

Dear Parents,

Happy new year and welcome back to St Martin's 2022! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break with your families and that covid isolation and illness has not impacted too many of you. As we embark upon the spring term, we are excited to introduce new topics with the children and see their enthusiasm and keenness to learn shine through. This is something we are, as always, so proud of at St Martin's.

Earlier this week, the Department for Education released updated guidance for schools but there is very little that has changed for primary settings. As throughout the pandemic, St Martin's continues to ensure that health and hygiene is a priority. Children will continue to be encouraged to wash their hands frequently. The classroom will be cleaned at the end of every day and staff will ensure that regularly used touchpoints and tables are wiped down throughout the day. School will continue to be well ventilated, therefore please ensure that you send your child into school with their jumper.

Staff will continue to wear a face covering when moving around corridors and communal areas within school. They are not required to wear a face covering when outdoors. With regards to our children, the health advice continues to state that children in primary school are not required to wear face coverings. If there is a need for you to enter the school building, a face covering must be worn unless you are exempt. Thank you once again for your continued support with our requests for a PCR test when your child presents with symptoms of covid-19 in school: a new cough, temperature and loss of taste and smell. It helps us immensely with our monitoring and reporting of cases to the Local Authority and in our quest to minimise the potential spread of covid-19 within school.

Kind regards
Mrs Richards

Tennis at West Hants

Tennis lessons at West Hants begin this week. Rec, Year 1 and 2 need to wear PE kit tomorrow for tennis or PE and then every Tuesday. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 need to wear PE kit on Wednesdays.

Curriculum Topics for the Term

Year R: Amazing Animals! Life cycles, Safari, Animals patterns, Climates/Hibernation
Year 1: Materials, Islands, Houses and Homes, Earth and Space, Seasonal Changes
Year 2: Animals inc. humans, Rocks and Fossils, UK Countries, Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzai
Year 3: Healthy Eating, Forces and Magnets, World Countries, Tudors
Year 4: Plants, Water transportation, Trade and Tourism, Ancient Egypt
Year 5: Light and Shadows, Natural Disasters, Cyber bullying, Beliefs and Meanings
Year 6: Light and Shadows, Natural Disasters, Online Safety, Gaming, British Values

January

Tues 18th

Year 4 trip to
Holdenhurst Water
Treatment Plant

Fri 21st

Talent Show auditions

Mon 31st

Year 4, 5, 6 Squash at
West Hants

February

Mon 14th

Love Our Planet –
Art Day

Mon 21st – Fri 25th

HALF TERM

March

Thurs 3rd

World Book Day

Tues 8th

Parents' Eve Y1,3,4 & 6

Wed 9th

Parents' Eve Rec, Y2 & 5

April

Fri 1st

Easter Bonnet Parade
Easter Egg Hunt

LAST DAY OF TERM