

# Newsletter



**St Martin's CE Primary School** Issue 10: 24th November 2023

Class	Attendance %
	% Up on last week % Down on last week
Ash	84.2%
Beech	97.6%
Birch	83.8%
Chestnut	75.2%
Elm	98.4%
Holly	70.4%
Maple	94.5%
Oak	78.9%
Olive	100%
Palm	86.1%
Pine	89.6%
Rowan	92%
Sycamore	88.9%
Willow	76.1%

## Good Samaritan Award



Good Samaritan Project

This week's winner of the Good Samaritan Award is for the whole of the school council for showing compassion at the care home visit

Dear Parents and Carers:

What an exciting week! The school council elections have been held and the preparation for the Nativity is well underway.

As I write the newsletter, the Christmas fun afternoon is in full swing and we are getting ready for St Martin's Got Talent. It is great to be able to chat with parents in a much less formal environment and see the children really enjoy themselves and have fun!

Class charts is up and running and we will be using this, along with the Newsletter and Parent Pay to keep you informed with what is going on at school. We are also working on the website and updating it with the Newsletter if you are finding this hard to access sometimes.

Over the next few weeks, we will be consulting on a new school vision. This will be sent out on Parent Pay so please look out for it.

Have a great weekend; I'm off to see some great performances by the children.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns please ask to speak to one of the following adults: Miss Hodis (EYFS & Year 1 Lead), Miss Attwood (Year 2 and 3 Lead), Miss Mohammadi (Year 4,5 and 6 Lead), Mrs Coates (Headteacher), Mr Rowden (Deputy Headteacher)**

Our school values:

During the week all the staff will be looking out for exceptional examples of when children are showing these values and they may be awarded a certificate in Friday's assembly.

What value did you show this week to your friends? Which value do you think you will be able to show next week?



**Click on the link for the latest updates at St. Martin's Church**

<http://www.stmartinwestdrayton.org.uk>

*To enable spiritual growth and show the love of God to everyone.*

## BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be returning next week. You are welcome to come and have a look, we will be in the hall each morning at 8.20am—8.45am and 3.10pm—4.00pm in the afternoon. Each class will get the chance to have a look at the books throughout the week. The children really enjoy book fair week and it is also a fantastic way to raise money for the school. Please do come along if you can.



## MURAL

It's with thanks to a very talented year 6 parent that we have this amazing mural greeting us in the Key Stage 2 corridor. It really does brighten up the school. We are already planning another!!

## ST MARTIN'S GOT TALENT

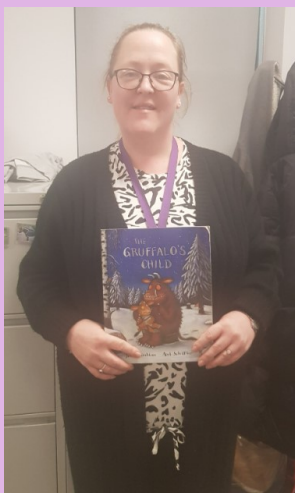
The day has finally arrived! Tonight we will host our first talent show. **Tickets for this event are sold out.** Performing children will not require a ticket and will need to be back at St Martins for 4.30pm with the show starting at 5.30pm. The children are very excited to showcase their skills.

## CLASS CHARTS

As you will all know, St Martin's have moved away from Class Dojo and this week we launched the long anticipated communication tool 'Class Charts'. Every child has been sent home with their unique registration code and username. In order to receive updates and messages from the school you will need to activate your account.

## FAVOURITE BOOK

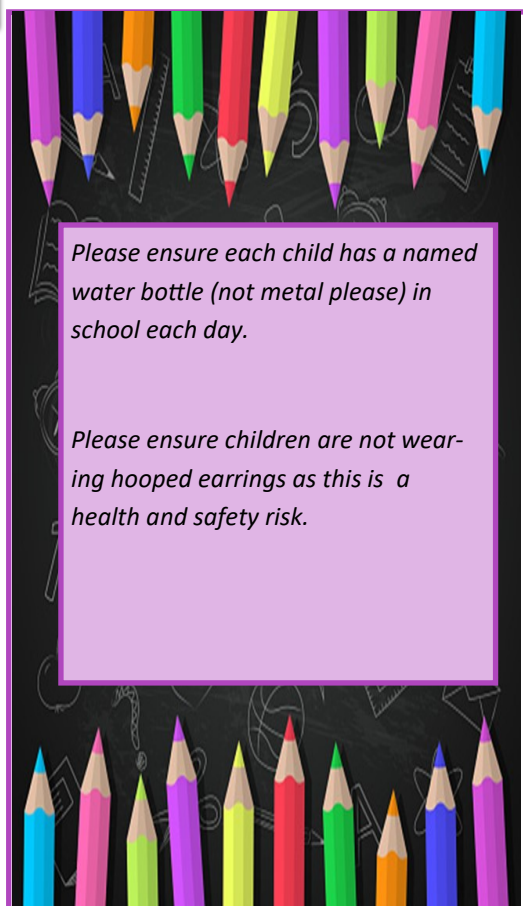
Each week a staff member will be sharing their favourite children's book. This week Miss Parker tells us why she loves the book 'The Gruffalo's Child'



"Julia Donaldson is my favourite children's author, I love all her books but the Gruffalo's Child has a special place in my heart. It tells the story of the Gruffalo's daughter sneaking out of the cave and going on an adventure to find the Big Bad Mouse. It reminds me of my daughter who is very adventurous and a little bit cheeky!"



