

### St Martin's C of E (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed a positive start to 2023 and are all keeping warm in this icy weather!

As you may be aware from media coverage the The National Education Union (NEU) on Monday announced that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action. The first of the proposed dates for possible national and regional action is Wednesday 1 February. A number of our staff team are members of the NEU, and therefore it is highly probable that learning will be affected on this and subsequent strike days. Please be assured that I will work hard to keep the school open and currently have no intention to close on these dates.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the PTA information session this morning. We are very excited to announce that the first AGM of our school PTA will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, please note that ALL parents are welcome, so please do pop along.

A reminder please that in order to safeguard all children and staff the driveway and car park is not for parental parking, or for pedestrians at any time, the pedestrian gate is always open for you to safely access the school. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation with this matter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Best wishes,

Mrs Becky McManus Headteacher



#### **Dates for the diary**

Date	What	Where and When
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Attendance Workshop	3.30pm School Hall
	School Uniform Sale	
	Children welcome	
Friday 10th February	Term ends	3.20pm – usual end of day
Monday 20th February	INSET day	No children in school
Tuesday 21st February	Term begins (All children return)	8.40am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA AGM	9-10am School Hall
Monday 13th March	Parents' Eve	Appointments will be released in
		Feb
Thursday 16th March	Parents' Eve	Appointments will be released in
		Feb
Friday 31st March	Church Easter Service Parents Welcome, no	2pm – St Martin's Church Usual
	ticket needed	dismissal from school at 3.20pm
Friday 31st March	Term ends	3.20pm – usual end of day

### **Absence**

In order to keep our children safe, it is essential that we are aware of your child's absence and the reason for this by no later than 9am; this can be on our absence line, by telephoning the school office on 01722 554300, or via email <a href="mailto:admin@st-martins.wilts.sch.uk">admin@st-martins.wilts.sch.uk</a>

# **School Uniform**

We are seeking second hand uniform, which we can add to our Uniform giveaway/ sale on the 8th February. Please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 3rd February.

To support parents with ensuring your child is dressed in the correct uniform, we will be holding an event to share second hand uniform and sell new uniform, including some which is specifically suited to pupils with sensory needs. This will be after a short 15 minute workshop on attendance. We encourage you to attend this meeting, so that we can share important information with you.

# **Behaviour Policy**

We are delighted to share that the new behavior policy and systems are up and running and working well! We have seen a big difference in school and are enjoying celebrating all of the children's wonderful work. Thank you to all of the parents who have attended Celebration Worship to see their child receive an award, it is wonderful to have you here. Should you ever be unable to make your child's Celebration Assembly, please do get in touch, as we do take a photo of every child getting their certificate and would be very pleased to share this with you.

Have a fantastic weekend!