



## Weekly Newsletter: Dramatic Week! 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well who would have thought that our first week welcoming all children back would end in us having to close school for a day! Thank you again for responding so quickly when we notified you of the closure.

School has felt wonderful this week, it's been full of smiles, laughter and definitely a lot more noise!!!! The children have told us they are glad to be back and they have clearly missed each other. The staff have loved catching up with all the children and the warm relationships and care have immediately picked up where they left off. We are giving reminders about expected behaviour on school premises as a few have conveniently forgotten! Please find below our weekly updates.



### **Attendance**

Overall, the attendance this week has been excellent. We have only had to chase a few absences. We will now begin tracking all absences to ensure we have school attendance of over 96%. *This remains a key school target.* Remember you can help us by notifying school immediately if you know your child is going to be off and the reason why. This means we will not chase you.

If we notice your child's attendance dropping, a meeting will be called by the pastoral team to support you in improving this with clear targets and strategies being agreed.

### **Breakfast club and SMART club**

These are up and running as normal but children are being kept in class bubbles so we can ensure they are not mixing with children from other classes. Booking is essential. Please book via:

[admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk)

or phoning 0161-430-3418.

### **Staff**

Next week we welcome Mrs White back off maternity leave. She will be working on a Monday and Tuesday providing leadership release to staff.

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass the virus on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect our community and loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

The government are now offering Lateral Flow Tests to parents of primary aged pupils, as well as adults who are part of their childcare or support bubble. If you cannot access tests through your place of work you can order online:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please be aware that school will not receive notification of your results so you still need to call or email if you have a positive test result and are self-isolating.

### Junior Bake Off

After such a successful Bredbury St Mark's Bake Off I thought you might be keen to know that applications have opened for the 7<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but **applications close on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - [WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK).



### Curriculum

Some of you may be concerned that your children have a lot to catch up on. We have spent this week settling the children back in and identifying key areas for us to focus on. There is a heavy focus on Reading, Writing and Maths and next week we will start our Art project in the afternoons. We can't wait to showcase the children's work.

Please remember we are here to support you so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

*E. Harding*

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher



### Weekly Worship Focus

Our theme for this half term is FORGIVENESS.

Next week our focus will be 'beginning again' where we will look of the parable of the prodigal son.



### Birthdays over the next week

Just one birthday this coming week.

Happy birthday to:

- ✓ Charlie-Joe in Year 4
- ✓ Aaron in Year 4
- ✓ Chyna in Year 1 Alfie in Year 5
- ✓ Callum in Year 6



We hope you have the best day!

### Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- All the parents and carers who have supported their children every step of the way.

I came across this poem and thought that you have definitely supported the 'tell me' part.



### Important Dates

- ✓ 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

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

The 2021/22 holiday dates are now on the school website in the PARENTS section.