



## Weekly Newsletter: Easter Updates! 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly can I thank the whole community (parents / carers / staff) who have pulled together this half term. I feel incredibly proud of what we have achieved and being able to welcome all children back has been the icing on the cake. The vaccines are being steadily rolled out so I am now more optimistic that things are looking up.

We could not have done it without everyone playing their part.

I wish you a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Please find below our weekly updates.



### **Health and Safety**

Thank you for taking on board the reminders we gave last week about our COVID Health and Safety measures. There was a definite improvement. These will remain in place after the Easter holidays and we will not need to add further restrictions as long as these are maintained.

### **Fundraising**

Over the last 2 weeks we have raised money for some really important causes. The final amounts raised were:

- Red Nose Day - £95.30
- Francis House (Easter Chicks) - £124.00
- Easter School Sales - £43.00

A very impressive total of £262.30 altogether!! Thank you also to those who donated food to the churches food bank. Reverend Andy Bull came, collected the donations on Tuesday and was extremely grateful.

### **Twitter**

We didn't quite make **50** followers but we are now at **47**. Please do take a second to follow us – there are pictures from National reflection day, amazing Year 5 maths and the new roof! When we hit 100 followers we'll have balloons out to celebrate!

Our account is:

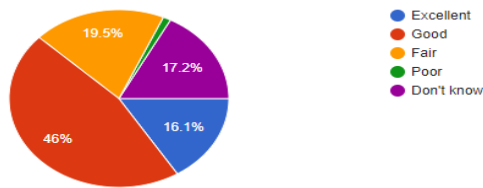
[@BredburyStMarks](https://twitter.com/BredburyStMarks)

### **School Photos**

Thank you to those who completed the survey about the current providers of our school photos. We had a total of 89 families respond. These are the results which we will use to plan going forwards:

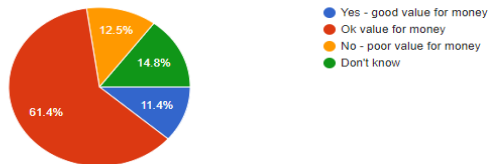
What do you think of the current company who provides our school photographs?

87 responses



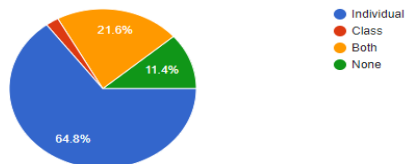
Do you think the photographs provide good value for money?

88 responses



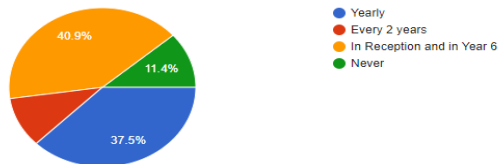
Do you normally purchase photographs each year? If so which ones?

88 responses



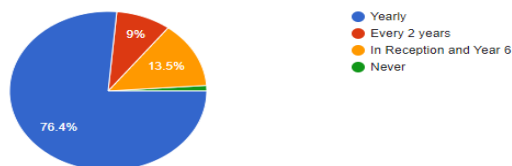
How often would you prefer to buy a CLASS photo of your child?

88 responses



How often would you prefer to buy an INDIVIDUAL photo of your child?

89 responses



### **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.

For SMART club, booking at least the day before is essential, as we will not automatically have staff on site for on the day bookings. 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. It is vitally important that all correspondence about COVID indicates when the symptoms for your child started—once we have this information we can inform others how to proceed safely and in line with government guidance.

Quick reminder—if you—or a family member has symptoms they must go for a PCR test **NOT USE THE HOME FLOW TESTS**—this is following government guidelines. The flow tests are only accurate if there are NO COVID symptoms.

Over the first 5 days of the break school will run a track and trace service for the NHS—please use the usual email address (Admin) if you have a positive PCR test. We ask that you send the confirmation to the admin address outlining when symptoms first started

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

See you on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes

*E. Harding*

Mrs Harding  
Acting Headteacher

### **Easter Worship Focus**

Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

Read, Love and Learn

Children's  
Worship



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

Birthdays over the Easter break and first week back:

- ✓ Aimee in Year 3
- ✓ Kaiden in Year 4
- ✓ Jack in EYFS
- ✓ Violet in EYFS
- ✓ Isobel in Year 5
- ✓ Freddie in Year 1
- ✓ Matthew in Year 6

We hope you have the best day!



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

This week's awards go to:

- Logan in Year 1 for teaching me how to play basketball at lunchtimes
- Riley in Year 3 for having such a super week in school, full of energy and desire to learn.
- Year 6 for being the overall Rock Down winners
- Ethan, Marty and Cameron in Year 5 for being the individual top scorers in the Rock Down competition.



### **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.

