

DREAM BIG



Fortnightly Newsletter: 27th May 2022 Half term updates

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been a mixture of happy and sad emotions. We have loved preparing for our jubilee celebrations and cannot wait for our scones and party games later. Remember to look on twitter and facebook for the photos. Also, Mr Dixon the CEO of CDAT came to visit on Tuesday and was really pleased with the positive improvements being made. Unfortunately, we then woke up to the news on Wednesday morning of the 19 children and 2 teachers that were killed at an elementary school in Texas. It is incomprehensible how this can happen and yesterday we gathered in the hall to take a few moments to send love and prayers to the families. It definitely makes you hold your loved ones a little tighter.



Please see our fortnightly updates below:



Staffing

We have appointed two teachers for September, Mr Logan and Miss Grayson. Both will teach in Key Stage 2. I am confident both will fit in perfectly to our school and ethos.

Friendship issues

There are times in all classes where children do not consider how their actions can make others feel. Children will sometimes refer to this as bullying. We are trying hard to teach the children that they need to take responsibility for their actions and also the difference between bullying and friendship issues. Both of which we take very seriously.

I found this powerful clip which we have shared with our older children to provoke discussion. I have shared the link below as I felt some of you may also be interested.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA5C-1N_r1w



School events

Mrs Spreckley has been tirelessly trying to recruit parents to help organise a school fair and we have been so disappointed by the lack of support. Our local schools all have strong parent groups where parents/carers take responsibility to organise events to raise money and for the children and families to enjoy spending time together. We have tried several

times to set ours up but only the same two committed parents turn up. They can't do it on their own. Events like summer fairs, discos and Year 6 events strengthen the school community but in our school these are all being left to school staff and when we haven't had the capacity to put events on we receive complaints.



This is a bit of a plea that for these events to take place they must have parental support.

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If you can offer anything please contact the school office on 0161-430-3418 or email admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk

It could be helping on a stall, helping with setting up, access to prizes, access to advertising . **We just need your support.**

Thank you

Can I give thanks to the staff who always go above and beyond to support our school family. They are so committed to the children and the school.

Thank you to the children who make each day different and often joyful.

Thank you to those parents and carers who positively support the school and seek to change misconceptions that others may have. The last 3 years have seen tremendous improvements. We are grateful for your support.



Take care and have a wonderful break. We can't wait to welcome you all back on Tuesday 14th June.

Best wishes.

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Weekly Worship Focus

This week in worship we celebrated Pentecost and talked about church being a community not just a building. This made us consider our school and how it is so much more than bricks. It is a place where we care about each other, take interest in each other and believe in each other.



Birthdays

Birthdays up to the 17th June:



We hope you have the best day!

Roary in Year 2
Oliver in Year 1
Bailey in Year 6
Kai in Year 6

Bobby in Year 3
Luca in Nursery
Bella in Year 4
Megan in Year 6

Polite Reminders

Can we kindly ask that parents / carers are mindful off dropping cigarette butts on the edge of school property. We check the perimeter on a daily basis and are seeing an increase in how many are dropped.



Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Ameena and Rachel in Year 3 who plucked up great courage in the last swimming lesson on Monday.
- Jaicee in Year 1 for always being so kind and caring towards others.
- Ciara and Freya in Year 2 for having the best attitude to learning.



We are so proud of you all.

Weekly attendance

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Weekly %</u>
Nursery	88.9%
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3/4	88.8%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	90.0%
Whole school	90.7%



Well done Reception and Year 5 again!

Important Dates

- Friday 27th May: School closes for Whit holidays
- Monday 13th June: INSET DAY – school closed
- Tuesday 14th June: School opens for Summer
- Friday 24th June: Year 3/4 assembly
- Friday 1st July: Year 2 assembly
- Wednesday 29th June-30th June: Year 6 residential
- Wednesday 27th July: Schools closes for the Summer

