

DIARY DATES

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

Friday 27th May	Non-uniform day: red, white and blue for the Jubilee!
Friday 27th May	School closes for Half Term
2nd -5th June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee long weekend
Sunday 5th June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the village
Monday 6th June	School reopens
Friday 1st July	School photographs - Reception and Year 6 (whole class)
Friday 15th July	End of summer term for children

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WELL DONE, YEAR 6 & YEAR 2!

Enormous congratulations to two of our classes full of superstars! Year 6 completed their KS2 SATs and shone brightly as they worked on lots of different papers with a smile. They even said that they enjoyed it! Our amazing Year 2 class is also very busy at the moment working away on their KS1 SATs over a period of several weeks. They too are dazzling and working their socks off!

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our Year 5/6 class were delighted to be joined in school by Rev. Sue, to tell us about the opportunity to undergo preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be lovely to see some of our older class develop their journey of faith with Rev. Sue and the Bishop.

...love God



LEARNING HOW TO SAVE LIVES

Our Key Stage 2 pupils have completed a 'mini-medics' course in school. Mrs Amott, a parent of two of our fabulous children, and a first aid specialist and trainer, very kindly spent time providing Years 3-6 with many skills which can help to save lives. These are such important skills (we hope they will never need) which we are thrilled to have been able to teach the pupils here at St. Werburgh's. Thank you to Mrs Amott, and thank you to the children for being so eager to learn how to potentially save a life.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOOOUUUUUUUU!

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 22 May: Bodie, Frankie-Mae, Destiny, Tommy S., Emma, Nancy, Harriet, Amelia J., Vinnie, Ruby-Mai, Ronnie, Jonty, Oscar T., Archer, George F., Mr Salt, Miss Bullock, Mrs Whiteley and Mr Prescott.



WORSHIP & ASSEMBLIES

This term, children across different classes have enjoyed joining together for face-to-face Worship and assemblies, taking steps towards whole school Worship/Assembly in the hall. Key Stage Worship re-commenced in the hall last term and we continue to support the children as they fully adapt to being in the hall with more than 140 others at the same time, especially as two of our classes have never been in this situation and one class only having been able to do so for a few months, more than two years ago. Although they all share the field, being indoors is quite different.

Supporting the children (especially the younger ones) with their wellbeing whilst these changes take place is something we take seriously. To reassure you, we continue to support our children with those special moments where they stand in front of others to receive stickers, an award, or a good, hearty round of applause! This is quite a big deal when you haven't done it for a while, or before, or are very young! We are very proud of the children for how well they have adapted to the steps so far and how they are managing this transition.

JUBILEE NON-UNIFORM DAY

To celebrate with the Queen: on the last day of term, Friday 27th May, we are inviting children to come into school wearing something red, white and blue (or any of these) for a day of Jubilee fun. Children will also be joining together to celebrate and sing 'God Save the Queen'.

We will extend jubilee celebrations into the first week after the holiday too with a special themed lunch on Monday 6th June.

SCHOOL TRIPS/ EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Our wonderful **Year 3s** have enjoyed a school educational visit to the Emma Bridgewater factory where they learnt about the art of ceramics and added their very own designs to a plate.

Our **Reception** class enjoyed a trip learning more about animals at Peak Wildlife Park and even managed to meet a few up close!

Year 2 had an amazing time learning more about the history of the pottery industry and painted a plate at the brilliant Gladstone Pottery Museum!

Half of our classes have now enjoyed an educational visit, with the remaining three classes' trips taking place in the weeks ahead.

