



St Martin's CE Primary School

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Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy term and we must begin by saying a HUGE congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils, for SATS week. They worked hard, showed great resilience and determination; they were an absolute credit to you all.

We were very excited to receive the news that, thanks to an incredible response from our community and Mrs Cooper's hard work, we have been awarded a £1000 grant from Tesco's! This will go towards some work in the grounds, to make our outdoor spaces accessible and educational for the children.

There is still some work being completed on the school website and we are setting up a news feature and our social media channels, this will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's learning and school experiences. We will keep you posted with developments on this but will definitely be live by the end of June (at the latest).

We were also reminded this week of our ambition to start a PTA and are still keen to do this! We will organize our first meeting for July, so that we can hit the ground running in September. Our new School Business Manager, Mrs Saunders, who is starting in late June will be in touch with further details.

Congratulations to Sebastian and Theodore Walsh for their winning logo design for Breakfast Club, this will be shared with you all after the break!

Finally, please remember, the whole team are here to support. The best outcomes for our children happen when we work together, so if you have concerns or need clarification on anything, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,
Mrs McManus and Mr McBride

Ice Pops

Some of the children will be selling Ice Pops on Friday lunchtimes, on the playground. These will cost 20p per ice pole.
Children must hand their money to their class teacher at registration, for safekeeping.

Dates for the diary

Date	What	Where and When
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
Friday 16 th June	Whole School Sports Day – All parents/family welcome	EYFS, Year 1&2 – 1pm – 2pm Year 3/4/5 and 6 – 2pm – 3pm Letter to follow in the first week back
Wednesday 28 th – Friday 30 th June	Year 6 Residential – Brenscombe	Details of leaving/arrival times to come
Wednesday 5 th July	“Bump-up” day	Y6 to new schools for the day EYFS – Y5 – session in their new class New EYFS invited in
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Play	Hall – 2pm and 6pm Information coming out nearer to the date
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Celebration Assembly Year 6 parents Invited	9am – School Hall
Friday 21 st July	Disco - £1 per child All children invited	School Hall, 3.20pm – 5pm Details to follow
Monday 24 th July	Last day of term Eco Day – Details TBC	Dress down day – bring £1 for Wiltshire Wildlife Rescue
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET day – School closed to pupils	

Attendance

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our current attendance is 91.7%, which is below the National Average of 93.8%

To give your child the best chance of success, attending school every day is essential. Should you be having any difficulty with getting your child into school, please get in touch with the school office, so that we can support you with this.

Thinking ahead to September

Staffing changes

It’s coming to that time of year when we think ahead to September and have some staffing changes to let you know about. Mrs Saunders will be joining us as our School Business Manager in June. Ms Kelly is off on an exciting adventure to Africa and Mrs Moore is joining another local school as Year 2 leader. We are very sad to lose them both but wish them well in their new adventures! We are delighted to announce that Mrs McDade and Mrs Podraza will be joining the teaching team for September.

Dates

To support you with planning ahead, we are mapping out the dates for next year and aim to give these to you before we break up in July. This will include INSET days, parents' evenings, plays etc. We are also planning for all pupils to have a trip or visitor each long term, and to end each long term with a themed day, such as Eco Day, Christmas around the World etc.

Staff Bio



Name: Mrs Kercher

When did you start at St Martin's:
I joined St Martins in February 2016

What do you like most at about being at St Martin's:
The people I work with are amazing. (adults and children) I love seeing a child smile knowing they've achieved something.

Favourite food: Roast lamb

Hobbies: walking, listening to music, I enjoy crochet, but I'm not very good at it (yet!)

