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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a privilege to be in many classrooms this week watching writing lessons. Children and their teachers are working really hard on writing and children's presentation in their books this year. We started the year with the best work from the previous year being stuck into the front of new books and this has really helped children to see the progress they are making and to feel proud of this. Thank you for the work you are doing at home to support children with their home learning – reading and spelling practice.

It is the time of year that the school begins to fill with music in preparation for winter performances. Many of our Key stage 2 choir are performing tonight at the Bristol Beacon as part of the Winter Sing Concert with choirs from all over the city. A reminder of important dates, including when to see your children perform are below:

Year R Winter Singalong in Playground: Friday 1st December, 2.45-3.15pm

Year 1 Wriggly Nativity in Silver Birch Hall: Thursday 7th December, 2-3pm and Friday 8th December, 9.30-10.30am

Rocksteady Performance in Willow Hall: Friday 8th December 2023, 2.15-3.15pm

Years 3/4 KS2 Carol Concert in Ivy Church: Wednesday 6th December, 9.30-10.30am

Years 5/6 KS2 Carol Concert in Ivy Church: Wednesday 6th December, 11am-12pm

KS1 Christmas parties/disco Tues 12th Dec - children are invited to come to school in party clothes on this day

KS2 Christmas parties/disco Thurs 14th Dec - children are invited to come to school in party clothes on this day

Year 2 Winter Sing in Silver Birch Hall: Wednesday 13th December, 2.30-3.15pm

As well as the winter performance dates we are pleased to confirm that we have published our term dates with inset days for 2024 to 2025 on our website - <https://www.stwerburghsprimary.com/parents/carers/term-dates-2/>

Pantomime in school next week - Thank you to the FSWP!

The Friends of St Werburghs, our PTA, have kindly paid for a visiting theatre group to perform to children from Year 1 to Year 6 in two performances of Aladdin next Thursday morning.

Winter collection for St Werburgh's Community Centre Food Share

Year 5 are organising a collection for our local food bank. Please send in any items that you are able to donate throughout the week beginning Monday 4th December. Particular items that are needed include nappies, chopped tomatoes, basmati rice, instant coffee, hot chocolate, cooking oil, laundry liquid and washing up liquid. Please see Year 5 posters around the school for more information. Thank you.

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There are a number of additional letters coming home today. Please look out for:

- Information about Carol performances at Ivy Church for all Key stage 2 children.
- A letter about Y6 Forest School session.
- A letter for Reception parents about mystery readers and an invitation to come and see children's self portraits on Tuesday 5th Dec at 2.30 for Daisy class and Wednesday 6th Dec at 2.30 for Poppy class.
- FSWP Online donation information.
- Year 2 Trip to Millenium Square and performance to parents.

School Streets

Please read below about an important consultation which Bristol City Council are running on the proposal to implement a school streets scheme to make school drop offs and collections safer on our Silver Birch site. This will affect all parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 so please do have your say. It is something that our children's green team and green families groups are very keen goes ahead and we believe that it will make a positive difference.

Have a good weekend and thank you for you ongoing support.

Helen Faulkner
Head teacher

Bristol School Streets

Our school, like many others in Bristol, suffers from congestion, road danger and air quality issues outside the school gates. At St Werburgh's Primary School we have been given an exciting opportunity to do something positive about these problems.

In 2021, schools in Bristol were invited to apply to take part in the Bristol School Streets scheme, where the road or roads outside a school are temporarily closed to traffic at school opening and closing times.

More than 70 schools, including ours, expressed their interest in participating and we have been shortlisted to take part. We believe School Streets offer the opportunity to address ongoing problems that we have been experiencing before and after school at the Mogg Street site.

Bristol City Council has already launched eleven School Streets since 2020, and these are proving successful. Across the country School Streets have been shown to:

- reduce the volume of traffic using roads outside school gates
- improve road safety for pupils
- increase the number of pupils walking and cycling to school
- improve air quality and create a more pleasant environment for everyone

The proposals



A section of Mogg Street (From James Street to Cleave Street) and the whole length of John Street would become a walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting-only zone at school start and finish times. Vehicles would not be permitted to enter the zone for approximately 45 minutes in the morning between 8:30 am and 9:15am and 45 minutes in the afternoon between 2:45pm and 3:30pm pm. Emergency vehicles, Blue Badge holders and Mogg Street and John Street residents will be exempt from

these restrictions.

Signs would be installed to inform drivers of the restrictions at the junction with Mogg Street and James Street. Temporary barriers would also be in place, and school staff would monitor the closure point throughout the school week.

Please note, permanent one-way systems would also be introduced on Mogg Street (From James Street to Cleave Street) and John Street to facilitate the closure as shown in the map above. This one-way system would be in place 24/7.

We will be asking parents and carers to think about how they make the journey to school, and, where possible, to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot. Those who need to make the journey by car will be asked to park further away and complete the last part of their journey on foot.

To find out more about the proposed scheme, including a list of frequently asked questions, please visit www.travelwest.info/StWerburghs

Have your say

As parents and carers of children at our school, the council would like to hear your views on the proposals and are inviting you to take part in a short survey.

Please visit www.ask.bristol.gov.uk/school-streets-perception-surveys to complete the survey online by **29 December 2023**.

If you need the survey in another format, such as a paper copy, please contact Bristol City Council by emailing schoolstreets@bristol.gov.uk.

You can also speak to council officers about the scheme on **Tuesday 28 November** from 3pm to 4pm and on **Tuesday 12 December** from 3pm to 4pm in the school playground.

What happens next?

The information you provide will help the council refine the design of the scheme and decide whether to go through the legal processes necessary to implement it. There will be further opportunities for you to formally comment on the proposals if the decision is made to proceed.

We hope that you are supportive of these measures, which have the potential to transform the roads outside of our school, making it safer for pupils and a more pleasant environment for everyone.