



## Weekly Newsletter: Reminders! 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Phew!!!! A much more normal week after all the drama we experienced last week. We have had a really positive week and the children have started to settle back into the routines and expectations. Health and Safety measures remain strongly in place but since we welcomed all children back we have noticed that parents / carers are not all following the school COVID guidelines.



It is essential that:

- **You wear a facemask while on school premises (if you are exempt please make this clear by wearing an exempt lanyard).**
- **You must follow the one-way system at drop off and pick up.**
- **You must socially distance as adults – groups of parents / carers stood closely chatting, sets a really bad example to the children. This goes against everything we have spent a year explaining to the children so we can keep them safe.**

We had hoped this was just teething problems but it has not improved so we need to address it now. Please do not be offended if we ask you about not wearing a mask or to stop you going the wrong way round school - this is only to keep the children, staff and yourselves safe. Lots of schools have stopped parents being on site completely and I really don't want to enforce this measure as we have been so successful so far.

*This is a plea that you work with us and set good examples to our children.*

Please find below our weekly updates.

### **Twitter**

Our Twitter account is now fully up and running and we are posting regularly. You can also see our latest tweets on the homepage of our school website. We now have 32 followers which isn't a bad start. We'd love it if we could have **50** followers by the weekend – please do sign up and follow. The staff have been posting pictures of the children's art work from our fortnight of New Beginning Art afternoons.

Our account is: [@BredburyStMarks](https://twitter.com/BredburyStMarks)

### **Bikeability**

This week our Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to learn some essential road safety skills with the Bikeability Team. The children started in the school playground where they went over some key skills and then moved on to the roads. The feedback from the children was that they loved it and the Bikeability team said the children's behaviour was 'exemplary' and they were 'so keen to learn.' We just love feedback like this.

A few parents contacted us this week asking what the Bikeability event was as their children had gone home mentioning that children were bringing their bikes in. This is where it is crucial that letters and texts are read as we sent out two emails and two reminder texts to all Year 5 and 6 parents about signing your child up to Bikeability. Some children were disappointed.

We have spoken to the Bikeability team and if we have enough interest, we will sign up for some more sessions. Please look out for this information.

### **School Photos**

Thank you to those who completed the survey about the current providers of our school photos. 81 responses have been received. We will close this survey at the end of the day so please take a few minutes to let us know your views by clicking the link below:

[School Photograph Survey](#)

### **Building Project**

The roof work is nearly complete and today I am getting the guided tour to see the work that has been undertaken – hardhat and hi-vis at the ready! Thank you for being so accommodating of the enormous scaffold structure and the impact this has had on the routes into and out of school. We have been informed that the scaffold will come down over Easter and then the replacement wall programme will start.

### **Carpark Safety**

Unfortunately, our school site is not ideal for dropping off due to a lack of space. This has been made more challenging with COVID (one-way systems) and the building work. Please can we ask that everyone remains vigilant around children's safety. Key points:

- The drop of zone is NOT in use as this is now a major walk way as part of the one way system so it is not safe for cars to be present.
- Council carpark – please drive very slowly when entering and leaving as children are often crossing over the road on their own.

After witnessing an accident at the lights on Wednesday you realise how quickly a tragedy can strike.

### **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.

### **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. If your child has symptoms then the advice remains that you isolate immediately, book a test and let us know.

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 'putting the past behind us' where we will be thinking about forgiveness bringing peace of mind and happiness.

*"Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned."* Psalm 32.1



### Birthdays over the next week

This is the first week we have had where there are no birthdays this week. There's plenty over the Easter break though.

We hope you have the best day!



### Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Harry in Year 6 for managing to ride a bike for Bikeability when he was told it was something he would never be able to do.
- Thomas in Year 1 for just having a super week in school.



### 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



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