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St Martin's CE Primary School

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Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

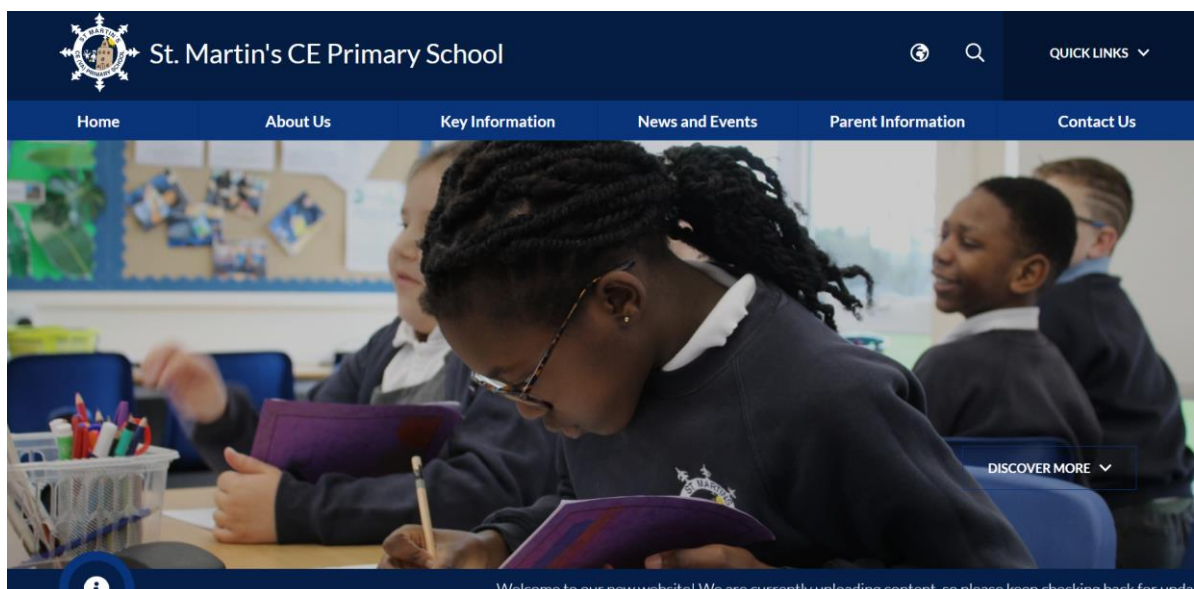
It has been another busy fortnight at St Martin's – we have celebrated world book day, with some incredible costumes, enjoyed playing with the snow on Wednesday and ended the week with a celebration of our children's learning on Friday!

Before I update you on some exciting changes below, just a quick reminder that our **Ofsted Parent Meeting is this Wednesday at 3.30pm, in the school hall**. This will be a great opportunity to hear about our plans to improve, as well as the positive steps that we have made since the inspection in January, you can also ask any questions you may have. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Website

I wrote to you earlier this week with news of our website and am delighted to let you know that it is now live! Please visit us at www.stmartinsprimaryschool.co.uk and take a look.

I would encourage you to subscribe to the school calendar, as this will keep you up to date with life at school. We have also uploaded all of our policies and current information, so that you have a good overview of how the school operates and what your child will be learning this year. In the coming weeks, we will be starting a blog, which includes regular photos and updates from in-school, as well as updating class pages; I will send a text alert when this is up and running.



Reading

At St Martin's we place great importance on reading, this is the most important skill your child needs to learn.

To help increase the profile of reading (and communication), we are introducing reading records, which will come home every night, together with the book your child is reading.



Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
10.03.23	Molly Rogers To the rescue p 7 - 21	Luke read at home. great effort! Mum <i>cli</i>
11.03.23	Molly Rogers p 21 - 24	Luke can read aloud with good expression 😊 Well done Luke! Mrs Boyd.
11/03/23	p 24 - 27	Luke read at home <i>cli</i> .
12/03/23	Molly Rogers p 27 - 45	Great reading at home. <i>cli</i>
14.03.23	Molly Rogers p 46 - 48	Luke is making good progress with reading + could answer inference q's about the book. well done! Mrs Boyd.
15.03.23	Molly Rogers p 48 - 52	Luke read <i>cli</i> .
15.03.23	Please can Luke change his book. he isn't enjoying it. <i>cli</i> . 15/03/23 - Of course, we have given him a new one today. Mrs Boyd.	

We recommend that your child reads at home every day and this can be recorded in their reading record – I have completed an example on the left, so that you can see how much/ what to record. The class teacher or support staff (in this example “Mrs Boyd”) will also log in the diary several times a week and respond to written communication on the same day.

We request that reading records come back into school every morning, please, as we will use this to record your child’s progress and keep clear/open communication with you.

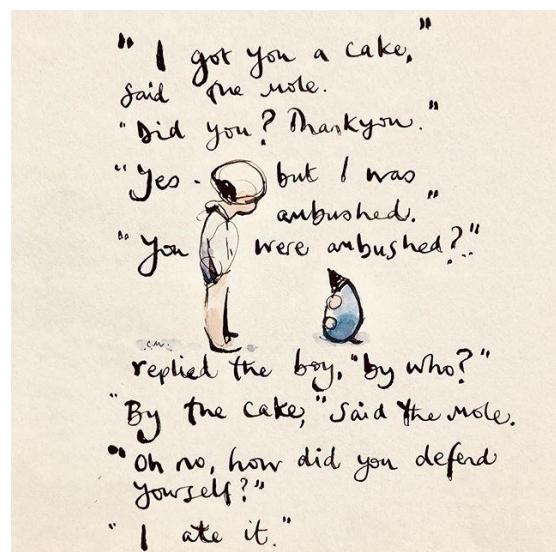
If home reading is recorded 4 times in a week, your child will enter a prize draw to spend **storytime with Mrs McManus**.

Storytime will take place at the end of the half term and 7 children will be chosen to enjoy an hour of storytelling and cake!

I will end with a quote from my favourite book, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse, by Charlie Mackesy

Have a wonderful weekend!
Best wishes,

Mrs McManus



PE Kit

Please ensure all children have a full (labelled) PE kit in school every week. This should come in every Monday and be taken home on Friday to wash.

Many thanks for supporting us with this.



Dates for the diary

Date	What	Where and When
Monday 13 th March	Parents' Eve 3.30-6.20pm	Details emailed
Wednesday 15 th March	Ofsted Parent Meeting	3.30pm, School Hall
Thursday 16 th March	Parents' Eve Times TBC	Details emailed
Friday 17 th March	Skateboard and Scooter Day	In school – please ensure your child has a PE kit in school, nothing else needed
Friday 31 st March	Church Easter Service Parents Welcome, no ticket needed, please just arrive at the church in time	2pm – St Martin's Church Usual dismissal from school at 3.20pm
Friday 31 st March	Term ends	3.20pm – usual end of day
Monday 17 th April	Term begins	8.40am (usual start time)
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday – School Closed	
Monday 8 th May	Bank holiday – School Closed	
Friday 26 th May	Term ends	3.20pm – usual end of day
Monday 5 th June	Term begins	8.40am (usual start time)
Monday 5 th June	Class photos	During the school day
Thursday 8 th and Friday 9 th June	Year 6 Bikeability	In school – morning only (More information coming at parent meeting 1 st March)
Friday 16 th June	Whole School Sports Day – All parents/family welcome	Afternoon, details to follow
Wednesday 28 th – Friday 30 th June	Year 6 Residential – Brenscombe	(More information coming at parent meeting 1 st March)
Wednesday 5 th July	"Bump-up" day	Y6 to new schools for the day EYFS – Y5 – session in their new class
Monday 24 th July	Last day of term Eco Day – Details TBC	School as usual, usual drop off/collection time
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET day – School closed to pupils	