



Weekly Newsletter: Recharge the batteries 12th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Can you believe that today marks the half way point through the school year! We will have completed three out of the six half terms.

I am determined to be positive and hope that next half term we can all be together again. Fingers crossed the more vaccines that are distributed across the community the lower the infection rate will become and the greater the chances of school opening to all.

We were sad that we had to close another bubble this week due a positive case. It really knocks the staff and the children but equally it makes us realise how important it is to keep safe.



Great Bredbury Bake Off

We have absolutely loved this competition and the quality of the entries has blown us away. We have done cupcake, biscuit and scone week. It is now time for the SHOWSTOPPER! This is the children's chance to be as creative as possible and showcase their skills. Remember to upload your pictures to Google Classroom or email your child's class teacher. The closing date is Monday 22nd February.



Twitter account

A few of you have started to follow our Twitter account:

@BredburyStMarks

After the holidays we hope that each class will post a weekly overview of the learning covered that week. We will use pictures from in school and those that have been uploaded onto Google Classroom, so please do keep sharing work.

Half Term

School will close today at 3.10pm 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

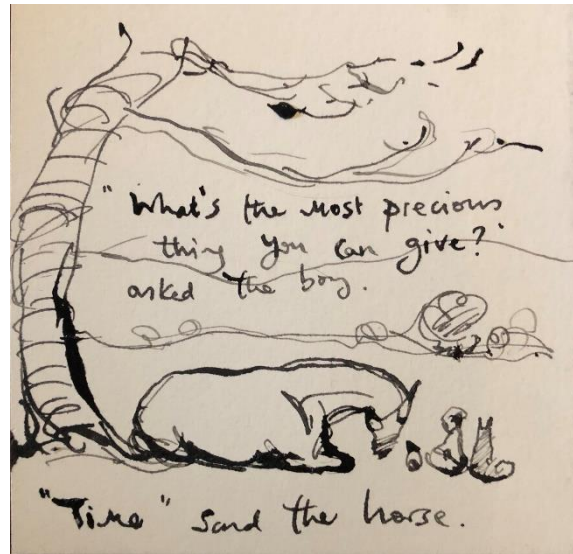
Parents Evening

Parent's evening has been very successful and the teachers really valued checking in with you. While we remain in National Lockdown we will continue to contact you regularly to see if there is any more we can do to support you with remote learning.

Half Term

I know this is another holiday where we are restricted in what we can do but a break from routine is definitely well earned. Here's a few ideas that I've found:

- ✓ Pancake day – one of my favourite treats.
- ✓ Camp in – we can't go camping so let's bring camping to us! Create a den, bring the duvets down and pretend it's a night under the stars!
- ✓ Have a cinema day – grab the popcorn, close the curtains and pick your favourite films.
- ✓ Have a random acts of kindness day – do something nice for a loved one, a neighbour or your community.
- ✓ Hold a talent show – design a stage and get practising your best talents in preparation for the evening talent show!
- ✓ Paints rocks - lots of you did it in the first lockdown so wouldn't it be great to find more rock snakes!



Feeling blessed

I would like to finish with a final thank you. We know that school being partially closed is very difficult for families. You are juggling being a parent / carer and are supporting your child's learning. I also know that the staff desperately miss the children and there is no doubt that remote learning has been a learning curve for all of us. I think as staff we could probably fill an hours programme of 'You've been framed' with our LOOM lesson blunders! Therefore I would like to thank the whole community for their efforts over the last 6 weeks in keeping our school community safe.

Have a good week away from school. Fingers crossed the weather will start to warm up on our return and we have everything crossed that we will be welcoming you all back soon.

Take care and remember you have all achieved so much.

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:

- Ciaran in Reception
- Lucy in Year 2
- Scarlet in Year 4
- George in Year 5



Keep it up everyone.

Birthdays over the next 2 weeks

These are the birthdays this coming week and the week after.

Happy birthday to:

- ✓ George in Nursery
- ✓ Roxy in Year 6
- ✓ Lola May in Year 3
- ✓ Neve in Year 5
- ✓ Riley in Year 3



We hope you have (had) the best day!

Home Learning

Please see the information about the revamped CBBC YouTube channel:

We've also made an exciting revamp to the [CBBC YouTube Channel](#). We know your pupils and parents would be interested in this, for entertainment at half term and outside of home-schooling hours now in lockdown.



We are uploading videos to it daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have all the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. We are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the CBBC live daily and on the BBC iPlayer.

*Thanks so much for your time,
The CBBC team*

Important Dates

- ✓ Friday 12th February: 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
- ✓ Friday 26th March: School closes for Easter
- ✓ Monday 12th April: School re-opens

