voice and join us in celebrating with the following superstars who have enjoyed a birthday up to

31st March: Stanley B., Toby, Matthew W., Skyla, Esmae, Henry, Alfie, Jay, Jarvis, Charlie C, Chloe, Harry C., Amelia P., Fox, Lacey P., Thomas, Harry B., Oliver F., Joey, Max, Mrs Finney, Miss Keeling, Mrs Burton, Mrs Goodwin and Mr Ratcliffe. We also fondly remember the birthday of our greatly-missed Mrs Brassington.



SCOOTING SKILLS

Several of our classes had a lovely time in a special scooter lesson on our very own playground. Children were taught skills to keep them fit, healthy, and safe whilst scooting around!



YOUR PTA

Many thanks to those who were able to take part in the Covid-safe **PTA Easter Raffle**...fingers crossed you are a lucky winner of one of the great prizes! Many thanks to all who were able to donate prizes. The money raised goes towards supporting the children in school through festive treats, library books, subsidising of school trips and much more.

To continue to raise funds for the children, on the final day of term, Friday 8th April, we will be holding a **non-uniform day**, with a suggested donation of £1 per pupil, or anything which you are able to manage - all donations will go to our wonderful PTA to be spent on the children.

Thanks to our fabulous PTA for your ongoing hard work, time and dedication, it is really appreciated.

SCHOOL TRIPS ARE BACK!

We are very excited that Year 2 went on their very first school trip this week! We are delighted that educational visits have returned and we look forward to classes enhancing their learning with these brilliant experiences.

Love to learn...



SAFETY ON SITE

May we thank you for ensuring that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds at any time, so we can enable the children to feel safe and reassured at their school.

Thank you for also setting a good example to children by not smoking or vaping on school grounds.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We were delighted to welcome back many different characters to school, as dressing-up for 'World Book Day' returned in style! Children and staff wore some brilliant costumes and joined fully into the spirit of the day with lots of reading fun! You may have seen some of the characters in the Cheadle and Tean Times or on the school website. The day also marked the relaunch of our lovely school library with new books kindly purchased by the PTA, following recommendations from children.

Thank you to all of the children's family members for your help and creativity with costumes too!

Reading is such an important part of school life and of children's lives, and it is amazing to celebrate the magic of books!

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I ♥ READING

A LITTLE HELPING HAND WITH MEALS

Many families may be 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 more, or to apply, please visit:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals



JOB VACANCY

Here in our lovely school, we are currently looking for a talented practitioner to join our team as a one-to-one Learning Support Assistant on a temporary contract.

The post will commence after Easter (for one term) and will be up to four mornings and three afternoons, with the possibility of joining us as a lunchtime supervisor too.

If you are a qualified learning support assistant/ teaching assistant and have experience working within an educational setting and wish to find out more, please contact the school office.

Love to learn, love God, 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



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, mental health 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, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



LENT

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation. We are preparing for Easter. During Lent, we often make Lenten promises to challenge ourselves and maybe give something up, just as the devil challenged Jesus in the desert. Now, of course we are not comparing chocolate to the devil, but it is a time where we think about what we can do differently, or what we can do to avoid a temptation, or perhaps what sacrifices we could make to help others.



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The season of Lent is reflected in the liturgical colour purple. We also see purple used in church and school at another time of waiting and preparation: Advent.

During Lent we pray and give thanks for Jesus' resistance of temptation for 40 days and 40 nights and prepare for Holy Week - a most special time for Christians which leads to Jesus' death and resurrection.

...love God.

PARKING SAFELY

We ask that those who drive to school please park safely and responsibly, and avoid the zig zags. Please also respect our neighbours when parking your car. We urge those in cars to only remain near to the school site for the necessary time to drop-off or collect your child as this will then free parking spaces for others. At a time when there is much to think about, let's work together to remove the risk caused by dangerous or inconsiderate parking.

