



BREDBURY ST. MARK'S CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter: Keeping us all safe 16th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

How amazing were the pumpkin entries! We were totally overwhelmed with the number of entries and the quality. I have a sneaky suspicion that some of our parents / carers also enjoyed the competition! What a creative bunch you are.



This week's newsletter focuses on *keeping us all safe*. I don't want to tempt fate (as I quickly touch every piece of wood in sight!) but we are one of the few schools who has not had to close one of our classes yet. Where you have been great is recognising if your child is unwell or has symptoms and either keeping them off or getting them tested quickly. For this we can not thank you enough. Having said that I do think we can improve our safety measures on the school premises before and after school. I know I sound like a broken record but it really is down to us to get this right.



We all know about HANDS, FACE, SPACE but there is more we need to do.

It is only through our combined efforts that we will be able to **minimise the spread of the virus**.

Please follow the protocols below and remember:

- No child should be arriving late and **one adult per family** should enter the school grounds.
- **Parents must socially distance at this time.**
- We **request** that parents **wear face masks** whilst in the school grounds.
- Unfortunately, we must ask parents to maintain social distancing and **avoid talking in small groups to other parents.**
- **Please do not use the picnic tables as a place to chat whilst waiting for your child/children.**
- The school gates will be opened **just before pick-up time** to reduce time on the school site.
- Please follow the one way route around the school – this may mean you have to do more than one lap of the school.
- We ask that parents then leave the area as soon as possible after drop-off or pick-up.
- **Children will not be able to play around school** at the beginning or end of the day.

Thank you for your collective work in making this possible. Most of you are doing this but it's always a few who sadly put the rest of us at risk. I can't make you, but I can only make a plea that you see how important this is.

Kind regards
E. Harding
 Mrs Harding
 Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to **Daley** in Year 6 for working harder than ever before! Great improvement in his learning behaviours!



Dylan in Year 1 for producing the most amazing writing and reading it to me with such pride. Keep it up! I wonder who I'll be mentioning next week? It's getting really hard to decide.

Special mentions

The sale of the toffee apples and popcorn made a whopping £110. This money will go towards buying a resource for the children. Mrs Spreckley will keep you updated on how it is spent. Can I also say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Spreckley for organising the whole competition and making all the toffee apples single handedly last Sunday. This really is above and beyond.



Attendance

We want all attendance to be **over 95%**. Class attendance from September to now:



EYFS	89.4%
Year 1	90.6%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	81.3%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	94.8%
Whole school	92.6%

Birthdays next week ...

Happy birthday to:



Thomas- Year 1
 Zunaira- Year 1
 Lucy- Year 2
 Evelyn- Year 3

We hope you have the best day!

Reminders

We have noticed that this week a number of children have not been wearing **ties**. Most have said they can't find them at home so we have tasked them with the job of having a really good look in their bedrooms (especially under beds!). If you could remind them as well please as it does seem to be older children who haven't got them on so we are aware they are dressing themselves. Last week we mentioned children arriving late. This has continued this week unfortunately. I have shared the start and finish times again to ensure everyone is clear.



Looking ahead ...Diary

Dates

Parent Evening

We have had an excellent response to parents evening bookings. The teachers can't wait to catch up with you.



	Parent's Evening Time Slots
EYFS	Monday 19 th October 3.30-6.30pm Tuesday 20 th October 2-3pm
YEAR 1	Tuesday 20 th October 3.30-6.30pm
YEAR2	Tuesday 20 th October 3.30-6.30pm
YEAR 3	Wednesday 21 st October 3.30-6.30pm
YEAR 4	Wednesday 21 st October 1.30-6.30pm



Year Group	Timing	
	Drop-off	Collect
EYFS	8.50am	3pm
Year 1 / 2	8.50am	3pm
Year 3 / 4	9am	3.10pm
Year 5 / 6	9.10am	3.20pm

YEAR 5	Thursday 22 nd October 3.30-6.30pm
YEAR 6	Friday 23 rd October 9.30-11.30
YEAR 6	Thursday 22 nd October 1.30-6.30pm

Half Term
School breaks up for half term next Friday (23rd October) and reopens on Monday 2nd November. Have a wonderful break.