## Other news



## Stand Out Learners & Value Award

Class	'Stand Out Learner'	Value Award
Ash	Nellie	Taiba
Beech	Santiago	Finley
Birch	Zach	Tamelia
Chestnut	Gabriel	Lohita
Elm	Ignancy	Isla
Holly	Rosalie	Skylar-Rose
Maple	Isra	Wais
Oak	Aram	Zaina
Olive	-	Demi
Palm	Isla	Nora
Pine	-	Favour
Rowan	Oliver	Melody
Sycamore	Te'amo	Mohammedamin
Willow	Ibrahim	Aaliyah P

## Dates for the Diary:

### Whole School Events

Tuesday 28th November—1st December	Book Fair
Thursday 7th December	Flu vaccination
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day - Suggested £1 donation
Thursday 7th December	Teach Major—music production 9.30am. Open to parents of children attending Teach Major music lessons
Monday 11th December	Rocksteady concert—details to follow. Open to parents of children attending Rock Steady music lessons
Wednesday 13th December	Reception Care home visit to perform Christmas songs
Thursday 14th December	Nursery & Reception Christmas Craft afternoon 1-3pm. Come join for Christmas crafts, songs and the story
Friday 15th December	Reindeer Rave—details to follow
Monday 18th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity—2.15pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity—9.30am
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas concert 2.00pm—details to follow
Wednesday 20th December	St Martins Choir visit to Care home
Thursday 21st December	Term ends at 2pm
Monday 8th January	Term starts

**The Senior Leadership Team is made up of:** Mrs Coates, Headteacher ; Mr Rowden, Deputy Headteacher; Miss Higgins, Assistant Head & SENDCo; Miss Mohammadi, Year 4, 5 and 6 Leader; Miss Attwood, Assistant Head, Year 2 and 3 Leader & Miss Hodis, Early Years and Year 1 Leader. If you need to raise a concern, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you feel that



# School Council Election



This week we held school council elections where children from Year 1-6 chose their class representatives. To give children a real voting experience, we set up a polling booth within the library where each child has the opportunity to cast their vote on a ballot paper. Once the votes were cast, they were collected and placed in the secure ballot box keeping the votes confidential.

We believe that this hands-on experience not only teaches our children about the democratic process but also helps develop their leadership skills as they actively participate in shaping the school community. The results of the elections will be shared in next week's newsletter.





Congratulation's to Maple class who were the last weeks class  
attendance winners with 96.3% - Well Done!

**Who will be next???**



# St. Martin's Got Talent

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 5pm

Entry £2.50 / Venue subject to change

# Christmas Fun Afternoon

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
3.15pm – 5pm



Festive Games 50p each

Food & Drinks available to purchase

50p entry / Venue subject to change





### **What is DLD?**

Developmental Language Disorder is a persistent language difficulty that can't be explained by another condition. It is lifelong and approximately two children in every classroom are impacted by it. It affects all languages, and is not caused by being speaking more than one language.

The Hillingdon Talks, Moves, Plays website has further information and training presentations on DLD for school staff and parents:







# Speech and Language Therapy Parent Workshops

**Free, online workshops for all Hillingdon families**

No pre-booking needed, just use this Zoom link on the date and time of the workshop you would like to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82900831154?pwd=MEZkTUhBZzl4SXdoVGpQOEZLU3V2Zz09>

**Meeting ID:** 829 0083 1154

**Passcode:** 668955

## Emotional Regulation

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
13:30 – 14:30

Find out more about emotional regulation and how you can support your child to learn strategies to support themselves.

## Neurodiversity

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
13:30 – 14:30

Learn more about neurodiversity and how you can support neurological differences.

## Stammering

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
13:30 – 14:30

Find out more about stammering in children and some useful activities to do at home.

## Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
13:30 – 14:30

Learn what DLD is and strategies to help support your child at home.

Please visit the **Children's Integrated Therapy Service** website [www.cnwl.nhs.uk/children-integrated-therapy-service](http://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/children-integrated-therapy-service) for information about the service. This includes strategies and resources for parents and professionals as well as links to other useful websites.



# Skip your ride, take a Stride

## ST MARTIN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL WALK ZONE MAP

Let's make walking part  
of your daily routine!

Key:

- 5 minute walking zone
- 10 minute walking zone
- Bus stop
- Zebra crossing
- Pedestrian crossing
- School entrance
- Library



If you need to  
drive - don't idle!  
It's a waste of  
money and pollutes  
the air that we  
breathe!

Did you know?  
Pollution levels are higher  
inside the car than outside.

Can't walk  
the whole way?  
Try to park in the  
blue zone where  
permitted and  
walk the rest  
of the trip.



# Attendance Matters

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ <b>PERFECTION</b> ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	<b>IMPRESSIVE</b>
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	<b>NEARLY THERE</b>
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	<b>CAN BE IMPROVED</b> "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	<b>NEEDS TO IMPROVE</b>
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	<b>SERIOUS CONCERNS</b> "CLASSSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	<b>RISK OF PROSECUTION</b> <i>"can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"</i>
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

## Every Day Counts



# Childhood Asthma


**FREE Online Workshops**

**SCAN ME**



**CONTACT THE TEAM FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

 **01895 543 437**

 **nhsnwl.myhealth@nhs.net**



## **What's Included In The Workshop ?**

**What to do if your  
child is having an  
Asthma attack**

**Inhaler  
Techniques**

**Myth  
Busting**

**Common  
Triggers**

**Asthma  
Plans**

**Q&A**

**SESSION PRESENTED BY A HILLINGDON ASTHMA NURSE**