

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new school year and a very warm welcome to all our new children and families. We hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday, making the most of your time together as families. The children seem to have returned to school refreshed and invigorated! As everyone settles back into life at St. Martin's, if there is anything you wish to know or discuss, please call in to see us at the School Office and we will be only too pleased to help you.

For our new families (and a reminder to our "old" families) the weekly newsletter is our main form of communication to parents and friends of the school and we try very hard to make it informative, relevant and, hopefully, interesting. We are sure you don't want to miss out on any important events in school life and we know parents can't always rely on getting the correct information from their children – so **please** make every effort to read it!

Please remember that from this term the newsletter will be sent by email. Please ensure the school office has your preferred email address.

Staff Update

We welcome several new members of staff to our team and hope they will enjoy being part of our school team.

- Mrs Katy Bartlett is our new Headteacher. I know many of you have already met her at the start or end of the day. If you would like to come and find out a bit more about her and share with her your thoughts and feelings on St Martin's, please join her for a coffee morning on Thursday 14th September at 9.00am in the hall.
- Mrs Teresa Bateman will be teaching in Sycamore lass with Mrs Andrews.
- Mrs Karolyn Grave will be teaching in Willow Class with Mrs Brown.
- Miss Lizzie Byrne will be working as a LSA in Silver Birch Class.
- Mrs Kerry O'Sullivan will be working as a LSA in Willow Class

Thank You

We would like to thank the following people for their kind gifts to our school:

- Milo Darke and Finlay Saich for their leaving gift of a new football goal for the school field.
- Kiki Parkhouse and Charlotte Everard for their all-weather blackboard, presented in assembly this week.
- Eirain for the money donated which was used to buy shrubs. These have been planted and are thriving.

We are looking forward to enjoying all these gifts. Thank you.

House Meetings

These are being held this morning to elect House Captains and Vice-Captains for the year. The results will be in next week's newsletter following presentations in whole school worship.

New Classes

The children seem to have settled well into their new classes. However if you or your child have any concerns about the changes do please pop in and see the new teacher and make an appointment to discuss these. Do remember that mentioning any small problem or concern as it occurs can prevent it turning into a bigger issue. Please be aware we will be holding Parental Consultation evenings later in the Autumn term to keep you informed of how your children is progressing at school.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will be held at St Martin's Church later this half term. More details to follow when they have been agreed with Revd Christine.

WOW (Walk on Weekdays)

WOW is our system for encouraging children to walk to school safely and independently and for alleviating congestion outside the school gate.

WOW is open to all children in Years 2 to 6 - those children who would not normally be expected to be brought into the school building by their parents.

However, younger children may walk with an older sibling or with a nominated older child who arrives in the same car. Children are dropped at the green and after putting on a high-visibility tabard walk the short distance to school unaccompanied. Three adult marshals supervise safe behaviour. The WOW scheme runs mornings only, weather permitting. Please ask for a form if your child has not already signed one.

Please remember too that we are always looking for adult marshals to help us run WOW. If you could possibly help one morning a week it would be very much appreciated. Please talk to Mrs Clifton.

Important Funding News

We have applied for a grant from Tesco's called 'Bags of Help'. It sounds similar to the Waitrose scheme where you vote in store for your chosen charity.

Please make sure you vote for St. Martin's School when you are shopping in Tesco and remind your family and friends to do the same. The more votes we get, the more likely we are to receive a larger grant. With the proceeds we are hoping to extend the bouncy park area by adding more fixed play equipment.

School Clubs

Monday Funday

Starting soon! This will start when the new Cherries have settled into their new school. Please watch this space for further details!

After School Football Club

We have spoken to Penny and sadly it seems Roger's condition has worsened over the summer holidays and he is now receiving palliative care at home. Therefore we will not be able to offer After School Football Club this term. We send Roger our prayers and very best wishes.

Judo Club

Judo Club starts on Tuesday 26th September 8.00am – 8.45 am. If you are interested in your child joining or would like more details please contact Linkai Judo on www.iinkai-judo.co.uk

Code Club

We will not be able to offer Code Club this term but we are hoping to in the future.

