

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. The children have come back happy and settled with lots of stories about the amount of Easter eggs they have eaten! I think the staff were the same!

I just wanted to thank you for your attendance at the Easter service on the last day of term. This is the best turn out we have had for a while and the children were thrilled to see so many of you.

This is a busy half term but also a strange one with two bank holidays in it so I think it is going to fly by!

Mrs Pritchard has joined our office team this week and is bringing lots of new ideas.

On the following pages you will find lots of information about upcoming events and reminders.

As always, if we can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Proposed change to the school day

From September 2023 all Primary schools are to offer 32.5 hours per week from registration to the end of the school day. This does not include before and after school club. I am proposing that instead of finishing at 3.15pm we finish at 3.30pm. If anyone wishes to share any views on this please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Manchester United

Our partnership with Manchester United continues to go from strength to strength. On Sunday we were offered an amazing opportunity for one child to be a Mascot at Wembley Stadium at the semi Final of the Men's FA cup between Manchester United And Brighton Hove Albion. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and one of our Year 5 children experienced it.



Parents Evening



Last half term we had parents evening. I'm sad to say that we were disappointed by the turn out from parents / carers. Next year we will be relooking at how we organise it to ensure parents / carers turn up and staff 's precious time is not wasted.

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs

On the Week Beginning 8th May our Year 6 children will take their Key Stage 2 SAT's. The next few weeks will be incredbly important to ensure they are relaxed and ready for them. GOOD ATTENDANCE IS THE BEST WAY YOU CAN SUPPORT IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS. This is the timetable for the papers - this is non negotiable as all children across the country take the same paper on the same day:

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May: English - Grammar, punctuation and spelling

Wednesday 10th May: English - Reading

Thursday 11th May: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) Friday 12th May: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

It is essential that ALL children are on time for these 4 days as there are very strict guidelines as to how the tests are administered.

If you have any questions about the SATs please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Grayson, Mrs Nicklin or Mrs Curran.

Please know that SATs are a tiny part of your child's life and in our opinion being a well rounded individual with good morals and behaviours will give them a much better chance of success in the future. That being said we want to give them the best chance possible and for them to do themselves (and you) proud.

<u>Year 2 SATs</u>

Year 2 SATs are completed their SATs over a few weeks. Again, good attendance is the best way you can support your child. Every day they have off means they miss vital learning time.









Coronation Day

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the King's coronation. All children are invited to wear red, white and blue. We will start the day with a special service in church which all parents are invited to. This will start at 9.10am and last approximately 20 minutes.

Across the day the children will taking part in some fun and creative coronation activities.

Year 6 hoodies





Please look out for details of how to order Year 6 hoodies for your child. These will need to be paid for before we place the order. Any queries please contact the school office.

Relationships and Sex Education

One of the new statutory areas of the curriculum is Relationship and Sex Education. We are conscious that what is taught and how we share the information may be different from when you were at school so if you would like to meet to discuss what and how it is currently taught at Bredbury St Mark's, please email me Mrs Wagstaff via gina.wagstaff@stmarks.stockport.sch.uk or phone school to arrange a time to meet. We are happy to show you the curriculum and listen to your views.



Summer Term Diary Dates

Friday 28th April: Year 2 class assembly Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday (school closed) Friday 5th May: Coronation Day Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday (school closed) Tuesday 9th May: Year 6 SAT's begin until Friday Friday 19th May: Year 1 class assembly Friday 26th May: Break up for Whit holidays Monday 12th June: School re-opens Monday 12th June: Year 4 take the multiplication check

Thursday 29th June: Year 6 residential Friday 30th June: Year 6 residential Friday 7th July: EYFS class assembly Wednesday 26th July: School closes for summer

More details will be shared for the above events but we wanted you to have the dates in plenty of time.



Stars of the week

This weeks stars so far: Nursery: Alfie and Inaaya Reception: Elisio and Kian Year 1: Bella and Charlotte Year 2: Ciaran and Rhianne Year 3: Ciara and Mia Year 4/5: Bella and Rachel Year 6: Dan and Joe



Stars of the week are children who have tried really hard with their learning or gone out of their way to show our school values of: hope, perseverence, courage, love, friendship and forgiveness. They will come home today with a badge to celebrate - they can keep this.

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Attendance Figures



Our school target is to be above 95%

We have seen some great progress with a number of our families over the last term. Well done!

Spring Term Clubs

Tuesday: Manchester UnitedFederation3.15-4pmYears 3/4Wednesday: ESC Sport's coaches3.15-4.30pmYear Rec-Year 6Thursday: School Netball3.15-4.30pmYears 4-6





Uniform rails

We have a second hand uniform rail and a new uniform rail. All 2nd hand uniform is in excellent condition. Jumpers / cardigans are £3 and all money raised goes towards resources for the children. New uniform is £13. We have limited stock so please ask to have a look.