



FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parent / Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term and it was lovely to welcome all the children back on Monday.

This is a really short half term, so it feels like we have even more to cram in!

I wanted to say thank you to you all for how fabulous your children looked yesterday on World Book Day. They love themed days and enjoyed being read to by other teachers and teaming up with other classes.

In other news I am thrilled to announce that Miss Parry is expecting her first child and will start her maternity at the beginning of July. There is definitely a baby boom happening across the staff team!

Please can I remind you there are two further proposed strike days, on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. As soon as I can confirm the arrangements, I will. I ask that you do not assume all classes will be open just because they have been previously.

As always, if we can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Emma Harding
Headteacher



DON'T FORGET!

REMINDER

- Have you signed up for Bikeability (Year 5 & 6) and Balance bike sessions (Reception/Year 1)? Please contact the school office for more information.
- It is essential to fill in the consent form.



Book Now's Parents Evening

Just a reminder that Parents evening is next week. We have appointments available on:

- Tuesday 7th March (till 4.30pm)
- Wednesday 8th March (till 7.30pm)



Appointments are live to book on the ParentApp. As with all technology it is not a perfect system so please contact the school office if you are struggling and we will book it for you.

All appointments are face to face.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

We had 97 responses to the parent questionnaire that went out before the half term, which is 63% of our school population. Thank you so much for taking the time to share your views. I will share the results in a separate letter but I can tell you that the results were overwhelmingly positive and equally we have some clear areas where we would like to improve. This is why your voice is so important and we wanted it to be heard.

THANKYOU

Staff changes

Mrs Halfpenny will be leaving us on the 17th March. She has secured a promotion at another school so moves on to pastures new. Mrs Halfpenny has been an integral part of Bredbury St Marks and has supported the school with it's significant improvements. She will be a loss to the school but we wish her the very best of luck. We have a new office position currently being advertised on Greater jobs and can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-marks.stockport.sch.uk/page/job-vacancies/105541>





Year 7 School Places

On Wednesday the admissions portal was updated to allow you to see the secondary school place that had been allocated for your Year 6 child. Please read the important information below:

Accepting/ refusing places

- All applicants must accept the place offered on the parent portal. They can only decline the place offered if they have an alternative provision in place (i.e. elective home education or a place at an independent school).
- Accepting a place does not affect the waiting list process or the independent appeals process.

Parents unable to log into their parent portal account because they have forgotten their password

- The parent should click 'Forgot Password' – after requesting a token they will be emailed a token/ code which they must copy and paste into the relevant box on the parent portal in order to reset their password

Parents unable to access their letter

- Parents are required to enter the email address they used to apply, their child's surname and child's date of birth.
- They should check that they are inputting their child's surname correctly, it is case sensitive so they need to ensure they are starting the name with a capital letter.
- For children with double barrelled surnames the parents need to make sure they are including the hyphen in the surname.

Parent advises that they have not received an outcome email

- Parents should check their junk folder
- Parents should ensure they are checking the email inbox of the email address they used to complete their application
- If parents have checked both of the above, they must email admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk We cannot discuss the outcome of their application over the phone

Parents not offered their preferred schools

- They can appeal to an independent appeals panel for any school ranked higher than the one they have been allocated. Parents have 30 school days to lodge an appeal from the date on their offer letter. Further details on the appeals process can be found here: www.stockport.gov.uk/admission-appeals



Spring Term Diary Dates



Monday 27th February: School re-opens
Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
Monday 6th March: Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7th March: Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7th March: Parents Evening
Wednesday 8th March: Parents Evening
Wednesday 8th March: Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 9th: Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 13th March: Rec/Year 1 Bikeability
Tuesday 14th March: Rec/Year 1 Bikeability
Friday 17th March: Year 3 Class Assembly
Monday 27th March: Church week
Friday 31st March: Easter service
Friday 31st March: Break up for the Easter Break



More details will be shared for the above events but we wanted you to have the dates in plenty of time.

Save the date





Stars of the week

This weeks stars of the week from the last week and this week are:

Nursery: Aurora and Stanley

Reception: Michaelina and Lacey

Year 1: Theo and Aleena

Year 2: Teeyana and Violet

Year 3: Isabelle and Olivia

Year 4/5: Logan and Oliver

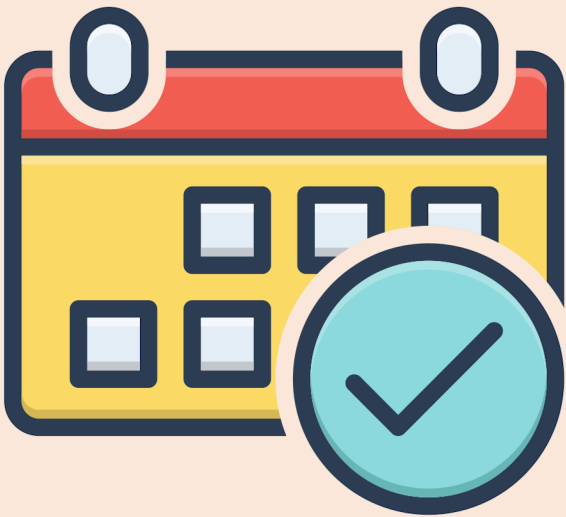
Year 6: Joe and Damian



Stars of the week are children who have tried really hard with their learning or gone out of their way to show our school values of: **hope, perseverance, courage, love, friendship and forgiveness.** They will come home today with a badge to celebrate - they can keep this.



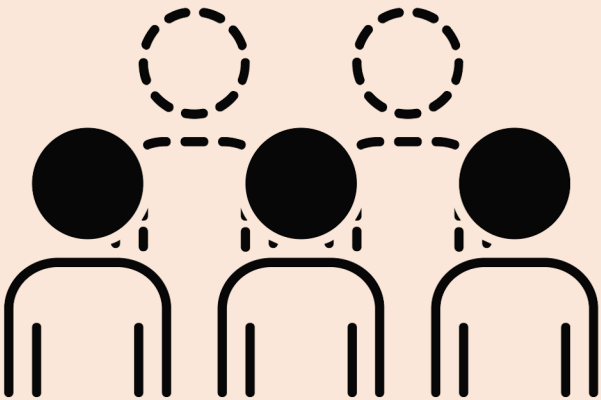
Attendance Figures



<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Nursery</u>	89%
<u>Reception</u>	92.1%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.2%
<u>Year 2</u>	93.7%
<u>Year 3</u>	93.1%
<u>Year 4/5</u>	92.5%
<u>Year 6</u>	94%
<u>Total</u>	93%

Our school target is to be above 95%

We have seen some great progress with a number of our families over the last term. Well done!



Spring Term Clubs

Tuesday: Manchester United Federation

3.15-4pm

Years 5/6

Wednesday: ESC Sport's coaches

3.15-4.30pm

Year Rec-Year 6

Thursday: School Netball

3.15-4.30pm

Years 4-6



Uniform rails

