



St. Werburgh's C. E. (A) Primary School

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7th September 2018

Dear parent/ carer,

Welcome back to the new school year! The whole staff team and Trustees all hope that you had a wonderful summer with plenty of relaxation and happy times.

First of all, can we once again thank you for your support of your school throughout the last academic year and the lovely messages and smiles received so far this year, the staff really do appreciate it.

As we begin a new school year, we say a very, very big hello to the newest members of the St. Werburgh's family, who have made an outstanding start to their school lives. Welcome: Amelia, Ava, Brodie, Carys, Harry, Jack, Jamarea, Jenson, Jessica, Keaton, Kacie, Lacey, Lydia-Rose, Mia, Nicholas, Noah, Oliver, Olwyn, Phoebe, Poppy, Riley, Tiffany, Vincent and Zara.

We also welcome Mr Mellor and Miss Boulton to our teaching and learning team as Associate Teachers until January.

Whilst welcoming a new group of fabulous children to St. Werburgh's, we also continue to send the very best of luck to last year's leavers who are lighting-up the Year 7 classes at The Cheadle Academy and Painsley Catholic College!

This term, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be swimming on a Monday. Children in all six classes should have their PE kit in each day, ready to go to their lessons. May we also remind/ urge you to ensure that all of your children's uniform has their name inside, as there are so many identical pieces of clothing that it can sometimes get a bit confusing for the children.

As you know, you are also welcome to join us for our 'Praise and Celebration' assemblies on a Friday morning (9.05am). The assemblies have altered a little this year, but still celebrate the array of talents of our magnificent children. We will also shortly share with you the arrangements for the children attending Communion Services in our lovely church.

Children have been (and will continue to be) busy exercising their democratic rights this week and over the forthcoming weeks as they elect representatives to the Worship Council, School Council, Eco Council and also choose the Captains and Vice Captains of the four houses (Venerable Bede, St. Chad, St. Hilda and St. Werburgh) and of course of Head Girl, Head Boy and their Deputies.

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We are excited to start the new school year having been accredited with two new awards (which you can see the bottom of the front page). Firstly, for our provision of, and commitment to, Music, we have received the North West Midlands Music Hub 'Bronze Award'. Furthermore, we are absolutely thrilled to have been recognised for our strong and dedicated commitment to PE and School Sport, whereby we provided an extraordinary amount of sporting opportunities for our children in a diverse range of activities. This year, we have, for the first time, received the National 'School Games Gold Award'! Very, very well done to all who have played a part in this, including the superstar children and yourselves for helping to transport them to events and even cheering positively and loudly! Before and After-school sport and dance is all delivered on a voluntary basis by staff and the number of activities on offer is a real testament to the dedication of the team to provide more opportunities for the children. Only a very small number of primary schools across the country have this status, and for our village school to be recognised as one of the best in England is something of which we are immensely, immensely proud.

Just to remind you, if you have any concerns regarding your child, please speak with their class teacher, who will be happy to help.

Please can we continue to be mindful of our parking around school in order to keep the children (and adults) safe and our neighbours happy. Also, should you have been lucky enough to have bought/ received a new phone over the holidays, or you have moved house, please can you let Mrs Burton in the office know of any change of numbers or contact details. Remember to also let her know if there are any changes to normal routine of children being collected at the end of the day, or if some of our older children are now able to walk home alone.

...and finally, you may have noticed that one of the staff members is sporting a new bit of 'bling' on her finger. Huge congratulations to Miss Boswell who got engaged during the summer holiday!

Have a lovely first weekend of the new term.

The St. Werburgh's team.

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