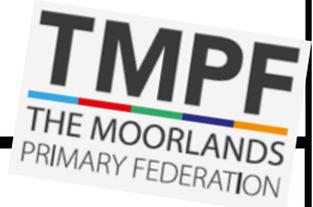




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Tuesday 11th December	FS/ KS1 Nativity Afternoon - 2pm (tickets only)
Wednesday 12th December	FS/ KS2 Nativity Evening - 6pm (tickets only)
Friday 14th December	We have a very, very special visitor! Ho, Ho, Ho!
Monday 17th December	School Carol Service in church 9.30am
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December	Pantomime Visit...oh yes it is!
Thursday 20th December	PTA Disco: FS/KS1 6.30-7.30pm; KS2 7.45-9.00pm
Friday 21st December	Non-Uniform Day...wear a Christmas jumper or Tshirt if you have one!
21st December	School closes for Christmas
23rd December	Church Christmas Carol Concert - 4pm
Tuesday 8th January 2019!	School re-opens for Spring Term
Monday 21st January	PTA Meeting - 6pm
Friday 15th February	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 25th February	School re-opens
Thursday 11th April	School closes for Easter
Monday 29th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	School closed—May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Friday 19th July	School's out for summer.

THREAT FROM FIRST BUSES

As you know, on each newsletter we request all to park with consideration of safety of our children, parents, family members, our neighbours and other road users/ pedestrians. On our previous newsletter, we wrote to advise you that we had received a call from a reporter to advise that the Kingsley Parish Council had met with First Buses to discuss a threat to remove the bus service which passes through Kingsley in the morning and end of school day, due to parking problems outside our school.

Following a meeting last week, we have been advised that **should there not be significant improvements in safe parking outside our school**, then First Bus will withdraw this service to your village. We fully appreciate 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, aunties, 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 zig zags) and driving near to school. Please can we also urge all not to 'double park' and avoid parking on the bend as First Bus report that this is dangerous for their drivers to pass. If it is possible, please take the opportunity to walk to school to reduce the traffic around these times. I'm sure that you will all agree that walking a little bit further is better than putting anyone at risk, or jeopardising the bus service to your village which will also impact on our pupils who now catch the bus to High School.

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

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. We will share attendance figures with you on the newsletter (below), online 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 7th December 2018 (these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence).

Reception	95.65%
Year 1	96.92%
Year 2	90%
Year 3/4	98.62%
Year 4/5	96%
Year 6	93.10%

ROAD CROSSING

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!

SAFETY ON SITE

Please can we remind you that children should **NOT** use the outdoor play area before or after school. Please can you ensure that this message is also passed to anyone who may also collect or drop-off your child at school.

Also, may we thank you in advance for ensuring that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds and that smoking or vaping is not permitted either. Many thanks for following these steps to help the children to feel safe and reassured at their school.

YEAR 5/6 ATHLETICS

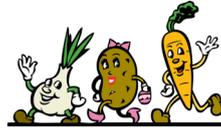
On Tuesday 27th November, the girls' and boys' Year 5/6 athletics team travelled to Fenton Manor to take part in a sportshall athletics competition. We took part in loads of different track and field events, such as: speed bounces; hop, skip and jump; chest pass; and lots of relay events. Overall, we came 2nd. We had an amazing afternoon!

By Megan S. and Zach C. (Y6)

HOLIDAYS

As we approach the Christmas break, 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.

Persistent lateness can also result in the issue of a penalty notice from the Local Authority.



MANAGEMENT OF ALLERGENS IN CHARTWELLS

It is extremely important that you inform us and our school meal providers Chartwells, of any allergies/intolerances that your child has should they currently eat a school meal, or wish to start eating a school meal.

If you believe your child has an allergy/food intolerance please contact Mrs. Burton in the school office as soon as possible.
Many thanks.

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S SENIOR CITIZEN EVENT

On Thursday 6th December, Year 6 and Year 4/5 members of the School Council visited Well Street Clinic to participate in an event where we spent time and talked to senior citizens. We enjoyed spending time with them and learnt a lot about their life and the jobs that they did. We even met someone who was in the war and he was 101 years old! Olivia, Jasmine and Oliver read Christmas-themed poems. This all made them extremely happy and we enjoyed doing this!

By Olivia B. and Sophie F. (Y6)

YEAR 6'S VISIT TO CHEADLE FIRE STATION

On Wednesday 21st November, the Year 6 children visited The Cheadle Fire Station for the morning with our friends from Great Wood Primary School. We learnt about lots of useful things, such as: how to perform CPR, how to put someone in the recovery position. We also learnt about fire safety – how to keep ourselves safe in the house - and also Road Safety. As well, we learnt about how to keep our minds healthy and what is classed as anti-social behaviour. We had such a fun morning!

By Charlie and Codi A-C. (Y6)



WORSHIP COUNCIL'S RESIDENTIAL TO DOVEDALE HOUSE

On Friday 8th November, members of the Worship Council went on a residential to Dovedale house to participate in the 'WOW' factor retreat along with our friends at Dilhorne. When we arrived, we ran into the house from the pouring rain and we had to make our beds and had our tea. At 7pm, we walked to the church we held a candle and sang hymns. After attending church, we went on a star-gazing walk back to the house. When we returned, we went to bed and early the following morning, we visited the chapel and then had breakfast. Then we had a day filled with activities. We all enjoyed our stay at Dovedale house!

By Maverick, Oliver B., and Jasmine B. (Y6)

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONERS

Kingsley Kingfishers are co-ordinating a visit of an interactive Maths roadshow deigned for Early Years practitioners. Open to Early Years Practitioners, the course will cover: how maths is developed from birth; pre-number skills; using appropriate resources; developing rich mathematical language; deepening an understanding of number and the foundations of Shape Space and Measure and how to embed them; problem solving; and developing appropriate provision.

Delegates will have an opportunity to engage with resources as well as buy select resources from the event organiser. Organised by Kingsley Kingfishers, the event will be housed in school on Wednesday 9th January 2019, 6-8pm and is priced at £10 per delegate.

Book at: <https://bit.ly/2qYPrBe>
or email: james@nurserynook.co.uk to pay by invoice.