SPEAKING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

As you know, throughout the school year, on most days your child's teacher is (and has been) happily available on the school gate either in the morning, or the afternoon, should you need a brief chat. Of course, as we are all making sure that our pupils are safely welcomed, or passed to those collecting, it may just require a little patience. Of course, you understand that sometimes the availability may be for a just a few minutes as we have a meeting, or need to teach our classes. Parents/carers remain welcome to telephone school to arrange a conversation with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time, and you also have the class email address. May we politely request that through the class email, the work-life balance of staff is considered as the team all have responsibilities, interests and families outside of work and both need - and deserve - a little free time. Although staff endeavour to reply to emails, these will not always be instant and certainly not late at night, or possibly at weekends, as we, as a Trust, have guidelines on when staff are able to use work emails, in order to support their wellbeing.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Between now and the end of summer term, we are very excited to reintroduce parent information workshops in school, whereby each class will offer an opportunity to welcome parents/carers into school to talk with you about how reading or phonics is taught and how you can support this at home, and also offer you a chance to work with your child. Your child's teacher will let you know further details.



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

THE JUBILEE IN YOUR VILLAGE

Those of you who wish to celebrate the Jubilee in the village are invited by Rev. Sue to join fellow Parishioners in the beautiful grounds of our lovely St. Werburgh's church on Sunday 5th June for a '**Jubilee Picnic**'. Remember to take flags, food, plenty of smiles, lots of happiness and maybe even practice singing the national anthem!

The Village Hall are also asking members of the community to tie-on their red, white and blue aprons for a '**Jubilee Great British Bake Off!**' If you wish to enter, bring your cakes to be judged on Thursday 2nd June to the Village Hall, which will also be open for afternoon teas, children's activities and stalls between 2.00pm-5.00pm.



For more details, call 07855 439744



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 collect information if we were concerned about your safety that we would usually speak to you first. These messages are intended and can be used 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 have been able to contact your GP, please walk in person or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We respect your privacy and all messages are held securely and are not shared with other staff. For more information on our services, please contact us on 07520 615722. Text messages may be subject to change without notice.

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.

DROPPING-OFF & COLLECTING

Although we have reported a number of positive Covid-19 cases in school this term, we hope that, with your help, these will continue to reduce in regularity. Of course, many of the Covid-19 restrictions have been removed in society (including in school) and although you will be aware that we are no longer requesting face coverings and social distancing on the school driveways, we do kindly request that the decisions of any parents/carers, relatives, friends, or staff to wear face coverings are respected and that we are mindful of them having a little space. Many of us may have different feelings about the pandemic, and some amongst us have experienced great loss, sadness, or have vulnerable relatives to whom we wish to minimise risk by wearing face coverings. Thank you for your support. The last two years have shown us the importance of looking out for one another and being kind, which is something we do very well within the St. Werburgh's family...and is reflected in our school motto.

...love one another.

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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Are you interested in training to teach?

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



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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

PRAYING FOR PEACE

We continue to pray for all of those affected by the current conflict in Ukraine and hope for peace. We are extremely proud to be able to support a child from this area within The Moorlands Primary Federation family of schools. ...love one another.

PLAYGROUND LEADERS

In school, we have enjoyed the lovely glimpses of sunshine which has seen all of the children playing on the field! We are also proud of our KS2 Playground Leaders who are regularly leading games and activities across both playgrounds and on the grass! They look very smart in their bright green caps!

CELEBRATING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE AND BEING BRITISH

During the final week of the half-term, we are very excited to be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. A letter from school outlined how each class will be learning about different aspects of the Queen's reign and producing some lovely work to celebrate the occasion.

As a proud Anglican school, we also look to the Queen as the Head of the Church (she is also the: 'Defender of the Faith and the Supreme Governor of the Church of England').

Children will be learning lots about the Queen, the Jubilee, Great Britain, and about the

Fundamental British Values of: *democracy; rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect; and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.*

Celebrations of our country and the Queen will continue after half-term too as we prepare for the Commonwealth Games being just a short journey away from where we are – the closest it will ever be to us here in Kingsley...unless a new state-of-the-art athletics stadium is built in Cheadle!



THANK YOU

The whole staff team thank all parents/carers for your care and support of school. There are so many exciting things taking place in school at the moment, some of which we have covered in this newsletter. The children are having great fun learning and playing together in the classrooms and beyond - and we are so proud that many of them now have some of the skills to save a life! We are also proud to be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee - an incredibly special occasion which may never be seen again.

God Save the Queen!

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