



BREDBURY ST. MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a year this has been! I am so proud of everything that we have achieved in such difficult and trying times. There is no doubt that there have been highs and lows. These things spring to mind:

- Converted to an academy
- Designed a new school logo
- Chosen a new uniform colour
- Changed our school name
- Been in lockdown and are now coming through the other side
- Provided for our vulnerable children and key worker families every day since the lockdown
- Set up Google classroom (we will continue to use this next year)
- We have also had to say goodbye to a number of staff in particular Mrs Whitehead who will always be remembered so fondly
- Sadly losing a treasuring member of staff Mrs Diane Lloyd

I also think it is essential to say some thank yous to a few people:

- ✓ Parents / carers: you never in a million years expected to be home schooling your children but you did and for that we are so thankful. You played your part by keeping your children safe and allowing school to open for priority groups.
- ✓ Staff: every single one of you has played your part. Your commitment and passion towards the school has been remarkable.
- ✓ Children: you have been so brave throughout all of this. We've loved speaking to some of you on the phone and seeing all the fantastic work you have been doing on Google classroom.

Please find below the final updates for the year 2019/2020.

All details about children returning in September were sent out in a letter on Tuesday. Please contact the office (admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk) if you haven't received it.

Goodbye to our Lockdown Leavers

Whoever could have predicted that we would have 'lockdown leavers!' No school play, no farewell assembly, no leavers disco, no SATS!!! Although these things could not happen, our Year 6 children need to know that we are immensely proud of them. If we could have given them these things, we would – although I imagine some of them are secretly quite happy about the SATs!

It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know each and every one of them. They are all individual, unique and special. All of them have contributed to our school family and will be part of St Mark's forever. In fact, they are the final group of children to leave St Mark's – the next year group will be leaving Bredbury St Marks.

Final Year 6 message: 'Be brave and remember to aspire to be the best version of yourself that you possibly can be. We believe in you.'



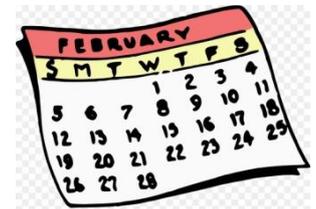
Term Dates

Please find below the term dates for 2020/2021:

	Open	Close
AUTUMN	Thursday 3 rd September 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020
		25 th September 2020 Inset Day
	Monday 2 nd November 2020	Tuesday 22 nd December 2020
SPRING	Thursday 7 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021
	Tuesday 23 rd February 2021	Friday 26 th March 2021
SUMMER	Monday 12 th April 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021
		Monday 3 rd May 2021 Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Wednesday 28 th July 2021

Please note school will be closed for the following:

- Tuesday 1st September 2020 – Inset Day
- Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Inset Day
- Friday 25th September 2020 – Inset Day
- Monday 22nd February – Inset Day
- Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday
- Monday 14th June 2021 – Inset Day



Summer Building Plans

Earlier in the year CDAT (our academy trust) put a bid in for some essential building work. We are thrilled to tell you that we won this bid! Over the summer and into the Autumn term we will be having the wall replaced that runs alongside the outside of our Year 1 and Year 2 classroom. Also, all the external windows and wooden doors are going to be replaced. No more brown wood only sleek grey for us! The best part is that the money we have received from the bid covers all the work that needs to be done. So not only will we have smart new uniforms but the school is having a face lift too. I'll keep you fully updated as there may be some temporary changes regarding access to certain classes when the work gets under way.



Staffing

Going into the new school year I will remain as Acting Headteacher and will be joined by Miss Moore and Mrs Spreckley as Acting Assistant Heads. This will allow the school to continue its drive and commitment to improving the outcomes for all our children. Mrs Spreckley will lead Early Years / Key Stage 1 and Miss Moore will lead Key Stage 2. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them on their appointments.



Mrs Bebbington will be starting her maternity leave in September and we are so excited for her. We can't wait to meet baby Bebbington.

Summer Holiday activities

I have attached a separate booklet to the email, which is full of summer holiday activities in Stockport. Plenty to keep everyone busy!

From the whole team here we wish you all the most wonderful summer. We can't wait to welcome you back on the 3rd September. Time to recharge the batteries now!

Thank you so much for supporting us every step of the way.

Together we are stronger.

Kind Regards

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Acting Headteacher