

# Newsletter



**St Martin's CE Primary School** Issue 12: 8th December 2023

Class	Attendance %
	% Up on last week % Down on last week
Ash	95%
Beech	98.2%
Birch	88.8%
Chestnut	95.2%
Elm	92.6%
Holly	87.6%
Maple	96%
Oak	89.4%
Olive	92.1%
Palm	87.2%
Pine	93.1%
Rowan	96%
Sycamore	85.2%
Willow	90.5%

## Good Samaritan Award



Good Samaritan Project

This week's winner of the Good Samaritan Award is for

Dear Parents and Carers:

Hi Everyone!

Christmas at St Martin's is in full swing! The children are preparing for the Nativity and Carol concerts getting ready to perform to you all.

Christmas dinner was a huge success. The Kitchen staff worked so hard to ensure it was a special experience for the children with a huge balloon arch to make everything look extra festive! The children shared how much they had enjoyed the food and that they wish it could be like this everyday!

I hope you are all enjoying the 'Elf' window as we count down to Christmas. The children certainly seem to be.... It's great to see everything they get up to when we are not around.

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.*

## **CLASS CHARTS**

Please make sure you have activated your account as this will be used for communication along side ParentPay. If you require a copy of your unique activation code please pop into the office.

## **AKTIVA**

Aktiva after school club will not be operating on Thursday 21st December due to the school's early finish. The last after school club session will be on Wednesday 20th December. If you require any further information please contact Aktiva directly at [bookings@aktivacamps.com](mailto:bookings@aktivacamps.com)

## **AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB**

Next week will be the last sessions for all after school sports clubs. The clubs will not run during the final week of school. New club lists will be sent out in January.

## **REINDEER RAVE**

This popular event will be returning on Friday 15th December. This will be held over 2 sessions. Key stage 1 and early years disco will be at 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Key stage 2 will be at 4.30pm to 5.45pm. Tickets will be sold by the PTA after school. Tickets are priced at £2.50 each and this is open to children only. Key stage 1 and early years children can bring a change of clothes for the disco and get changed at the end of the school day. A tuck shop will be available on a cash only basis. Please ensure you collect your children promptly.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

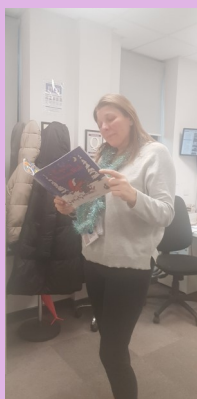
This is currently overflowing. If your child is missing any item please pop into the office. Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of.

## **MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to all who attended our coffee morning back in September. We have had confirmation that we raised £103.20 for this worthy cause.

## **FAVOURITE BOOK**

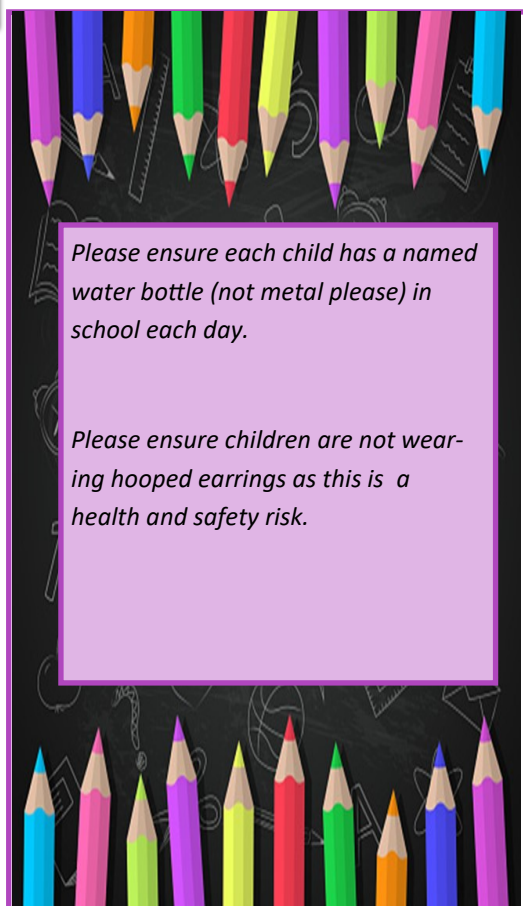
This week Mrs Keen talks about her favourite book The Penguins Christmas Wish. The book talks about spending time with friends and family at Christmas.



