

Friendship

Love

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

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I must begin by saying a big thank you for all making me so welcome in my first week at St Martin's, I feel incredibly privileged to be leading a school which has such wonderful children, staff and community.

As we move forward, I am hoping to update you with a fortnightly newsletter, which will provide you with details of dates, trips and reminders. I have introduced a couple of coffee and cake drop-ins, where I hope to informally share my vision for the school, as well as hear your aspirations for your child's future; it would be fantastic to see as many of you as possible at these events.

I am truly excited for this upcoming year; I look forward to working with you all, to make sure the children are happy, safe and reaching their full potential.

Best wishes,

Mrs Becky McManus  
Headteacher

### Coffee and Cake with Mrs McManus

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

8.45am – 9.45am

2.20pm – 3.20pm

This is an informal opportunity to drop in  
& say hello, while enjoying some cake!



## Dates for the diary

Date	What	Where and When
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week (Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> )	Your child is invited to wear odd socks to school to celebrate our individual differences.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 5pm, Details TBC
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 7pm, Details TBC
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	New to Reception 2023 Open Morning	10am – Details TBC
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photos	During the school day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee and Cake with Mrs McManus	8.45am – 9.45am 2.20pm – 3.20pm  Enter via playground gate, coffee and cake will be signposted in the pod.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccines	During the school day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	New to Reception 2023 Open Morning	10am – Details TBC
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Details to follow in the next newsletter
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nativity	2pm – Details TBC
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	During the school day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nativity	2pm – Details TBC
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Christmas Service	Details and time TBC
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term	3.15pm – Collection as usual

## Attendance

I'm delighted to say that attendance has been steadily improving, with one class achieving 98.2%, which is fantastic! Punctuality was an incredible 100% this week, with no pupil arriving late, so a HUGE well done to all of our children, let's keep up the great work!

If you are having any difficulties getting your child to school, please do get in touch via the admin office, as we are keen to support all of our families.

## 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 [admin@st-martins.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-martins.wilts.sch.uk)

## Communication

We are currently looking at how we communicate with parents and want to make sure do this effectively, in a manageable manner for you. There will be a short survey available at Parents' Evening, where you will be able to give feedback, which we can use to inform our communication going forward.