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Dinner Menu

The dinner menu for next week is
WEEK 2

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.

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 AM –Gurkirat
Nursery PM - Lyla
RTM – Alex
1EK – Leilani
1CS – Mark
2CB – Tiana-Mai
2HH –Ellie
3EC – Leona

Well done everyone, keep up your hard work!!

Important Dates

Wed 12th Dec – New Reception Pupils Open afternoon

13th Dec – EY/Yr1 Nativity – 2pm

14th Dec – EY/Yr1 Nativity – 9.15

14th Dec – Party/Disco
More information to follow

14th Dec – Christmas jumper day
All pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day

Wed 19th Dec – Carol Service (Yr 2/3 lead) St Martins Church - 10am (Parents welcome to join us)

Early Years Big Adventures.

Every week Nursery, RTM, RVF, 1EK and 1CS Class Teddy will be taken home by a member of the class.

We will provide you with Sidney, Dave, Sammy, Patch, Timmy or chocolate mousse 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 AM – Ayaan
Nursery PM - Sarah
RTM – Gabriel
RVF – Kyla-Rae
1EK – Leo
1CS – Marcie



Reception Open Afternoon

12th December 1pm – 3pm

We would like to invite prospective reception parents to St Martins Open morning.

You will be given a tour of our school, please feel free to ask any questions

PE Kits

Please make sure all pupils have the correct PE kit in school.

These will be sent home every half term to be washed.

Thank you

Attendance

Our expectation for pupil's attendance is 96%.

Every Friday is Celebration Assembly, the class with the highest percentage of attendance will be announced, and the winning class will receive **GOLDEN TIME** on a Friday afternoon.

However, don't forget our attendance competition, the classes who get 100% attendance will get a non-uniform day the following Friday!

If your child's attendance falls below 96% you will receive a letter informing you of your child's current attendance percentage with supporting documentation in the form of a registration certificate. A 4 week monitoring period will be set where an improvement is expected, during this time if your child is absent, medical evidence will need to be brought into school, and this could be in the form of an appointment card or copy of a prescription to the main office. This will ensure your child is marked as medical or illness and not an unauthorised absence, however this is still an absence.

*At present our attendance for the whole school stands at **95.7%** from the beginning of the year.*



Best attendance for this week goes to:



2CB

With

98.6%

*At present our attendance for the whole school stands at **95.8%** for last week.*



To help encourage children and improve our attendance, as well as rewarding the class with highest attendance percentage every week, we will be rewarding the class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of the school year with a Non school uniform and film day. The individual children who receive 98% attendance or above at the end of the year will receive a £5 gift voucher.

Punctuality will also be monitored as of Monday as we have the same children late regularly.

As well as it affecting your child's learning, children are becoming very embarrassed and vulnerable when walking in to their classroom late mid lesson.

If you are having problems arriving to school on time, please speak to a member of staff and we can try to help you.

We hope you can work with the school to achieve our best attendance.

Who to go to??

If you have a concern or query in regards to your child and you wish to speak to the class teacher, you must inform the relevant member of staff who will send to the office to make an appointment. The office are more than likely unaware of situations that have been undergoing in the classrooms therefore, it is always best to approach the relevant member of staff if you have any concerns.

If you feel the situation has not been resolved, you can take the matter further to your child's Key Stage Leader. These are as follows:

Nursery/Reception/Year 1: Mrs Manley (EYFS Leader)

Year 2/Year 3: Miss Hodis (KS1 Leader)

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please make an appointment to see **Mrs Troughton our SENDCo.**

If you've followed the above and continue to be concerned, please make an appointment to see **Mr Learmont.**

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

Those children and their values were:

Nursery am –Raphael - Trust
Nursery PM – Sophie - Courage
RTM – Ayaan - Perseverance
1EK – Louis - Courage
1CS – Guri - Courage
2CB – Connor - Courage
2HH – Ali - Perseverance
3EC – Lilly-Megan - Compassion

Well done all!

Parents/carers entering the premises during the school day are requested **NOT** to hold/leave doors open for other visitors. All visitors need to make themselves known to staff via the office window before entering the premises. Thank you.



Thank you to the PTA
For the Christmas secret sale
Today. The children loved
Coming to visit and choose
A wrapped gift.



Presentation Award

Each week, the teachers in KS1 will be giving a student an award for their presentation within their work.

This week the awards go to:

2CB – Lyra
2HH – Ethan
3EC –Harleigh

Well done to our students, Keep up the good work!!

NEXT YEARS TERM DATES 18/19

Autumn Term 2018

Term starts:	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October 2018
2 nd Half Term starts:	Monday 29 th October 2018
Term ends:	Friday 21 st December 2018

Spring term 2019

Term starts:	Monday 7 th January 2019
Half term Holiday:	Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February 2019
2 nd Half Term starts:	Monday 25 th February 2019
Term ends:	Friday 5 th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts:	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019
2 nd Half Term starts:	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Term Ends:	Friday 20 th July 2019

Training Days

(School Closed)

Monday 3 rd September 2018
Tuesday 4 th September 2018
Friday 15 th February 2019
Monday 22 nd July 2019
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019

Bank Holiday dates

Good Friday - 19 th April 2019
Easter Sunday - 21 st April 2019
Easter Monday - 22 nd April 2019

May Day Bank Holiday (School closed) - 6th May 2019



Would you like to win a 'non uniform day' **EVERY FRIDAY?**

Can you achieve **100%** attendance for your class?

Starting on Monday 19th November – every class that achieves 100% attendance for the week will be rewarded with a 'non uniform day' the following Friday

POS★DA

Making room for Jesus this Christmas

What is Posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a Crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home, worshipping and reflecting on the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

St Martin's has chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you get to be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?

What is involved?

Each day in Worship a child's name will be pulled out of the box and they will get to bring home the Posada for the evening. There are books to read, prayers to say, a game to play and figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey.

For the evening you 'host' Mary and Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? We have a special Posada board game which should keep the children involved and there is a book in which you can write all about what you have done with the Posada while it was in your home, you can even take pictures and stick them into the book!

The next day you need to take Mary and Joseph back to school so they can continue on with their journey.

It's as simple as that.

If your child's name is selected we hope you will enjoy taking part.

Upcoming courses

Please see below some upcoming courses which are being run. These courses will need a minimum of 10 people before they can go ahead.

ADULT EDUCATION

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CourseTitle	Location	Term	Enrolment	Start	Finish	Weeks	Day	StartTime	FinishTime	Tutor
Talking Families Speaking & Listening	Laurel Lane	2	07/Jan/19	14/Jan/19	11/Mar/19	8	Mon	13.00	15.00	Sierra
Keep your child safe in a digital world	Laurel Lane	2	13/Feb/19	27/Feb/19	03/Apr/19	6	Wed	9.30	11.30	Janet
Parents for the School Project	Laurel Lane	2	18/Mar/19	18/Mar/19	25/Mar/19	2	Mon	13.00	15.00	Sierra
Healthy lifestyle Bollywood Bhangra Fitness	Laurel Lane	3	23/Apr/19	30/Apr/19	09/Jul/19	10	Tues	9.30	11.30	Jaspreet
Talking Families Reading	Laurel Lane	3	29/Apr/19	13/May/19	08/Jul/19	8	Mon	13.00	15.00	Sierra
Looking ahead achieving your goals	Laurel Lane	3	05/Jun/19	12/Jun/19	10/Jul/19	5	Wed	13.00	15.00	TBC

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