

St Martin's Extra

Worship Theme: Heroes and Saints

Dinner Menu

The dinner menu for next week is
WEEK 3

MySchoolApp

St Martin's have an app!

This is the BEST way to keep up to date with events, weekly newsletters and even picture updates.

The app is available free on Smart Phones and Androids, just visit the app store and search for MySchoolApp.



During this week, the teachers were rewarding the children who showed their chosen class value:

Those children and their values were:

RTM – Zeina - Forgiveness
REK – Aram - Courage
1AA – Hardas – Compassion
1NB – Riley – Respect
2HH – Harleigh – Courage
2NC – Tegan & Lexie B – Respect

Well done all!

Star of the week!

Every week, the teachers will be giving a Star of the Week awards to recognise pupils' achievements or effort. This week the awards go to:

Nursery – Kyla Rae
RTM – Lexie & Kairi
REK – Steven
1AA - Junior
1NB – Brendan
2HH – Leo T
2NC – Jesse

Well done everyone, keep up your hard work!!

Important Dates



Friday 3rd November
PTA Autumn Crafts
3:05pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 16th November
Reception 2018 Open Day

Wednesday 22nd November
Parent Phonics Workshop
9am – 10am

Friday 24th November
School Photographs

Early Years Big Adventures.

Every week Nursery, RTM and REK Class Teddy will be taken home by a member of the class.

We will provide you with Dave, Timmy and their journal.

The aim is to fill the journal with as many photos as we can with them on many different adventures.

This week they will be going on their adventures with:

Nursery – Sammy – Elizabeth E
RTM - Dave - Guri
REK - Timmy – Nyah



Changes to the way children enter school from Monday

From the 6th November YR, Y1 & Y2 children will no longer be able to enter school through the gate by the Nursery – the dividing gate will be locked shut, and the Nursery gate will be locked at 8.30.

Children will instead have to walk around the outside of the school past Y2 & Y1 classes. Reception teachers will come out of the fire doors, near the wooden gate at 8.35, to ask children to line up, and bring them in altogether, through the corridor at 8.40.

The main gate will be locked at 8.50.

The change is to facilitate the outdoor learning areas to be used in the Nursery, and set up without being disturbed in Reception. It is also a strategy to improve punctuality as there are far too many children arriving late.



Attendance

The national expectation for pupil's attendance is at least 95%.

We are aiming for an outstanding 96% here at St Martins!

*At present our attendance stand at 95.5% with 200 lates since the beginning of this year that **being 35 for this week alone!***

Please make sure if your child has an appointment in school time, e.g. Dentist or Doctors, you bring in an appointment card to the main office. This is to ensure that your child is not marked down as unauthorised, though their attendance is still affected. It has been proven that academic attainment can suffer if children miss school on a regular basis.

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call the school office or send an absent notification via the School App.

Please be aware that letters are going to be sent home next week to all the children with attendance below 95%. Parents will be called in for a meeting to discuss their child's attendance further.

We must stress that St Martin's is a **NUT FREE** school. We have a number of children who are deathly allergic to nuts so we will not tolerate any nuts/nut butters in school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

DATE AND TIMES CHANGES!

Phonics Parent Information Session

We are holding a session for parents to come in and learn about the phonics programme.

This is so parents can support their child at home with, letter recognising, blending, reading and even writing.

This will be held on **Wednesday 22nd November at 9:00am.**

If possible, please avoid bringing siblings.

Please email to confirm your place or, come to the office to inform Miss Wooden.

Individual Class PE Days



Nursery:
Friday

Reception:
Tuesday AM

Year 1:
Wednesday PM
Thursday PM



Year 2:
Monday PM
Tuesday PM

SRP:
Thursday AM

School Curriculum

A number of parents are asking teachers about what their children are learning in class. If you would like to see your child's Curriculum outcomes, please visit the school website or the app.

Curriculum Topics

Next half term these are the topics that children will be learning in their classes.

Nursery – People who help us

Reception – Celebrations

Year 1 – Winter Wonderland

Year 2 – Animals and Habitats

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11th November in 2017, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. In aid of this, we will be selling poppies. If you would like to purchase a poppy, please come to the school office with your donation.

Pupil Premium Eligibility.

Have you checked your Pupil Premium Entitlement?

Could you please check your eligibility as soon as you can, as this will allow extra funding to support those children's learning.

To apply and check, please visit the following site:

<https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/>

We have decided to support Christmas Jumper Day on 15th December rather than Children in Need on 17th November. We continue to try to be selective about the number of charities we support each term.

PTA Information

PTA elected members

Jo Lindley –Chair

Ellen Benney - Chair

Corrine Powell - Treasurer

New Volunteers for the PTA are always welcome!

Don't miss out!!

The PTA will be running an **Autumn Craft Session** for all families. Due to Health and Safety, we request 1 adult per family. Child entry is £2.50, please pay on the door.

Every morning a member of the PTA will be putting an easel on display outside the school office, to display PTA news and upcoming events.

TOTAL MADE: £921.71

TARGET: £1500

Recycled Uniform

Please donate all old, used and unwanted uniform, for our uniform sale.