"We have been talking a lot about what we do at Christmas time in Nursery and all the different traditions. It reminds me of all the fun times I had as a child and that I now have with my own children at this special time of year"



## Other news



## Stand Out Learners & Value Award

Class	'Stand Out Learner'	Value Award
Ash	Charlie	Ivy
Beech	Santiago	Luiza
Birch	Tamelia	Darcey-Michelle
Chestnut	Emelia	Tilly
Elm		
Holly		
Maple	Arhan	Leon
Oak	Eni	Beau
Olive	Rory	Lily
Palm	Lily	Raphael
Pine	Amelia	Aidan
Rowan		
Sycamore	Nathaniel	Tanish
Willow	Thea	Matthew

## Dates for the Diary:

### Whole School Events

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 of Nativity.
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	KS2 Christmas concert 9.30am
Wednesday 20th December	St Martins Choir visit to Care home
Thursday 21st December	Term ends at 2pm—Aktiva will not be offering after school club on this day
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





Congratulation's to Pine class who were the last weeks class  
attendance winners with 98.1% - Well Done!

**Who will be next???**



# LOOK WHO'S ARRIVED AT ST MARTIN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL!!

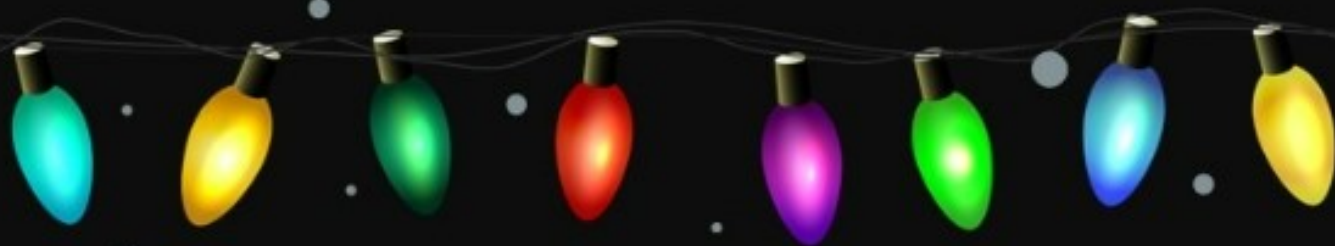
ELF HAS BEEN BUSY AT THE SCHOOL

YOU CAN SEE HIM BY THE WINDOW AT THE MAIN RECEPTION ENTRANCE

COME AND HAVE A LOOK DAILY TO SEE WHAT HE'S BEEN UP TO



FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023	MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2023	TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023
		
WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2023	THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2023	FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2023
		



JOIN US FOR A

# Reindeer RAVE

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December 15<sup>th</sup>

Early Years & KS1 3.15 – 4.15pm

KS2 4.30 – 5.45pm

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Entrance £2.50 including visit to Santa  
Tuck Shop will be available  
This is a pupil only event

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Tickets on sale from  
7<sup>th</sup> December



## St Martin's Kindness Calendar

December Kindness 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <b>4</b> Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	 <b>5</b> Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 <b>6</b> Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 <b>7</b> Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	<b>1</b> Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	<b>2</b> Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	<b>3</b> Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment
<b>11</b> Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	<b>12</b> Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	<b>13</b> See how many different people you can smile at today	<b>14</b> Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	<b>15</b> Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	<b>16</b> Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	<b>17</b> Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you
<b>18</b> Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	<b>19</b> Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	<b>20</b> Help others by giving away something that you don't need	<b>21</b> Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	<b>22</b> Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	<b>23</b> Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	<b>24</b> Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh
 <b>25</b> Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	<b>26</b> Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	<b>27</b> Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	<b>28</b> Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	<b>29</b> Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	<b>30</b> Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	<b>31</b> Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024

The school council produced a kindness calendar and distributed a copy to each classroom this week. Each day they will read the message and have an opportunity to discuss how they may have completed the action at the end of each day.



### **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**