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Dear families,

**This week: A very Happy Easter break to all! Around the school this week, Reception class using their imagination to create an Easter Car from a cardboard box, Year 1 making a moving Gruffalo, Year 2 composing music to a storm, Year 3 been great role models at the Botanical Gardens, Year 4 learning maths outdoors and investigating teeth, Year 5 building Brunel bridges and Year 6 making sushi and building a fire pit. More vibrant learning around the school!**



**Also, a huge HUGE thank you to Mrs Holmes and Mrs Ryman, and all staff involved, for the AMAZING dance umbrella performances this week. We have even received positive emails about our dances from families with children at other schools. Wow!  
LOOK OUT for a special performance of our Dance Umbrella dances next term.**

We also had a lovely PTFA Easter Bonnet Parade, Cake Sale & Egg raffle, classes enjoyed their outside learning during Spring Challenge Week and congratulations to all those receiving awards in the Free and Rainbow Readers Assembly.

If you have comments or views about school, you can also put them on **Parent View**. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> The positives are always nice to hear (please do complete if you'd like to share some positive feedback!), but all comments and opinions are helpful as we try to improve our school even more.

*(Parent View gives you the chance to say what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching etc. The survey can be completed at any time).*

1. **ABSENCES IN TERM TIME** ~ Please can we remind all parents that requests for absence in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and any unauthorised absence taken may be liable for a fixed penalty fine of £120 (per parent), issued by B&NES Council and court action if not paid.
2. **SCHOOL WEBSITE:** We have updated our website with new policies, information on our curriculum and helpful tips for parents ~ Please take a look [www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk) and let us know what you think.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ End of Term 4
- **EASTER HOLIDAYS ~ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018**
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April ~ Term 5 Starts
- **Year 6 Camp** ~ Reminder that the balance is due by **27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

**Wishing you all a lovely Easter break, see you on MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 8.45am, from all the staff at St Martin's Garden Primary.**

**REMAINING INSET DAYS 2017/2018 (School closed for all pupils)**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ~ Palladian Trust Training Day**