



Weekly Newsletter: Everything crossed! 9th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an exciting week we have had! The children have met their new teachers, England are in the final (can't quite believe it!) and Boris has suggested that the end is in sight for COVID. We just need England to win on Sunday now!



Please find below our weekly updates:

Classes and Staffing

The children had story time with their new class teacher yesterday and there was a real buzz around the school. I know your children will have told you but I can confirm the classes for next year will be:

EYFS	Mrs Spreckley
Year 1	Miss Stott and Mrs Hall
Year 2	Mrs Wagstaff
Year 3 / 4	Miss Moore
Year 5	Mrs White and Mrs Bebbington
Year 6	Mrs Nichol

We are finalising the allocation of Teaching Assistants so I'll keep you updated.

Miss Rowe and Mr Ellis will sadly be leaving us at the end of this school year. Both staff have made amazing contributions to our school and the lives of the children they have encountered. They will be greatly missed. Miss Rowe will be teaching Year 2 in a Manchester school and Mr Ellis is relocating with his family to his home town of Wales. We wish them both the best of luck.

On Wednesday, children will spend the morning with their new teachers. Mrs Bebbington is unfortunately self-isolating so Mrs Nicklin will take the class and Mrs Bebbington will join them virtually.

Year 6 taster day

Due to the Year 6's missing their transition days, we decided to give them a taster of what it may feel like. We delivered 4 workshops:

1. Map work – the children had to find their way to certain points for different times and NOT be late – a skill they will definitely need in High School!
2. Problem solving – the children were set some problems that they had to work out in a group WITHOUT an adult helping! Not an easy task!
3. Thoughts, feelings and worries – the children were given a chance to talk about things that were in their mind and we discussed how we may work through these.
4. Learning – we borrowed some pretty cool equipment from a High School and let the children experience some of the amazing learning they would encounter.

The day was a real success.

COVID

As you will have heard the government announced that from the 19th July there will be a lifting of restrictions (TBC 12th July).

What was less well publicised was that some of the lifting of restrictions will not come into force until the 16th August. As we await the governments final decision on the 19th July and clarity on what other measures mean for school we remind you to:

- Please wear a face covering in public areas
- Ensure your child stays at home if unwell
- Keep your child at home, and notify school, if a member of the household has tested positive for C19
- Ensure that you carry out a PCR test if your child has COVID symptoms. A Lateral flow test is for when your child has NO symptoms.
- If you have a positive Lateral Flow test then take any close contacts for a PCR test.
- Collect your child if school notifies you of a closure of the bubble.

Yesterday we had 50 children off school who were unwell. THANK YOU to those parents who are doing everything possible to keep school open. For your peace of mind, none of those children had tested positive on a PCR or Lateral Flow Test they were just unwell and the parents knew the best place was to keep them home for a few days.

I also appreciate that it can be frustrating for you when we phone and ask you to collect your child as they are presenting as unwell. We do not want to make life difficult for you but as we watch our local schools close many year groups we have a duty of care to keep you all as safe as possible. As I said last week, we are not experts, we are just following guidance and doing our absolute best. We appreciate your patience.

Jubilee Day

There has been a slight change to the term dates. The latest version can be found here: <https://www.st-marks.stockport.sch.uk/page/holiday-list-2021-2022/99974>

I can't quite believe the end of term is nearly here. The staff have everything crossed we remain lucky and COVID free.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support as we work together to keep your children safe.

Stay safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Weekly Worship Focus

Our value for this half term is RESPECT. In Monday's worship this week we talked about a time when Jesus was angry about how a temple was being treated. The children shared times when they had felt sad when they had observed our environment not being treated well.

Children's
Worship

Birthdays

Birthdays this week:

Jaicee in Reception
Ivy in Reception
Ameena in Year 2
Frazer in Year 6
Cameron in Year 5
Elijah in Reception

I hope I haven't missed anyone!
We hope you have the best day!



Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Daley in Year 6 for being so positive when faced with lots of uncertainty.
- Thomas in Year 2 for an amazing attitude to learning.



Weekly attendance

Year Group	Weekly %
Early Years	92.1%
Year 1	90.9%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	88.7%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	93.3%
Whole school	93.4%



Well done Year 2 and Year 4 again!

Important Dates

- ✓ Thursday 8th July: Children to have a story with their new class teacher
- ✓ 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.