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ST. WERBURGH'S RESILIENCE WEEK

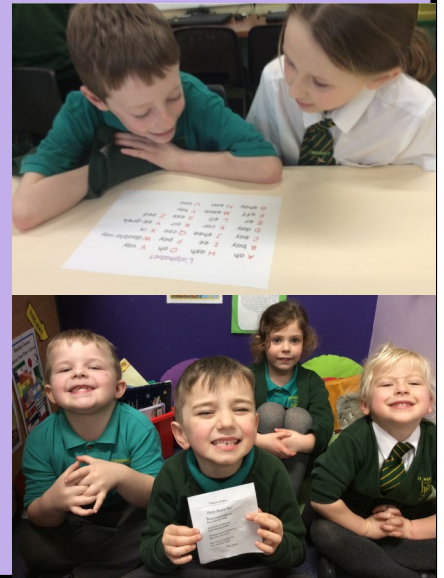
As a school, we are proud to be committed to developing children's learning behaviours and to support our young stars in becoming more confident learners, especially when facing new challenges.

Through our whole-school focus upon learning behaviours, we enjoyed a special challenge to develop children's understanding of resilience.

During '**Resilience Week**', each class met a new challenge, so they (and their teacher) could build their resilience. The challenges for each class were revealed in a golden envelope and they each had a week to work towards their new skill. Reception class learnt the alphabet in sign language; Year 1 learnt a tongue-twister; Year 2 learnt how to play a song on the recorder; Year 3 learnt a rapid and repetitive clapping game; Year 4 learnt how to say the alphabet in French; and Years 5/6 learnt how to juggle!

'Resilience Week' builds upon the success of the other recent learning behaviour celebration: 'Teamwork Day'. Both of these help to equip children with essential skills which can also support their mental wellbeing.

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Are you interested in training to teach?

TRAIN TO TEACH

If you have thought about a career as a teacher and wish to find out more, our very good friends at Keele and North Staffordshire Teacher Education are currently taking applications for the PGCE qualification.

Train to teach with Keele and North Staffordshire Teacher Education (KNSTE)

Whatever your honours degree subject(s), you have the potential to change a young person's life through the transformative power of education.

"The sessions have given me the foundations on which to base the rest of my teaching career."
- Associate Teacher

www.knste-shaw.org.uk
enquiries@knste-shaw.org.uk
01782 432537



PCSO HELP WITH PARKING

You will be delighted to hear that our local PCSO will be joining us more regularly around school to offer advice and support on the roads so we can all keep the children and one another safe. Please do not take any risks with your parking and be considerate of others. If you have parked near school, only stay around the school site for the time it takes to drop-off or collect your child so others can use that space and we can reduce congestion and risk.

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.

KINGSLEY KINGFISHERS

Our dear friends at Kingsley Kingfishers have asked us to let all parents/carers know that as of 25th April, there is a change to their fees. For further details, please speak to a member of their team.

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping children safe is important to us all. Our school Safeguarding Policy is available 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.

TIMINGS

Below is a reminder of the timings for each class. Please can we ensure that we follow these timings. The start of the school day for each class is stated below.

Children need to arrive in school by these times.

	Car park gate			Front gate	
	Arrive	Collect		Arrive	Collect
Yr 1	8.40am	3.20pm	Yr 3	8.40am	3.15pm
Yr 2	8.45am	3.25pm	Yr 4	8.45am	3.20pm
Rec	8.50am	3.15pm	Yrs 5/6	8.50am	3.25pm

PRAYER FOR PEACE

As a proud Church school, we share with you a special prayer from Archbishop Welby and Archbishop Cottrell.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



RED NOSE DAY

We were proud to support the Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' with children and staff dressing in red and with many bright red noses on show too!

Thank you to all who were able to support such a worthwhile cause.

We raised a brilliant £95!

...love one another.

THANK YOU

It has been lovely to see Spring taking over from the dark and chilly mornings, and for those who travel from Kingsley Holt to school, the drive/ walk is always very special this time of year (despite this week's snow!), as the road is lined with hundreds of gorgeous daffodils!

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of school and also for your vigilance with any symptoms of Covid-19 as we continue our efforts to minimise transmission within our lovely school.

Please stay safe and stay happy!

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