



William MacGregor Primary Newsletter

Week ending 2nd July 2021

News...

When we didn't think this year could get any stranger – we have just had this last week. The children have taken this all in their stride and we are so proud of the way they have handled the very sudden school closure and remote learning in general. They have had to get covid tests, some have been poorly and they have had to deal with lots of uncertainty in many homes; we can't praise them enough. We know how resilient children are but they have certainly had a difficult 16 months. We are praying September will bring with it 'normal' school life. We would also like to thank you – our parents, who have been so supportive to us as a senior leadership team and all the staff. The teachers hate being at home and we have all been deeply upset by the past week but your messages of support have kept us going. Thank you! Thank you again to the 50 parents for taking your children and yourselves to gain a PCR test – this really is the best way to stop the spread.

However, this low number (less than half) puts all of our community at risk if children return to school without having had a PCR test as advised by the local outbreak team. It is very worrying that bubble closures and potential a further school closure could happen all over again.

Please, I urge everyone who has not yet had a PCR test (children and family members) to get a test and complete the form using the link below.

We are still having positive cases come through from children who were in contact last week showing that it can take over a week. Please do not feel that if your child doesn't have it now, they are clear. So many children are asymptomatic too. I know many are testing daily with LFD tests, but these are not as reliable as getting a PCR test.

New teachers for September 21

The children were so excited to find out their new teachers yesterday on the whole school zoom – we got there in the end; we haven't had that many children trying to join at once!

LB – Mrs McNerlin and Mrs Hobbs

Year 1 – Mrs Franks (4 days) and Miss Sutton (Mrs Jones will teach for 1 day a week)

Year 2 – Miss Ryan and Mrs Allen

Year 3 – Mrs McCallion and Mr Neiland

Year 4 – Mrs Kang (Mon+Tues) Miss Noakes (Wed-Fri) with Miss Cumiskey until October

Year 5 – Miss Sheward and Mr Moss

Year 6 – Miss Marsh and Mrs Ford

Mrs Archer will continue to teach across the school as will Mr Massam who will teach the children PE. We are not going to be able to allow the children to spend time with their new teacher this side of the holidays but hopefully they had a good chat on this mornings zoom call. We will plan in a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting for yourselves in September for you to meet them. (Hopefully in person)

Summer holiday provision – if you are entitled to free school meals because of your household income, then you will have received a letter this week to sign up and register for this over the holidays. The initial interest deadline is Monday 5th and the deadline for signing children up is Friday 9th. Children in Ladybirds and Key Stage 1 who have universal free school meals funded by the government are not eligible.

If children have finished their isolation period, we will see them back in school on Tuesday as Monday 5th is an INSET day. (No remote learning) If not, there will be daily remote learning on Showbie as normal. The staff will be teaching but they will provide the children chance to connect in to the classrooms where possible. Have a good weekend and thank you again for your continued support. Mrs Jones

Star of the Week

Ladybirds – Pearl & Lily Rose

Year 1 – Whole Class

Year 2 – Whole Class

Year 3 – Whole Class

Year 4 – Whole Class

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Jude

PE Star of Week:

Skyler in Ladybirds and Alfie M in Year 3

For their amazing effort in PE challenges and Tasks

Birthday celebrations!

Penny

Katherine Teddy

Victoria Isabella H



Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 3

Year 6

Year 2

Year 5

Year 4

Year 1

Top Spellers:

☐ - Jack S - Y3

☐ -- Eliza B - Y6

☐ -- James B - Y2



☐ Every week, there will be a battle in each class. Boys VS. Girls. ☐
Good luck! ☐

This week's most valuable players:

Year 2: Noah & Sarah ☐

Year 3: Mia & Kai-Hei ☐

Year 4: Ronnie & Alexia ☐

Year 5: Andrei ☐

Year 6: Oscar & Veronika ☐

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 4

Year 3

Year 3

Year 1

Year 2

Year 6

Top Mathstronauts:

☐ -- Aida O - Y4

☐ -- Andrei O - Y5

☐ -- Jack S - Y3f



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Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update

Congratulations to Miss J Parrish who won £14.10 last week.

We have raised £1230.80 so far.

We have a new area we are fund raising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. We would like to put artificial grass here and develop a calm area where the children can relax.



Congratulations to all badge winners this week. All badges will be given out when children are back in school.

Ruby – Lewis, Alexandra & Maggie (Y1), Eliza & Jaiha (Y4)

COMING SOON



FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will get a letter from school to register

Registration opens 5th July 2021

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Department
for Education

Staffordshire
County Council

HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

School events

Reminder that our school website has all events taking place in school.

www.williammacgregor.staffs.sch.uk

July

5th – school closed for staff training day

6th – school reopens for non-isolating children

14th – school reports go out

20th – last day of term