

DREAM BIG



End of Year Newsletter Let's celebrate!

Dear Parents / Carers,

So, the year 2021-22 is nearly over! It's time to wish our Year 6's the best of luck in high school, start to prepare our Year 5's to be our school role models and time to celebrate everything we have achieved.



Please see below some of the highlights from the year:



We introduced our 6 school values which run through everything that we do from our behaviour policy to our curriculum.

Bishop Sam of Stockport came to visit. He commented on the warmth and friendliness of the children and staff.



We celebrated Harvest and made some amazing pumpkins!



We took time to think about those who lost their lives in the war.



We spent the week thinking about anti-bullying and we decided it is 'COOL TO BE KIND'. We celebrated each other's differences by wearing odd socks.

We shared the book 'Alien nation' and celebrated our first ever Pride day where uniqueness and individuality were recognised. We all deserve to be comfortable in our own skin.



We set up our very own Art gallery. It was one of the first time in months, we were able to welcome parents and carers back in school – we had missed you!



We celebrated The Queen's jubilee by having our very own street party and we all wore red, white and blue. The scones were delicious!



Manchester United Primary Reds came for a taster session. We became mini-medics and learnt some new ball skills. We can't wait to work with them every Tuesday next year.



The Heat Wave! Wow what a scorcher! I have never experienced temperatures quite like it. EYFS had some great ideas for keeping cool!



The Year 6 residential to Linnet Clough – after two years we finally got to go away. We were amazed by the fabulous activities on our doorstep. Memories were definitely made.



Sports week took place – the first two days were in the heat wave and then we had rain! Only in England can we get such extremes. The main thing was that we had fun!



We had loads of fun at the summer fair! I'm not sure if Mrs Spreckley and Mrs Quinn agree though!



Miss Moore had a gorgeous baby girl called Elodie!



Goodbyes

It is time to say our final goodbyes to Mrs White, Miss McIlroy and Mrs Jilani. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school. We wish them all the best for the future.

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Thank you

I would like to take a minute to say thank you.

Firstly to the staff who continue to give their all and go above and beyond. We are a small team so the staff take on multiple roles. They do this with a smile and enthusiasm. A familiar sound in our school is laughter because the staff genuinely love being here. Every time a visitor comes, they comment on the feeling of warmth within the school.

Secondly to the parents who genuinely support us. We know we aren't perfect (sure you'll agree no-one is) but we continue to learn and improve and what drives us is the belief that we are making a difference to the lives of our children.

And lastly our wonderful children who make every day unique.



I feel very blessed to be head teacher of such a special school – we really are a school family.



Have the most wonderful summer and we will see you all on Monday 5th September.

Best wishes.

E. Harding

Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Annual attendance

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Weekly %</u>
Nursery	88.4%
Reception	92.2%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3/4	88.7%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	90.5%
Whole school	90.7%



Next year we will continue our drive to improve attendance. Mrs Halfpenny will continue to lead on this. Our determination to improve attendance is because we know that children being in school means better outcomes for their futures.

Important Dates

- **Monday 5th Sept: School reopens for the Autumn term**
- Our term dates can be found on the school website:
https://www.st-marks.stockport.sch.uk/serve_file/7147106

