



Weekly Newsletter: Last newsletter of the year! 23rd July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems strange that this is the final newsletter of the school year. I don't think any of us could ever have predicted how challenging this year has been and what a rollercoaster of emotions. The resilience the children have shown has been remarkable and we are so proud of every single one of them.



Quite a long letter today as there is a lot to cover!

Parental Support

As a school, we recognise and value the support of all our parents. Since taking on the role of Acting Headteacher and then Headteacher I have felt the support parents / carers have for the school and the willingness to work with us to move the school forwards. Without this support we would not have been able to support our children and keep them safe as successfully as we have. All the staff appreciate it has not been easy for families and recognise that you have gone over and above during the last academic year. From all of us to all of you—thank you.

Staff

The staff at Bredbury St Marks are unique. Their dedication, belief and genuine care is outstanding. Over the last year they have:

- Dealt with ever changing Covid rules
- Got to grips with online learning
- Supported families
- Cleaned within an inch of their lives
- Risen to every challenge thrown at them and continued smiling
- Dealt with a huge building project
- Devised a new, exciting curriculum for September 2021
- Introducing theme weeks—Art, DT and Sports

From all of us, I would like to thank the staff for all they do and have done and wish them a restful break. We also wish our wonderful Mr Ellis, Miss Rowe and Miss Maher the best of luck in their new adventures. You will be greatly missed and your new schools are lucky to have you.

Year 6

It's that time where we have to say goodbye to our Year 6's. Their last 18 months have been so unsettled and it saddens me that the usual events can't be celebrated. They have dealt with all of this with bravery, determination and humour. They are a wonderful group of children and will be truly missed. Good luck! Now time to prepare for high school and for our Year 5's to be the new grey jumper role models!

If you wish to donate your child's grey jumper to school – I am sure there will be families who are grateful for the support.

Reports

Your child will come home with their end of year report today. We would be grateful if you could complete the return slip to show us you have read and shared it and also any comments on your child's achievements.

Food vouchers for children entitled to income based Free School Meals

Stockport Council are able to continue to support families in receipt of Free School Meals with vouchers to help cover the cost of food and other essentials this summer holiday. They are also able to extend this offer to other families in receipt of Universal Credit. Families of school-age children who are eligible for income-based Free School Meals or those who receive Universal Credit, and those in early years with equivalent eligibility, are being provided with vouchers to help with the costs of food this summer holiday. Where the council does not hold an email address for a family, paper Aldi vouchers will be issued. Families with eligible children will receive vouchers to the value of £10 per child, per week of the summer holiday. In total, this means that for each eligible primary and nursery age child, families will receive £50, and for each secondary pupil, £60. Vouchers will be sent in two instalments this summer and the total value divided evenly across each payment. This means that each round will contain vouchers valued at £25 for primary and nursery aged children, or £30 for secondary aged pupils. The first instalment will be issued in the w/c 19 July and the second instalment in w/c 9 August.

New website for parents to boost child's learning and wellbeing this summer

The government have launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year.

The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. Please click on the link below for more information.

[Visit educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk](https://www.educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk)

Sports Week

Wow what a week!!!! We have been so fortunate to have the most amazing weather. The children have LOVED this week and learnt so many new skills. From flexibility and relaxation with the yoga to teamwork and dribbling with basketball. Thank you SO much to the staff, parents (you know who you are!) and children for joining in with our morning wake up and shake ups. I loved looking at everyone's smiling faces. Although I may have pulled a few muscles – if Mrs Bebbington suggests burpees again I think I'll be sitting it out!

Hamper Winners

Thank you to everyone who donated to our rainbow hampers and bought a ticket. We raised £150

The winners were:

Yellow: Ben in Year 2

Purple: Emmie in Year 1

Green: Aaleyah in Year 5

Pink: Kieran in Year 6

Red: Lucas In Year 5

Orange: Harry in Year 5

Blue: Bella in Year 3

COVID

I expect the guidance to change over the summer holidays so I will send an update before the children return.

The table below shows the start and finish times:

	Start / End Time	Entrance / Exit
EYFS	8.50am 3.10pm	EYFS playground
Year 1	8.50am 3.15pm	Outside classroom
Year 2	8.50am 3.15pm	Outside classroom
Year 3/4	8.50am 3.15pm	Courtyard
Year 5	8.50am 3.15pm	Large playground
Year 6	8.50am 3.15pm	Large playground

Year 1 and Year 2 will be moving back to the infant end.

Uniform

From September we will be expecting all children to back in full school uniform. We have allowed for some slippage over the last few months as we know how difficult it has been to get to the shops.

Main reminders: school shoes must be black – full black trainers are absolutely fine. We remain very proud of our uniform so are keen to start the school year well.

School will **close on Wednesday 28th July** to all children

We will re-open again on Thursday **2nd September**.

Thank you for all your continued support, it really is appreciated.

Stay safe and have the most wonderful Summer.

Here's to a more normal school year ahead!

Best wishes.

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Birthdays

Birthdays next week and over the summer:

Lola in Year 4, Harry in 5, Freya in Year 1, Evan in Year 5, Lily-Grace in Year 4, Faith in Nursery, Michael in Reception, Jakub in Year 5, Amelia-May in Nursery, Lucas in Year 5, Leah in Year 6, Lee in Year 6, Scarlett in Reception, George in Year 5, Rachel in Year 2, Daley in Year 6, Emmie in Year 1, Dylan G in Year 6.



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

Important Dates

- ✓ Friday 23rd July – Reports sent home
- ✓ Wednesday 28th July: School closes for Summer holidays
- ✓ Thursday 2nd September: School opens for Autumn term
- ✓ Thursday 21st October: School closes for October half term
- ✓ Monday 1st November: School opens for all children
- ✓ Friday 17th December: School closes for the Christmas break

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



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