



Weekly Newsletter: Wild weather! 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow what a wild week it has been weather wise! We have had torrential rain and snow! Very different from the last lockdown. Each morning I wonder what I'm going to wake up to.



This week has felt very strange in school as we had our first positive COVID 19 case. This resulted in our KS2 classes having to isolate for the week. We always knew that at some point it would happen and I wish to thank the parents of those children who it impacted on for being so supportive. Many of them had to change work plans with very little notice. This school member did not have symptoms and was tested as part of an external measure.

You may have heard on the news that staff testing kits are coming into Primary schools next week. The main aim of these is to identify staff who may be asymptomatic (have no symptoms). Our testing kits are being delivered on Tuesday so we hope to start the testing from Thursday and then we will test twice weekly. Please be prepared that this may result in classes having to close if staff members test positive – especially in the early days. The aim though is for early identification to stop the spread of the virus in the school community and wider.

Remote Learning

Well done to those who have been accessing Google classroom. The daily drops have been a great success. If your child hasn't joined one yet, this is an opportunity to see and chat with their friends and play fun games. It has been so positive in terms of the children's mental wellbeing. If you need support accessing them, please contact your child's class teacher.

Each week we are trying to improve our remote learning offer. This week we introduced the daily story videos by the class teachers and the daily drop ins. Next week I will be delivering a worship on Monday and the class teachers will be teaching a minimum of 3 maths lessons with a video of them talking your child through it. Please note this is very new for us so there will be teething problems – it is very different from teaching a class full of children.

Food vouchers

We were so pleased when the government changed their mind and agreed that food vouchers could be given to those families that are entitled to income based free school meals. We have a lot to thank Marcus Rashford for! If your child is entitled and is **NOT** in school then you will have received your voucher yesterday from EDENRED. There is then a link to redeem the voucher. If you are unsure if you have received yours then please contact the school office or email the admin email: admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk

Please note the office is open between 9am and 3pm during National Lockdown.

If your child is attending school then they will not receive a voucher as a hot meal is being provided daily for them.

If you feel your circumstances may have changed and that you may be entitled to free school meals for your child you can check quickly using the link below:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals>

The Great Bredbury Bake Off

We have been overwhelmed by the entries so farI'm starting to feel the pressure as we have asked staff to join in as well. The flyer is attached explaining the competition in case you missed it. This week was cupcake week and the closing date is Monday 25th January. The winner will receive a prize that will be delivered to you (in a safe socially distanced way). It's just a shame we can't taste them – although probably good for my waistline!

Thank you again –this is a testing time and we are here for you.
Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

E. Harding

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

So this week's award goes to all the parent's and carers in our school community. You never thought you would be home schooling your children. You have risen to the most enormous challenge and continue to protect and nurture your children. You are playing a huge part in beating this pandemic by keeping your children safely with you.



Birthdays next week ...

These are the birthdays from last week and this week. Happy birthday to:

William in EYFS

Ella B in Year 6

Dylan in Year 5

Dylan in Year 1

Dillon in Year 6

We hope you have (had) the best day!



Remote Learning

As a reminder the email addresses for the staff that can support you with remote learning are:

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