

03.11.17 Newsletter 8



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This week at St Martin's Garden: Reception class made food and inventing stories, Y1 'exploding' numbers, Y2 making school maps, Y3 making electricity circuits, Y4 writing amazing poetry, Year 5 learning about modern wonders of the world and Year 6 learning gruesome Tudor stories! Another vibrant week at SMGP! Also... a fantastic well done to our first two recipients of our two new trophies: Dilukshy is awarded the "Try hard, do your best," award and Zac the "Be kind," award. These trophies are awarded termly, taken home to show families and returned to display in school. Through our trophies, we celebrate our core school values and reward those children who are role models for us all to emulate. Congratulations Zac and Dilukshy. Also, many thanks to Timpsons for providing the lovely awards FREE. Their company does so much to support children around the country- we appreciate their kindness.



1. **A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PTFA** ~ As you know the PTFA are working with School this year to help raise money for new play equipment, we would like to **thank everyone** for supporting our two recent events ~ we raised an amazing **£137.66** at the Cake Sale and a fantastic **£148.00** on Tuesday's Halloween themed MUFTI day (thank you to all who made the Dining Hall look great!). All parents are automatically members of the PTFA so if you can help out, have any fundraising ideas and would like to get involved, please contact Rilla George, Kelly Chowdhury or Shelley Chowdhury. Thank you.
2. **ASSEMBLY ~ Jim Plunkett-Cole (also known as Jim Gump)** is visiting us on **FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 1.10pm** to do an inspiring Talk and Visit; associated with his Kx365 Daily Active School/Family Challenge to inspire activity and ambition amongst children from an early age and for life. You may well have seen Jim on TV and in the press. **Parents/Carers and families are welcome to join this assembly** and the school run afterwards. For more details on Jim's challenge visit www.jimgump.com
3. **HEALTHY SCHOOL:** Although outside of school gates is a public place, we would ask parents please not to smoke/vape outside of school as we wish to model healthy lifestyles to our children. Thank you for your cooperation.
4. **TUCK:** We are stopping tuck from next week. Unfortunately, some money has gone missing and as a healthy school, we encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit instead if they would like a morning snack. Thank you.
5. **FIREWORK LUNCH** ~ Following the successful 'Halloween' themed lunch this week the children have requested a 'Themed' lunch once a month; as a result...



Monday 6 th November 2017	
 'Bonfire' Themed lunch 	
Beef Burgers Veggie Burgers Chips Baked Beans	
Apple Cake and Custard	
Only £2.60 for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. FREE for Years R, 1 and 2.	

6. Do you have any **spare boys' underwear** that we could have to keep in school? Thank you.

7. **DINNER AND BREAKFAST CLUB MONIES** ~ We are spending **increasing amounts of time and resources** chasing payments for **School Meals and Breakfast Club**. If you owe for Meals taken and attending breakfast club please pay the outstanding balance immediately. The current level of debt to school cannot continue and we will have to **withdraw these services** if they are not paid for **in advance**. If you would like to discuss a payment plan please see the School office. *Thank you for your support in this matter.*
8. **SCOOTERS AND BIKES IN THE PLAYGROUND** ~ Please can we remind all pupils and parents that **scooting or cycling is not permitted in the playgrounds**. If you scoot or cycle to school, please dismount, walk your bike/scooter and park your bike/scooter before entering the playground. There was a near accident this week and we want to keep all of our children and families safe. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
9. **OPEN MORNING 2** ~ Following our **very successful** Open Morning last term, we will be holding a second one on **TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2017 9.15 am to 11.00 am**. Head's talk, activities and pupil led tours from 9.15am. If you, or anyone you know, are looking for a school place for September 2018, please come along and see our amazing school in action.



10. **PTFA EVENTS:**

- **THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER ~ CHRISTMAS DISCO** ~ 6.00 to 8.00pm. Further details to follow.

11. **IMPORTANT** ~ **PARENT GOVERNOR** ~ We are currently looking for a parent governor to join us who can offer:

- a strong commitment to education and the School;
- a willingness to learn about governing and the governing at St Martin's in particular;
- a readiness to play a full part in the collective work of the governing body;

Subject to eligibility; you have the right to stand as a candidate and to propose candidates. Candidates should be proposed by parents of pupils currently on roll at St Martin's Garden Primary School and the Margaret Coates Centre. Nominations should be made on the nomination form and returned to the clerk, via email or to the School, by 3.15pm on **Monday 6 November 2017**.

For full details please see letter to parents, nomination form and qualification/disqualification criteria emailed to you on Wednesday 11th October or contact the Governance Officer, Tanya Lock, at t.lock@palladianacademytrust.com

If you would like to discuss becoming a governor with the Chair of Governors, Dr Julia Garratt, then please email: governors@smartinsgarden.org.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- **Friday 10th November ~ ASSEMBLY ~** Jim Plunkett-Cole visiting (see details above)
- **Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need MUFTI (more details to follow)**
- **Tuesday 28th November ~ 9.15am to 11am ~ OPEN MORNING 2**
- **Friday 1st December ~** Flu vaccinations for Year R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 by School Nurse Service.
- **Thursday 7th December 6.00pm to 8.00pm ~ PTFA Christmas Disco**
- **After-school Clubs for Terms 1 & 2 finish ~** Week commencing 4th December

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Matt Stone and all staff at St Martin's Garden Primary.

