



DREAM BIG



Fortnightly Newsletter: 7th January 2022 **Stay safe....it may be a bumpy ride!**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I must admit I do look forward to a newsletter where I do not have a section on COVID! The advice has come through thick and fast this week and we have experienced a record number of absences from children and staff. Our priority is to keep school open and staff / children safe – I admit though this will be a challenging time.



Below is the latest guidance, a lot I have shared already but just so it's all in one place:

COVID updates

- If you have no symptoms but test positive on a lateral flow test then you must isolate immediately. You do not need to get a PCR.
- If you have symptoms you must get a PCR and isolate until you have the result.
- If you have a positive COVID result (either lateral flow or PCR) you can take a lateral flow test on day 6 and day 7 (must be 24 hours apart). If both are negative and you do not have temperature then your isolation can end. If the tests are continuing to be positive you must continue to isolate.
- If you are classed as a close contact of someone with COVID you are strongly advised to take daily lateral flow tests for the next 7 days.

Attendance

Please do let us know the reason for your child's absence. It takes a huge amount of precious time to make phone calls. The easiest ways are:

- Leave a message on the pastoral answer machine (Option 1).
- Send a message on the new parent APP using the absence link.

Face Coverings / Lateral flow tests

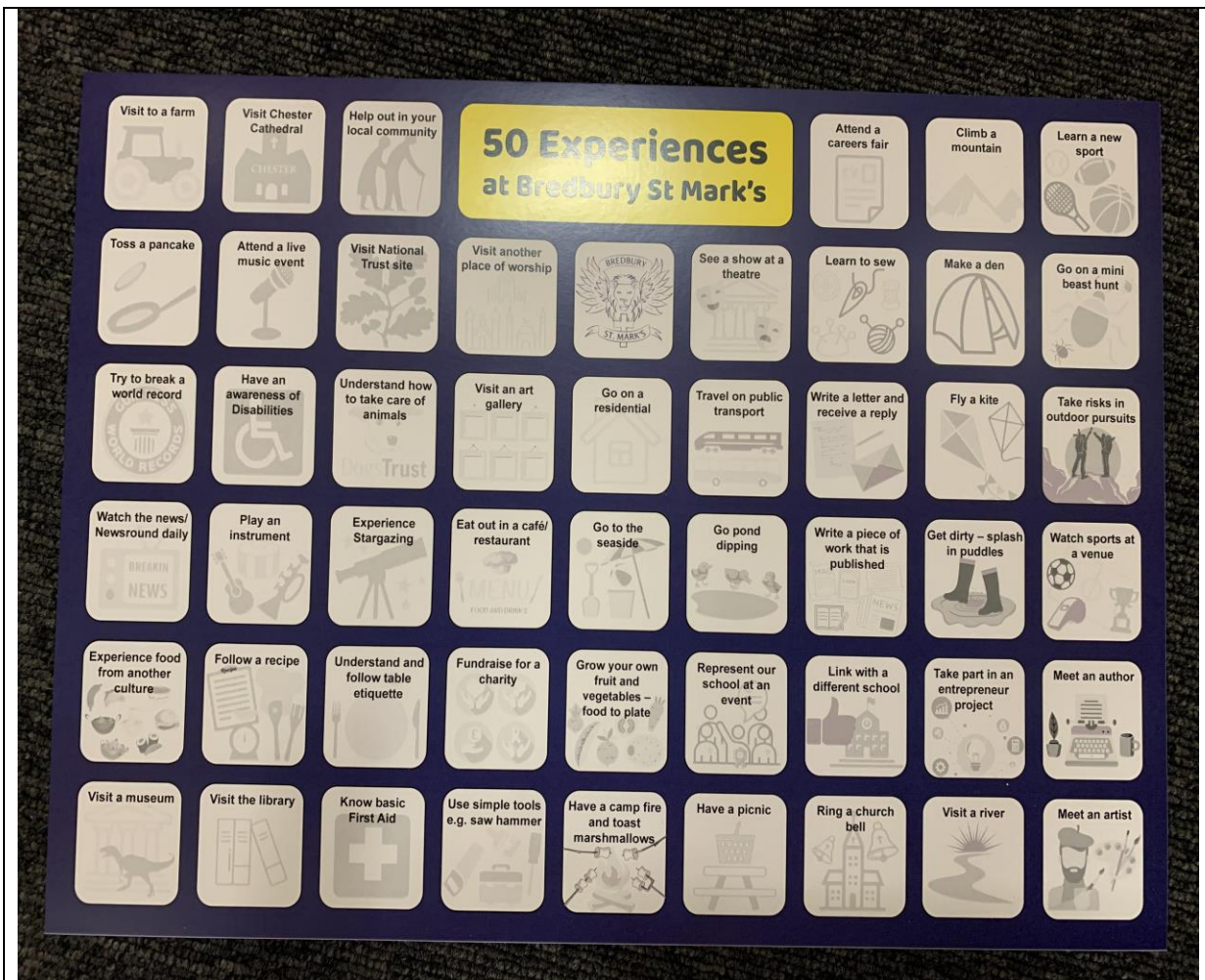
Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas (unless exempt). This will also be expected for parents and visitors on site.

Staff continue to take twice-weekly lateral flow tests and we advise any parents coming in for meetings to take a lateral flow beforehand.

Now time for more school focused updates:

50 Experiences

This week we launched our 50 experiences curriculum. This runs alongside our skills curriculum and ensures that all children experience 50 important life experiences before they leave Bredbury St Marks. On Wednesday, every child received their own personal passport where they will track the experiences they have achieved.



Home reading

Next week meetings will be taking place with parents / carers to launch our new home reading books. We have been saving hard to be able to purchase these and it now means the books that come home are from the same scheme as the books that the children read in school. The link below has lots of additional information for parents/carers about the scheme called Read, Write Inc which we use.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Thank you for continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.

E. Harding
Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Weekly Worship Focus

Next week we will launch our new value – Perseverance.

Children's
Worship



Birthdays

Birthdays up to the 21st January:



We hope you have the best day!

Patrick in Nursery
William in Reception

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Harry in Year 6 for brilliant acting skills when put on the spot!
- Faith in Reception for making a great tower and showing great counting skills. She confidently told me '1 more than 8 is 9'



Weekly attendance

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Weekly %</u>
Nursery	91.9%
Reception	94.6%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	91.2%
Year 3/4	89.9%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	89.8%
Whole school	91.6%

Well done Reception and Year 5!



Important Dates

- Tuesday 18th January: Parent drop in with Mrs Quinn, Mrs Alexander, Family support worker, school based social workers and school nurse.
- Tuesday 25th January: World Religion Day
- WB 31st January: DT fortnight
- Tuesday 8th February: Internet Safety Day
- Friday 11th February: School closes for half term.
- Monday 21st February: School opens for Spring 2 term
- Friday 1st April: School closes for Easter holidays
- Tuesday 19th April: School opens for Summer term

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**