



Weekly Newsletter: A little bit of everything! 5th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hate to tempt fate but this week has been rather quiet from the government so I thought I would use the opportunity to confirm a few things happening over the next few weeks.



Half Term

School will be closed from 3.10pm on the 12th February until Tuesday 23rd February. There will be no schooling for any critical worker / vulnerable children and remote learning will not be set during this time.

Track and Trace

Over half term school will still be supporting the NHS with track and trace. From Friday the 12th until Monday the 15th the email account admin@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk will be checked daily and if there is a confirmed case of COVID for a child who has been in school then parents / carers may be contacted and advised to isolate.

This email will not be checked for COVID after the 15th and families must follow NHS track and Trace after this time

Testing

We have now completed our first week of staff testing which takes place twice a week. We will continue testing up to and including Friday 12th February. Testing for staff will cease over half term and restart on Tuesday 23rd February.

8th March 2021

The Prime Minister announced that HE HOPED schools would begin to re-open on the 8th of March 2021. He stated that a 'route map' for gradual re-opening of society would be led by scientific data and advice. All of us want the children back in school and therefore it is vital that we follow government advice and stay home as much as possible—in the hope we are through the worst of the pandemic sooner rather than later.

Parents Evening

This week we asked for your opinion about the planned parents evening next week. A phone call parents evening across next week was the majority choice by far. We have had to spread them out due to only having two school phone lines. 60% of you have booked so far.

Remote Learning

Our daily google meets are proving to be a HUGE success. I have been joining a few and watching the children at home play games and chat with the children and staff in school is absolutely heart-warming. Some of the children have told us this is the best part of their day. In terms of the children's mental wellbeing, we feel this is having an extremely positive impact. If your child has not joined one yet, then please use the emails in this letter to contact us and we'll support you. Remember we still have a few laptops left that we are happy to loan out.

The other positive feedback is about the 'loom' lessons. A few you have let us know that this has really helped with engagement. We will continue to review our remote learning package

on a weekly basis – fingers crossed it will not be for too much longer now. Please remember if you are struggling in any way with remote learning whether it be with google classroom or the paper packs then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We absolutely want to support you in the best way possible but if we do not know, we cannot help.

Great Bredbury Bake Off

Well, my biscuits were most definitely better than my cakes as I could actually tell that they were biscuits!!! I can't wait to see what your scones look like on Monday and you can also start to think about your showstopper for the final week!

Building Work

The building work is set to start on Monday. It has been a long and tedious process to get this far but we are finally back on track. Although it looks like we are having a huge 2nd storey extension, it is unfortunately just a new roof.

Twitter account

We have just set up a twitter account as we want to be able to share successes with you quickly. You can follow us on:

@BredburyStMarks

It will take us a few weeks to get up and running but we would love it if you could give us a follow.

Have a restful weekend and please know that we miss all the children who are not in school at the moment. Be kind to yourselves – we could not be prouder of you all.

Kind regards

E. Harding

Mrs Harding

Acting Headteacher

Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to our Home School Heroes who have been most active:

- Lucas in Year 5
- Aliyah in Year 5
- Ameena in Year 2
- Amelia in Year 4



Keep it up everyone.

Birthdays next week ...

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

- ✓ Jacob in Year 1
- ✓ Jenson in Nursery



We hope you have (had) the best day!

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Next week we will be starting the daily drop ins so look out for information about this.



Important Dates

WB: 8th Feb: Parents evening phone calls across the week

- ✓ Friday 12th February 2020: School finishes for half term
- ✓ Monday 22nd February: **School closed to ALL children for INSET day**
- ✓ Tuesday 23rd February: School re-opens to children of COVID critical key workers and vulnerable children

