



Weekly Newsletter: Welcome back! 16th April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break and how fabulous that we have some sunshine! The world just seems so much brighter when the sun shines and fingers crossed it looks like we have a couple weeks of this to look forward to.



As I am writing this I am wondering where this year has gone and how can we possibly be starting the summer term. Unfortunately, we all know the answer to why this school year has been so different. However, the dark clouds are starting to lift and we can begin to look forward to things again.

Over the Easter break a significant amount of work took place with the school premises. You will have seen the roof work is now complete and the scaffold has been removed. I could not believe the space we have outside the school office! The work has started with the replacement of some key curtain walls around the school and these should be completed by the end of this half term. Can I thank you all for your patience while the scaffold was up – I know it made things tricky at times.

Please find below our weekly updates.

Twitter

We are now at **55** followers and we are tweeting frequently.

Remember we are celebrating when we hit **100** followers. Mrs Spreckley loves parental engagement so I imagine she be planning a prize for the 100th follower! Who will it be?

Our account is:

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

Attendance

Now that schools are returning to more normal times we are picking up our desire to improve our attendance percentages. The national expectation is that the school percentage will be 96% or above. I have added the weekly class percentages back onto the newsletter.

Some of you may have received a letter from Mrs Quinn inviting you to an attendance meeting. This is because your child's attendance is significantly below where it should be.

The meeting is an opportunity for us to identify why your child's attendance may be poor and to agree how we can improve it. We want to work with you, as we all know how important education is especially after the unsettled year that we have had due to COVID.

Lates: We are also monitoring children that arrive late. Children that arrive after 9.30am lose their morning mark so it is essential that your child is on time as this could have a huge impact on their attendance. Not only this, children tell us that they hate arriving late as the lessons have already started and they find it hard to catch up.

School Values

We have had a mural painted on one of our walls to represent the 12 Christian values of our school. Our values are:

Friendship, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Courage, Compassion, Thankfulness, Generosity, Justice, Respect, Service, Trust and Truthfulness.



COVID

It was great to see the world begin to return to normal on Monday this week. Whilst many of you will be taking advantage of the slow return to normal it is important we follow the guidance on reducing contact with others, social distancing, face masks, testing and regular washing of hands. The last thing any of us wants it to have our new freedom taken from us due to a spike in infections. We have been asked to remind you of the following:

If you have been vaccinated, you must still:

- practise social distancing
- wear a face mask
- wash your hands regularly

COVID-19 is spread through droplets expelled from the nose or mouth, particularly when speaking or coughing. It can also be picked up by touching your eyes, nose and mouth after contact with contaminated objects and surface.

OUR COVID MEASURES ARE STILL IN PLACE:

- **ONE WAY SYSTEMS AROUND SCHOOL**
- **FACE MASKS TO BE WORN ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

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 new value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP.

In Monday's worship we looked at the meaning behind friendship bracelets. We made a giant friendship bracelet to represent how Jesus is woven into our lives. Also that by plaiting the strands it took time and effort - just like building a good friendship.



"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

Birthdays over the next week

Birthdays this coming week:

- ✓ William in Nursery
- ✓ Matilda in Year 3
- ✓ Corey in Year 3
- ✓ Ciaran in Reception



We hope you have the best day!

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- George in Nursery for being so much fun to talk to in SMART club this week.
- Our new Nursery children who have settled in so well in their first week.



Weekly attendance

Year Group	Weekly %
Early Years	92.5%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	88.8%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	93.3%



Important Dates

- ✓ WB: 19th April – Big Pedal Week
- ✓ Thursday 22nd April – Earth Day
- ✓ Monday 3rd May: May Bank Holiday
- ✓ WB: 17th May – Design and Technology fortnight
- ✓ 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



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