



## Weekly Newsletter: Good News! 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the February half term and how wonderful that we can now start to think about all children returning to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It feels like we have waited a long time for this but the impact of COVID has been catastrophic. We have all played our part in trying to contain the virus by following the guidelines asked of us and for me it would be silly for us to rush it now.



A separate letter will come out on Monday explaining the start times and finish times for each year group. We do not anticipate any major changes but it is an opportunity to tweak it slightly, so it works better for yourselves.

If you have not completed the quick questionnaire about SMART club, we would be grateful if you could so we can allocate staff if needed. The link is:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVypfO75z5\\_EdRBd0RldZHMfiyJvHZ0oSwqPgnZa1PSDIcgg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVypfO75z5_EdRBd0RldZHMfiyJvHZ0oSwqPgnZa1PSDIcgg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Breakfast club will run as normal but please remember that children MUST be pre-booked in via the admin email address:  
[admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk)

### Track and Trace

We continue to support the NHS with track and trace. If there is a confirmed case of COVID for a child or staff member then parents/carers may be contacted and advised to isolate. FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN IN SCHOOL ARE ASKED TO INFORM SCHOOL OF ANY POSITIVE TEST RESULTS AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

### Worries

We understand and expect that there will be worries and anxieties about the children returning. Please do not keep these to yourselves. Get in touch and let us work with you to reassure you. We have rigorous risk assessments in place that meet all the guidance from the government. If you are worried about your child's well-being and mental health then please do not hesitate to contact our wonderful pastoral team:

Debbie Alexander:

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Work mobile: 07366453427(only answered during school hours)

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### World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and although not all children will be in school we want to keep things as normal as possible. Mrs Spreckley has yet again put her amazing creative thinking cap on and planned some fabulous ideas. Look out for:

- The Masked Reader! Will you be able to work out the reader behind the disguise?
- Book Trail around the local area
- Display your favorite book in your window for others to see
- And dressing up of course!

### And finally...

I know that schools being partially closed has been a very difficult time for families. I also know that teachers really miss their classes and do not find remote learning easy. Therefore, I would like to thank the whole community for their efforts over the last weeks in keeping our school community safe and ensuring all have work to keep them learning and growing.

There is definitely light at the end of the tunnel.

We look forward to the warm weather and welcoming you all through our gates from 8th March.

Take care

*E. Harding*

Mrs Harding  
Acting Headteacher

### **Head's weekly awards**

This week's awards go to:

- Tihami in Reception for amazing baking entries
- Daisy in Year 5 for showing excellent determination and independence with her baking



Keep it up everyone.

### **Birthdays over the next week**

Just one birthday this coming week. Happy birthday to:

- ✓ Kaycie in Year 4



We hope you have the best day!

### **Important Dates**

- ✓ Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: School open to ALL children
- ✓ Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March: School closes for Easter
- ✓ Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April: School re-opens
- ✓ Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: May Bank Holiday
- ✓ Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for Whit holidays
- ✓ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June: INSET day for staff / School closed to ALL children
- ✓ Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June: School reopens
- ✓ Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July: School closes for Summer holidays
- ✓ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: School opens for Autumn term

