



Weekly Newsletter: Holidays are here! 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We made it! I would like to thank you all for your support over this last half term. The staff and I have loved seeing all the children back and for school to return to some normality. We have had to make adjustments along the way but you have taken these on board and understood that all decisions are to keep the children, yourselves and us safe. I am sure there will be further obstacles to overcome but with the support of yourselves, I know we can do it.



Our building project is set to start next week so when you return there should be a scaffold tunnel from the old drop off area towards the infant building. All Health and Safety procedures have been followed and we can't wait for the essential roof repair to get started.

It is a shame that we have gone in to Tier 3 today as it will impact on what you are able to do. We really hope you still manage to get out and about and spend some quality time together.

Before I sign off, I wanted to share a poem that was written by one of our talented Year 5 children as part of his home learning. I'm not going to lie, it did make me tear up a little. See what you think:

What Being Generous Means To Me (by Lucas Year 5)

What being generous means to me
Is sharing things with my family
It's giving my time to someone in need
And always trying to do a good deed.

Being generous is about being kind
A small job or an errand and you will soon find
That others will want to be just like you
And spread generosity to many, not a few.

And even when you don't have much to spare
Giving just a little shows that you care
For being generous is a nice thing to be
And I am proud that this is me.

I hope that you have an enjoyable break and that you and your family stay safe and well. I know that the staff team are looking forward to a well-earned rest. See you in a week!

Kind regards
E. Harding
Mrs Harding
Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to **Freddie** in Year 1 for having an excellent attitude to all his learning.



Zunaira in Year 1 for always giving 100%
Leah S in Year 6 for being a good role model.

Keep it up! I wonder who I'll be mentioning next week? It's getting really hard to decide.

Special mentions

Parents Evening was a great success. We love a little bit of healthy competition so the table shows the % of parents we spoke with:



EYFS	93%
YEAR 1	89%
YEAR2	93%
YEAR 3	81%
YEAR 4	92%
YEAR 5	94%
YEAR 6	96%

Attendance

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



EYFS	
Year 1	91.5%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	86.7%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole school	94%

Best attendance to date! Keep it up!

Birthdays next week ...

Happy birthday to:



Keira in Year 2
Eva in Year 5
Ruby in Year 5
Reece in Year 5
Nova in Early Years
Archie in Year 4
Jacob in Early Years

We hope you have the best day!

Reminders

You can access timetables rock stars, google classroom, busy things and reading plus across the half term. The Literacy trust also provide activities to support with language. They can be found here: wordsforlife.co.uk



Looking aheadDiary Dates



- School starts back on Monday 2nd November.
- Staggered start and finish times remain the same.
- 5th November: Bonfire Night

Test and Trace

Schools have been following the COVID 19 guidance during term time and over the weekends since we returned in September. As we are approaching the half term break I wanted to ensure that you knew who to contact if there was a positive case of Covid-19 in your household during that time, given that schools will be closed.

If someone in your household tests positive, then you need to contact the following:

PHE Greater Manchester Team: 0344 225 0562. Press zero then Option 3

Please follow guidance we have given you about symptoms and getting tested by looking at our website or checking information that we have sent out to you via email.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid--19/>

It is important that school is informed in the event that your child tests positive for Coronavirus over the half term period. This is so that we can keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. It then allows us to inform other parents if their child has been in close contact with a positive case, and allow them to isolate their child.

Please read the following information:

If your child tests positive between 3.20pm on Friday 23rd October and 8.30am on Monday 2nd November, please:

1. Email school at admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk
2. Tell us the name of your child, the date they were last in school and the date they developed symptoms of Coronavirus.
3. Give us a contact telephone number to call you.
4. Take a picture of your positive confirmation, and attach it if you can.

If we receive advice from the NHS team that other children must isolate as a result of a positive case, we will inform parents via text/email and advise you of the need to isolate, and the day when the isolation will finish.

We obviously hope that there will be no positive cases in our families over the half term holiday or in the future.

I'd like to thank you in advance for your support in helping our school community to remain safe.