



Weekly Newsletter: Ho Ho Ho!!! 18th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As I sit here writing this I feel quite overwhelmed by all that we have achieved. I feel like we have achieved the impossible by remaining open for the entire term without having to close any bubbles. These things do not happen by chance....this is down to the whole school community taking COVID seriously and ensuring that all the Health and Safety measures are in place. For this, I cannot thank yourselves and the school staff enough. I feel this school prides itself on community spirit and I feel thankful that we are all able to support each other.



Finally I have an update on the building work! The scaffold for the new roof will go up over Christmas with the planned work officially starting at the beginning of February. This is a huge job due to the condition of the roof and will take around 3 months to complete. The one-way system around school will still be in place after Christmas. The pastoral team and I will be around first thing on Tuesday morning to make you aware of any necessary changes to the routes.

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.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal due to your income they will receive two vouchers over the Christmas holidays. These will come directly to your email or in the post if an email address has not been provided. These are being organised by the Stockport Local Authority, not the school.

Please remember we now return 2 days earlier for the Spring term (Tuesday 5th January).

I wish you and your families the most wonderful Christmas. Everyone truly deserves a good break. Thank you for the support you have shown us over the last term.

Kind regards

E. Harding

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to all the classes. The treats they made for the class Christmas stalls were so lovely and we raised £135. The hampers raised £83. Congratulations to the Greer family for winning the family hamper and Mr Craddock won the pamper hamper which he bought on behalf of his mum. We hope you enjoy them.



I wonder who I'll be mentioning after the holiday?

Attendance

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



Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	90.8%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	93.6%
Whole school	94.5%

1.4% more and we are at National Expectation!

Birthdays over the Christmas holidays



Happy birthday to:

Daisy in Year 2
Justin in Year 2
Connie in Year 4
Anne-Jolina in Year 4
Marty in Year 5
Yusuf in Year 5
Logan in Year 2
Holly in Year 3
Aleena in EYFS
Aliyah in Year 5

We hope you have the best day!

Reminders

Behaviour of Parents on site – these last few weeks we have seen an increase in parents / carers speaking inappropriately. School has to be a place where adults are role models and issues are dealt with respectfully. If there is a problem between your child and another child and you feel the need to approach another parent / carer we ask that you do so calmly and without swearing. School grounds should be a safe place for the entire school community.



Looking aheadDiary Dates (new dates in red)



- Today – Break up for the Christmas holidays – normal staggered finish times
- **School opens for the Spring term – Tuesday 5th January 2020**
- **WB: 8th February – parent's evening this week – more to follow on whether this will be phone calls or face to face**
- **Friday 12th February – school closes for February half term**
- **Monday 22nd February – INSET day – school closed to children**
- **Tuesday 23rd February school open**