

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2011

# St. Werburgh's CE (VA) Primary School / NEWSLETTER

## Welcome back.....

We hope you had a lovely summer - the children have been to some exciting places! A warm welcome to all our new parents. Our numbers have increased over the last few years and nearly every year group is now full. I am very proud of our reputation which has encouraged so many new parents to choose our school and the increased number of children has also boosted our budget. After another holiday of having builders in school, we have now completed the improvements that started in the Spring Term, 2010. The improvements that have considerably enhanced our school both inside and out, have only been possible with additional funds allocated by the Support Group. Thank you to all for supporting us at fund raising events.

### **Polite reminders:**

We ask that you support your child by ensuring they always have their reading book, PE kit and water bottle at school. Children also need a waterproof coat every day as we go outside for play even in showery weather.

Please allow time to park further away from school to avoid congestion outside the school gates and, more importantly, and to avoid putting children's lives at risk.

### **School Uniform:**

The children all look very smart in their uniform. Just a reminder though that girls need to be able to move about freely in their skirts so not too tight and not full length. Also the shortness of some skirts is inappropriate.

### **School Gates:**

The children should be arriving ready for the doors being open at 8:45. Mr Eyre will be opening the gates at 8:35 in a morning. He will be locking the gates at 3:50 so if children are playing on the trim trails please ensure they are ready to go at 3:45. Children using the Before and After School Club should use the main door by the office to access the school grounds.

### **Staff news:**

Congratulations to Miss Gibson and family who are looking forward to the arrival of a new brother or sister for Thomas. Miss Gibson will continue to teach until next February when her replacement will take over ensuring continuity and minimum disruption for Class 8.

**Photographs:**

Children need to come to school next Monday(12<sup>th</sup> Sept) looking their smartest, with hair combed and teeth brushed ready for individual photographs. Pre school and secondary school sisters and brothers may come at 8.30am for family photographs.

**Parents Evenings:** (Please note the dates were incorrect on the last newsletter)

Next week we will be holding parents evenings to give you a chance to meet your child's class teacher and for us to share information with you.

Wednesday 14 September	6:00 Yr 3/4 7:00 Yr 5/6
Thursday 15 September	6:00 Yr Foundation 7:00 Yr 1/2

**Support Group:**

The Support Group AGM is on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The events that our Support Group run are invaluable both for the funds they generate and the fun they provide. There are a variety of ways that you could be involved in the Support Group so if you are interested please come along and find out more at the meeting. (Venue to be confirmed.)

**Edale Parents Meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept:**

Please join us if you can in the hall on Friday at 3:20. We will discuss arrangements and the kind of activities your child will be participating in. If you are unable to attend please let us know and we will ensure you receive this additional information.

**School Dinners:**

As you know our partner school is unable to cook our meals at the moment so I am very grateful to Chaddesden Park Juniors who are cooking meals for all 3 schools. It is hoped that we will be back to normal by next week.

**Bags2School:**

We will be having another collection on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept where we will be paid for the weight of our collection (last year we raised £352). Please send in any unwanted clothes, textiles (duvets, curtains, etc.), shoes or bags to the office any time between now and the end of school Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept.