

Friendship Love Honesty Hope Respect Responsibility



St Martin's CE Primary School

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Thursday 20th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are in the last few days of term; this year seems to have flown by!

I want to begin by thanking you all for your support over the past year. As you know, we have been working hard to improve all areas of the school, so that our children receive the highest quality education. We have made some great progress and are looking forward to next year, when we will be joining the DSAT family.

A few questions have arisen recently about uniform, as this will change when we join the Trust. We currently anticipate this change happening for September 2024, so please be reassured that your child can continue to wear their school jumper and PE shirt. Our current uniform is grey/black trousers/skirt, white and blue t-shirts, we will be streamlining this to grey and white only for September 2024, but thought the additional notice may be helpful.

Attendance and absence continue to be key focus areas for our school. I cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to be on time and attend every day – this will enable them to reach their full potential – if your child's report is under 98% attendance, please make this a key focus for September, help us to help your child.

We have now set up a dedicated absence e-mail account, this means that any absence emails should go to absence@st-martins.wilts.sch.uk rather than the admin@st-martins.wilts.sch.uk email. Please continue to use the admin email address for all other queries.

I must finish with praise for all of our children, beginning with our Y6. I was incredibly impressed by their Keymaster performance; they spoke clearly, sang beautifully and ended their year on a real high. Well done Year 6! I must end by saying that your children continue to be an absolute credit to you, they model our school values every day and are the sunshine in our school.

The whole staff team want to wish you a wonderful summer, enjoy the time with your families and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs McManus

Dates for the diary

| Date | What | Where and When |
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| AUTUMN TERM | | |
| Friday 1 st September | INSET day | School closed to pupils |
| Monday 4 th September | INSET day | School closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 5 th September | INSET day | School closed to pupils, except EYFS new starters |
| Tuesday 5 th September | Reception only in for morning 9-12 | Main playground gate 9am, collect from main playground gate midday |
| Wednesday 6 th September | Whole school returns | 8.40am – main gate |
| Wednesday 6 th September | Meet the Teacher | Classrooms – 3.20pm |
| Monday 25 th September | Y1 Walk to Godolphin | Details to follow |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Parents' Evening | 3.40- 6pm, details to follow |
| Thursday 5 th October | | |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Y2 to Harnham Water Gardens | Details to follow |
| Thursday 12 th October | Flu vaccines | Details to follow |
| Friday 13 th October | Harvest Festival Worship – all parents welcome | 2.45pm – Main school hall |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Dogs Trust Assembly and workshops | In school, all day |
| Thursday 19 th October | School Holidays begin | |
| Monday 30 th October | All pupils return | 8.40am – main gate |
| | School pupil photos | In school – all day |
| Wednesday 1 st November | Y3 Trip to Stonehenge | Details to follow |
| Tuesday 7 th November | Y4 Local Rivers Fieldwork | Details to follow |
| Friday 10 th November | Church service – St Martin's Day and Remembrance | St Martin's Church, 2pm, Parents welcome |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Y5 Sculptures in Salisbury Walk | Details to follow |
| Friday 15 th December | Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner | In school - £1 for Save the Children |
| | Christmas Disco | 3.20 – 5pm - £1 |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Christmas around the world day | In school – all day |
| | Nativity to EYFS parents | 9.30 – 10.30am – school hall |
| | Church service | St Martin's Church, 2pm, Parents welcome |
| Thursday 21 st December | School Holidays begin | |

| SPRING TERM | | |
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| Thursday 4 th January | All pupils return | 8.40am – main gate |
| Wednesday 7 th February | Y6 to Calshot | Time TBC |
| Friday 9 th February | Y6 return from Calshot | Time TBC |
| Monday 12 th February | School holidays begin | |
| Monday 19 th February | All pupils return | 8.40am – main gate |
| Thursday 22 nd February | Y4 trip to the Living Rainforest | Details to follow |
| Monday 26 th February | Y5 trip to Science Centre | Details to follow |
| Wednesday 20 th March | Parents' Evening | 3.40- 6pm, details to follow |
| Thursday 21 st March | Parents' Evening | 3.40- 6pm, details to follow |
| Friday 22 nd March | EYFS walk to the park | Details to follow |
| Wednesday 27 th March | Creativity day | All day – in school |
| | Church service | St Martin's Church, 11am, Parents welcome |
| | Easter Bonnet Parade – EYFS, KS1 parents invited | 2.30-3.15pm – main gate |
| Thursday 28 th March | INSET day | School closed, holidays begin |

| SUMMER TERM | | |
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| Monday 15 th April | All pupils return | 8.40am – main gate |
| Tuesday 16 th April | Y1 trip to Longleat | Details to follow |
| Monday 22 nd April | Y3 Salisbury Cathedral | Details to follow |
| Thursday 2 nd May | EYFS to River Bourne Farm | Details to follow |
| Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May | SATS week | Details to follow |
| Friday 17 th May | Non uniform day – Donations for the Summer Fayre | Details to follow |
| Wednesday 5 th June | Y2 Aquarium Visit | Details to follow |
| Friday 21 st June | Sports Day | 1.15pm – 3.20pm, parents invited, main gate |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Summer Fayre | 3.20pm – 5pm KS1 playground – parents/children all welcome |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Year 6 play to parents | 2 – 3pm Main hall |
| Monday 22 nd July | Y6 Leavers' Worship | Y6 parents welcome 9-10am, main hall |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | Science Day | In school – all day |
| | Church service | St Martin's Church, 11am, Parents welcome |
| Wednesday 24 th July | INSET day | School closed – holidays begin |