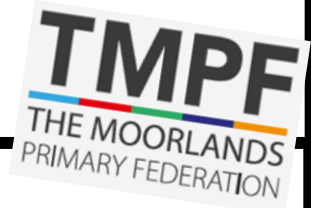




# Words from St. Werburgh's

## Issue 1 - Autumn 2018



### DIARY DATES

*\*New dates in italics\**

<i>Thursday 25th October</i>	School closes for Half-Term
<i>Monday 5th November</i>	School re-opens
<i>21st December</i>	School closes for Christmas
<i>Tuesday 8th January 2019!</i>	School re-opens for Spring Term
<i>Friday 15th February</i>	School closes for Half-Term
<i>Monday 25th February</i>	School re-opens
<i>Thursday 11th April</i>	School closes for Easter ***date different from Summer newsletter
<i>Monday 29th April</i>	School re-opens for Summer Term
<i>Monday 6th May</i>	School closed—May Day Bank Holiday
<i>Friday 24th May</i>	School closes for Half-Term
<i>Monday 3rd June</i>	School Re-opens
<i>Friday 19th July</i>	School's out for summer.

### WELCOME REV. SYMONS

This weekend we will be welcoming Rev. Sue Symons to our beautiful church.

Rev. Symons had a tour of our school in the summer term, led by the Chair of our Worship Council and our Head Boy and Head Girl. We very much look forward to welcoming her into school and we are sure that her move to our Parish will be a very pleasant one.

### HARVEST

The school Harvest festival service will take place in Church on Monday 1st October at 9.30am. All are welcome to join us for this very special occasion and to come together in prayer, to share thanks to God and to support our community.

### CONGRATULATIONS

As you will remember from last week's letter, we are very, very proud of all of our children during the recent election of children to the Worship, School and Eco Councils, Captains and Vice Captains of our four houses/ teams and Head Boy/Girl and Deputy Head Girls/ Boys. This week, the results of these votes were announced and we also presented badges to those children who will act as Prefects, Librarians and (building on the success of last year) Sports Leaders, for 2018-19.

Congratulations to all who stood for election to any post, you set an example that politicians across the world could learn from and we are immensely proud of you and how beautifully you reflected the loving nature of our school.

A list of the new roles and responsibilities can be found later in this newsletter.

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

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the whole staff team and Trustees (Governors), may we say a very special thank you to you all for your support so far this term.

## ATTENDANCE and LATENESS

Attendance at school is an essential part of a child's education.

We strive to work with you to provide the very best education possible and to do this we need children to attend school as often as possible and on time. Continuing from last year, we will share attendance figures with you on the newsletter (below) and also on your child's report. We will also continue to offer support with any challenges you may face in terms of attendance or punctuality.

Of course, we appreciate that there are occasions when children have to be absent from school due to ill health, or medical appointments, and we thank you for your support in helping to keep all members of our school family healthy by following steps including the period of 48 hours between the last episode of vomiting and the return to school.

As a school, we will write to you if your child's attendance or lateness becomes a concern as we wish to avoid a situation where the Local Authority will issue you with a fine (please note that **school do not issue fines, nor receive any money from these**), or Education Welfare become involved. Just to remind all, that school opens at 8.45am and the doors close at 8.55am.

We want to be positive by celebrating and rewarding high attendance and therefore we are publishing whole-class attendance figures.

Below are each classes' attendance percentages for the week ending 21st September 2018. Please note these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence.

Reception	99.54%
Year 1	99.15%
Year 2	97.66%
Year 3/4	96.93%
Year 4/5	99.26%
Year 6	95.02%

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please can we continue to remind children to cross the road with our fabulous crossing patrol (lollipop lady) in the mornings and after-school. It has been reported in the media that the council are reviewing this service and many schools have already had crossing patrols withdrawn. We are delighted to still have such a hugely valuable service...and fabulous member of our school family!

May we also take this opportunity to thank those who set such a good example by parking their cars around school with consideration for the safety of our exceptional children, parents, toddlers, grandparents, staff, siblings, aunts, uncles, neighbours and other road users. We urge all drivers to consider the safety of all members of the school family and wider community when parking (please remember to keep off double yellow lines) and driving near to school...I'm sure that you will all agree that walking a little bit further is better than putting anyone at risk.

Quick reminder that our car park is for **staff and visitors only**, please can we also avoid walking across the car park...this is not a pedestrian walkway.

## CADSSA FOOTBALL KICKS OFF

The Cheadle and District School Sports Association (CADSSA) fixtures kicked off this week, with the start of the B League football and, if it wasn't for torrential rain, we would have started the A League matches too!

