



Weekly Newsletter: Important Changes 11th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may be aware that over the last few days there has been lots in the news about the roles schools should take in track and trace over Christmas. There has also been some changes made to the Christmas holiday dates due to the Government making late changes.



I appreciate that the changes are last minute, but I actually feel you will be very happy with them. Please don't shoot the messenger!

So here goes

We will still finish on Friday 18th December 2020 as planned but we will now return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We will not be offering remote learning on Monday 21st December and Tuesday 22nd December, as the children will be back in school two days earlier than first planned. Therefore relieving you of home learning (yippee I hear you cry!) and giving the children two essential extra days in school.

Schools are needed to support Public Health England with track and trace so, it is essential you let school know **immediately** if you your child tests positive for COVID over the Christmas holidays. We will then contact members of the same class to let them know if they need to self-isolate. Please contact us using the email:

admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk

This will be checked daily. Phone messages will not be picked up until the 5th January.

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Plant who has been our midday supervisor for many many years. She will be retiring and is very much looking forward to walking her beautiful dog Ruby. I am sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Plant for her dedication and commitment to the school.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

E. Harding

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to the new ETHOS council. Applications were handed in to Mrs Nichol and the final council are:

Harry, Lexi and **Neve** in Year 5 and **Alex, Ella** and **Savannah** in Year 6.

Their first project will be to write the school prayer and start to plan our reflection garden. Very exciting times for this new group and we know they will be simply fabulous.



Well done to our Year 2 children for taking the phonic screen test. Parents / carers will be notified on the results in writing.

I wonder who I'll be mentioning next week?

Attendance

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



Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	93.7%
Whole school	94.6%

1.4% more and we are at National Expectation!

Birthdays next week ...

Happy birthday to:



Maddison in Year 4
Ellie in EYFS
Isabella in Year 1
Amelia in Year 4

We hope you have the best day!

Reminders

Absence
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let us know immediately if your child is not going to be in school. You can do this either by emailing the admin email or phoning the school number 0161-430-3418. There is an answering machine dedicated to absence, so you don't even need to speak to us if you don't want!! If we don't hear from you, we'll be phoning, texting and if no success we'll come round. That's how important attendance is to us.



Looking aheadDiary Dates (new dates in red)



- Today – Save the Children Christmas jumper day
- Friday 11th December – last day for class Christmas cards to be bought in
- WB: 14th December – school Christmas stalls – more info to follow
- Friday 18th December – Christmas dinner day
- Last day of term – Friday 18th December
- School opens for the Spring term – Tuesday 5th January 2020