



Weekly Newsletter: Whit holidays 28th May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another half term under our belts and again I cannot stress how proud we are of the children for the amazing resilience they have shown dealing with all the changes that life has thrown at them this year due to COVID.

Next half term we will continue our catch up curriculum while also supporting children to be ready to transition into their new classes in September. The Year 6's will be busy preparing for the leaver's events. The parts have now been allocated and there is a real buzz around.



Please find below our weekly updates.

DT fortnight

What a success! The smells around school this week have been torture though!!! We've made sandwiches, bread, pizza, toasties, pasta and much more. The children have considered everything from ingredients to product design. I have a feeling the cleaners would say we are definitely not the tidiest chefs! Thank you to those who were able to contribute towards the ingredients – this really helped.

COVID over the holidays

If your child tests positive on Saturday 29th May or Sunday 30th May then it is essential you let us know on the admin email address:

admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk

From Monday 31st May you do not need to contact school but would continue to follow NHS advice.

This email will not be checked after this date.

New Variant

There has been a lot of press regarding the Indian variant of COVID. There seem to be some additional symptoms with this variant. Therefore if your child presents with any of the symptoms below it would be sensible to get them tested:

- Diarrhoea
- Persistent headache
- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Congestion

Students

Our 5 teaching students finish today. They have been teaching in Year 2, 5 and 6. It is fair to say they have thrown themselves in whole heartedly and the children have built strong relationships with them. We wish them all the best for their teaching careers and feel proud we have supported them on the first part of their journey.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that school is not open on Monday 14th June as this is a staff training day.
All children will return on Tuesday 15th June.

Staff

Our School Business Manager, Alex Harris, will be relocating after the holidays so will be starting a new job closer to her new home. Alex transferred over to us from CDAT and has been a valued member of our team since last year. We wish her all the best.

School Photos

Feedback from the staff and children was that these were really successful and the children told us they felt extremely relaxed. I cannot wait to see the final pictures.

Twitter

We have had a sudden surge and are now at **70** followers and we continue to tweet frequently. If you are not following us yet then please do.

Our account is:

@BredburyStMarks

Thank you

I just wanted to thank all the staff, parents, carers and children for the support and commitment they show to the school.

Time now to say have a wonderful half term break, recharge the batteries and more importantly enjoy the sunshine that is promised!!!!

See you all on Tuesday 15th June.

Best wishes and thank you

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Headteacher



Weekly Worship Focus

Our value for this half term has been FRIENDSHIP. In Monday's worship this week we thought about the Christian festival of Pentecost which comes 50 days after Easter and marks the time when the first disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Pentecost

God the Father, watch over us
God the Son, walk with us
God the Spirit work through us
So that your kingdom will come and your will be done.
Amen

Children's
Worship

Birthdays

Birthdays over the Whit holidays and first week back:

- ✓ Roary in Year 1
- ✓ Bobby in Year 2
- ✓ Jack in Year 6
- ✓ Oliver in Reception
- ✓ Bailey in Year 5
- ✓ Bella in Year 3
- ✓ Kai in Year 5
- ✓ Megan in Year 5
- ✓ Cody in Year 6
- ✓ Ella L-B in Year 6

We hope you have the best day!



Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Kaycie Leigh in Year 4 for excellent progress with her reading
- Thomas in Year 1 for excellent attendance



Weekly attendance

Year Group	Weekly %
Early Years	92.9%
Year 1	91.1%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	88.8%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	93.3%
Whole school	93.6%



Well done Year 2 and Year 4 again!

Important Dates

- ✓ 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 14th July: Children spend morning in new class
- ✓ WB: 19th July – Sport's week
- ✓ Friday 23rd July – Reports sent home
- ✓ 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.