On Tuesday night at Cicely Haughton School, the Y5/6, B League football team played their first games. We played The Valley/ Dilhorne, St John's and Cheadle Primary on astroturf (which is a bit like a giant carpet), which was great fun. Unfortunately, no one scored this week, but we all tried our hardest. The players this week were: Lukas Y., Allan, Isabella L., Josie, Katie, Isla E., Ruby G., Molly G. and Olivia B.

*By Molly G. and Allan*

## HOUSE/ TEAM CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

The following children have been elected as Captains and Vice-Captains for the year ahead:

### **Venerable Bede**

Captains: Lily-Mae and Callum M.  
Vice Captains: Maddison and Reece T.

### **St. Chad**

Captains: Charlie and Eva  
Vice Captains: Mia A. and Liam M.

### **St. Hilda**

Captains: George E. and Josie  
Vice Captains: Sophie and Reuben

### **St. Werburgh**

Captains: Codi A-C. and George S.  
Vice Captains: Oliver B. and Isla B.

Very well done to all!

They all look forward to leading their house/ team and keeping track of team-points.

## HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL, DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS

After all of the votes were counted, the following children were elected as Heads and Deputies for the year ahead. This is the first time that we have had two Deputies for each post, following such a close-fought election and so many candidates.

**Head Boy:** Oliver B.

**Head Girl:** Jasmine B.

**Deputy Head Boys:** Liam C. and Dylan L.

**Deputy Head Girls:** Olivia B. and Sophie F.

We are sure that you will see these young leaders representing their school beautifully at events both inside school and outside school.

The Heads and Deputies will also have roles on each of our Councils.

Well done, we are looking forward to seeing you shine all year!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The children chosen by their classmates to sit on the School Council this year are:

**Chairs** - Riley and Mia A.

Esmae, Harry C., Ashton, Tia-Roze, Oliver J., Lyra, Izaac B., Evie K., Macie, Isaac U., Tyler and Megan S.

The School Council will work hard alongside Mrs Chilton and Mrs Eyre this year.

## WORSHIP COUNCIL

Each class has also voted for their representative on the Worship Council this year.

**Chairs** - Maddison and Maverick.

Millie S., Ellis, Archie, Iyla C., Lexi, Jay, Holly F., Milton, Mya, Cooper, Sophie and George E.

The Worship Council will work with Mr Casey and Mrs Brassington this year to organise whole-school worship, prayers and much more.

## ECO COUNCIL

The school Eco Council is entering its second year and each class has elected representatives for this fabulous group.

**Chairs** - Molly G. and Oliver R.

Ester, Harry S., Amelia, Kodi M., Jake H., Evie-Mae, Sofia, Ruby G., Libby, Josie, Eva and Katie.

The children will work alongside Mrs Evans, Miss Boswell, and our chickens (Kylie and her as-yet-unnamed-coop-mate) this year.

## PREFECTS

The 'Perfect Prefects' for 2018-19, who will help everyone within the school are:

Melody, Allan, Zach C., Phoebe, Katie, Keoni, Charlie, Tyler and Megan S.

We look forward to seeing how wonderfully you help to organise lots of things around the school.

## LIBRARIANS

This year we have yet another fabulous team of Librarians. This role is open to Year 5s who wish to apply to help children to choose books and to help Mrs Hill to run the library.

Megan B., Isal B., Isla E., Reuben, Ruby, Mya, Marlia, Ella, Isabella L., Callum M., Macie, Aimee, Summer, Libby, Cooper, Reece T., Isaac U., Bluebelle and Lukas Y.

We are sure that you will do an amazing job talking about the books you love to read.

## SPORTS LEADERS

Hot on the heels of receiving such a prestigious national accolade for PE and sport (The School Games National Gold Award!), we are delighted to announce the team of Sports Leaders for the year ahead.

Molly G., Olivia B., Sophie F., Katie, Megan S., Jasmine B., Maddison, Eva, Allan, Mia A., Melody, Aimee, Ruby G., Isla B., Isla E., Isabella L., Macie and Callum M.

We are sure that you will work your socks off with Mrs Proctor to support P.E. within our lovely school.

## PTA - AGM

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) Annual General Meeting (AGM) this week, it was lovely to see such a big turn-out. We are delighted to announce the following post-holders for 2018-19, as elected at the meeting.

Chair - Mr W. Taylor

Secretary - Mrs L. Smith

Treasurer - Mrs E. Price

Committee Member - Mrs G. Harrod

Thank you once again to all who supported the PTA events last year. Over the summer months we took delivery of a new outdoor shop for the FS/KS1 playground and a set of six laptops to be used in class, all bought by fund-raising at PTA events!

Next PTA Meeting: 22 October, 6pm (in school).

## HOLIDAYS

The summer holidays may now seem to be a distant memory, but as we dream of cities, beaches, sunshine or snow, please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise leave (unless in **exceptional** circumstances) in term time and any period of unauthorised leave may result in a penalty notice being served by the Local Authority.