

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe that we are at half-term already! After a jam packed 7 weeks of learning (academic and new routines) your children deserve a lovely week to rest, recharge and enjoy their time off. It is so encouraging to see how much they have progressed since starting at the beginning of September and how they have risen to challenges. We have had a whole school trip, visited the church, supported Hope for Food, Macmillan Coffee Morning and the Little Princess Trust. Please look at our school Facebook page and Instagram to find out what we have been doing day to day. A particular highlight was a visit from Police Community Support Officer Hannah who drove her police car into school!

I hope that you have a great week.

Kind regards

Mrs Richards

Garden Design Competition

After the success of our 2nd place in Bournemouth in Bloom this year, we are already thinking about next year's competition. Over half term children can create a piece of artwork around the theme **The Colourful World of Disney**, as 2023 is 100 years since Walt Disney founded his company. It will form the inspiration for our school garden. It can be any medium; painting, drawing, photography, sculpture – be creative! You can add in ideas for flower or plants or features and how we could use the flower beds and plant pots. It can be handed in on Monday after half term.

Healthy Lunches

According to advice from the Food Standards Agency, a healthy packed lunch should include:

- Meat, fish, dairy or a source of protein
- Starchy carbohydrate, such as a wholegrain sandwich, to provide energy
- At least one portion each of a fruit and vegetable or salad
- Water to drink, but diluted fruit juice and yogurt drinks or smoothies are acceptable

St Martin's School operates a healthy food policy. Children should also bring fruit or vegetables for a playtime snacks. Chocolate, fizzy drinks, nuts, fried crisps and sweets etc. are not allowed. 'Baked' crisps are allowed.

Dates for Oct

24th – 28th Half Term

Dates for Nov

Fri 11th

St Martin's Day – Parents are welcome to join us in at St Luke's Church 9:30am

Mon 14th

Odd socks day

Anti-bullying week begins

Y5 & 6 to BU Sports – during school time. Wear PE kit.

Mon 21st

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Dates for Dec

Thurs 8th

Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 14th

Nativity Rehearsal

Fri 16th

Last Day of Term

2pm – Nativity and Carol Service

Star Pupils

Year R: Asher & Alex
Year 1: Lucas & Florence
Year 2: Leo & Talitha
Year 3: Ollie, Isabella & Seth
Year 4: Teddy & Rupert
Year 5: Amelie & Woody
Year 6: Elijah & William

Gym Stars

Year R: Aaron & Amelia
Year 1: Finley & Herbie
Year 2: Erin, Sophie & Talitha
Year 3: Natas & Erin
Year 4: Freddie & Maya
Year 5: Lizi & Viyan
Year 6: Lucas & William

Team Points

SPARROWS - 1156
ROBINS - 1002
WRENS - 935