

Friendship Love Honesty Hope Respect Responsibility



St Martin's CE Primary School

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Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight here at St Martin's. I want to begin by thanking all of our parents and carers for your continued support, I know that the positive comments, which the team have received over the past few weeks, have been much appreciated.

My thanks also go to Mrs Browning, for organizing a fantastic day of scooters and skateboards last week, this was a wonderful experience for our children, where they got to enjoy an exciting new sport. We will be uploading some photos to the website over the weekend – so keep checking back for updates!

I am also delighted to let you know some more good news...

We have a school therapy dog joining us at St Martin's, from Monday 17th April. This decision has been made following extensive research, discussion with other schools that have a school therapy dog and the approval of the Governing Body. We have completed a thorough school dog policy and risk assessment, both of which will be available on our website to read.

Toffee is a 3 year old Labradoodle, who is owned by our new Deputy Head, Mr McBride. Toffee will be in school every day and based in the admin offices, or the pod, with children being allowed to interact with her under strict supervision from an adult. She will be visiting the school on Monday next week, so that she can get used to the sounds and smells, but will not be interacting with pupils until her official start date of the 17th of April.

When at school, Toffee will move around on a lead and will be accompanied by an adult at all times. We hope she will be able to support children across the in school in areas such as reading, nurture, attendance. We also hope, that over time, children who are fearful of dogs can be supported in approaching, handling and in gaining confidence in managing their fear. We are certain that the children will gain a lot of enjoyment from having a school dog and there will be pictures on the website of all that she does. If you have any individual questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to the admin team, or myself.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs McManus

Dates for the diary

Date	What	Where and When
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	