



Weekly Newsletter: Back Together 5th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been spent ensuring we are ready for all children returning on Monday and we can't wait!

Over the last few days every staff member I have spoken to has had a broad smile on their face as they look forward to all the children returning as we begin our slow journey back to 'normality.'

On Tuesday, you will have received a letter explaining how school will look on Monday.



Amazing Effort

Over the last weeks and months we have been impressed and humbled by the effort of parents in supporting school, our critical workers and our vulnerable children. Our school family has pulled together in the most extraordinary way. This has not been the case in all schools - I cannot thank parents and carers enough.

The staff—teachers, support staff, office staff, middays, site manager and cleaners have done an amazing job in keeping us safe and working with each other to offer the best support we can. The teachers have developed new ICT and presenting skills—always willing to go a step further in supporting the children. Again—I cannot thank you enough.

What's Next?

Over the next three weeks we will be focusing on:

- Smiles
- Feeling safe
- Getting the children back into routines and
- Reigniting that spark for learning.

During the last two weeks of term, the children will be undertaking an art project on Spring and New Beginnings. Some of the final pieces of the children's work will be chosen to be framed and placed about school. (Teachers will make children's art available via twitter and school website).

Track and Trace

Over the weekend, school will again be supporting the NHS with track and trace. If there is a confirmed case of C19 for a child/staff member who has been in school then parents / carers may be contacted and advised to isolate.

The email will be checked over the weekend

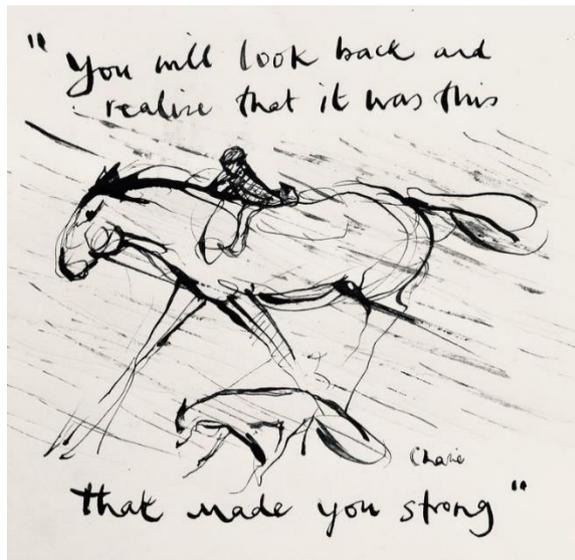
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World Book Day

It was so wonderful to see so many of you in school and at home making an effort for World Book Day. Did you manage to guess the adults in our 'Masked Reader' competition. If you haven't had a look it can be found by following our school TWITTER account on:

<https://twitter.com/BredburyStMarks>

And finally...



You will notice by now that I absolutely love the book 'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' by Charles Mackesy.

I really believe the message in this picture as throughout this pandemic we have talked frequently about the strength of our school family.

3 more 'get ups' now until we are back together. Myself and the staff will be ready to greet you all.

Take care and thank you

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Marty in Year 5 who sent in a video of his room decorated full of books to celebrate World Book Day.
- All the children who dressed up for World Book Day even though they weren't in school – this made me smile so much.



Keep it up everyone.

Birthdays over the next week

Happy birthday to:

- ✓ Ben in Year 2
- ✓ Leo in Year 3



We hope you have the best day!

Important Dates

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

