



Weekly Newsletter: Busy 4 days! 7th May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been quite busy with visitors. Our Chair of Governors Tricia Walker came and met all the staff and we had Neil Dixon (CEO of CDAT) visit today. I showed him around the school and we went into all the classes. He commented on how smart all the children looked and the positive difference the new uniform has made. He noticed again how calm school felt and how happy all the children were. I do love showing off how wonderful our children are – it is becoming one of my favourite jobs.



Please find below our weekly updates.

Design and Technology Fortnight

After the success of our Art fortnight last half term we have planned an exciting DT fortnight where DT will be taught every afternoon. This will be an exciting opportunity for us to teach the DT curriculum across a block of lessons so the children develop more skills each day. Each class will be learning how to plan, design and make a delicious meal to add to our school menu. The children do not know their meals yet but they range from sandwiches to soups to pies! Our plan is to have this fortnight each year, so that the children leave Bredbury St Marks able to prepare a range of savoury dishes. We will be using the new equipment we bought from our fundraising to support the children's learning.

Sport's Week

We have been holding fire on making a decision about Sport's week due to COVID restrictions. It is looking highly likely that the restrictions will be in place for the rest of the school year. Therefore, we will do what we do best and plan our COVID version! The week will be the week beginning the 19th July and the children will be able to wear sport's clothes all week. Across the week, each staff member will deliver a 'sport' or healthy eating activity to each class. This will allow us to keep classes separate but still teach a range of new sports. This year there will unfortunately be no sport's day.

Parking

We have been made aware of a few parents parking quite dangerously on Redhouse lane. The reports have mentioned that they are not fully parked and therefore sticking out onto the road. Or that they are blocking other cars in. This is obviously quite dangerous and we ask that all parents park in a considerate way and put the safety of ALL our children first.

Year 6 leavers

Year 6 parents please look out for a quick questionnaire coming out next week about our thoughts on the Year 6 leaver's gift.

Twitter

We are now at **59** followers and we are tweeting frequently.
Our account is:

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

COVID – this information has not changed but it remains vitally important.

We are not out of the woods yet so please do remember our essential measures:

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

Those of you who are choosing not to follow our rules are putting us all at risk and making other parents, the staff and the children feel anxious.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Best wishes

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Acting Headteacher

Weekly Worship Focus

Our value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP.

Children's
Worship

In Monday's worship we looked at a picture by the artist He Qi which shows a time when Jesus went to the house of a family who had shown him kindness and friendship. Ruby, Lucas and Isabelle in Year 5 then helped act out the story.

We reflected on what it might be like to be in a room with Jesus and then thought of places we could go to be quiet, calm or to pray.

"Encourage each other and build each other up." Thessalonians 5.11

Birthdays over the next week

Birthdays this coming week:

- ✓ Halle in Year 4
- ✓ Eila in Year 5
- ✓ Hughie in Year 1

We hope you have the best day!



Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Renae in Year 4 for helping another child so patiently with their maths work. You'll make a great teacher Renae!
- Aliyah in Year 5 for writing an excellent fact file about Emily Davidson.



Weekly attendance

Year Group	Weekly %
Early Years	92.3%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	89.3%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	93.2%
Whole school	93.5%

Well done Year 2 and Year 4.



Important Dates

- ✓ WB: 17th May – Design and Technology fortnight
- ✓ Thursday 27th May: Interviews for the position of Headteacher
- ✓ Monday 24th May: Individual school photos
- ✓ 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
- ✓ WB: 19th July – Sport's week
- ✓ Wednesday 28th July: School closes for Summer holidays
- ✓ Thursday 2nd September: School opens for Autumn term



**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

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