

3rd March 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 03/03/2023

It has been great to welcome the students and staff back into school this week, raring to go for this half term. This year's residentials have started to take place this week – KS3EH and KS3KT went to Mount Cook and took part in different activities including going on the zip line, playing archery tag and having a bonfire. We are really pleased that students are able to have these experiences away from home – thank you to our staff team who facilitate these exciting visits.

Thank you for your support on Wednesday with the industrial action that took place in school. We apologise for the disruption this may have caused you and your family, but hope that this has further raised awareness of the ongoing issues with government currently faced by schools across the country.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to 5 Teaching Assistants who have joined our St Martins family – Amy Sanders, Charlotte Blakeway, Daya Khosse, Elaine Gale and Verity Rex-Byrd. It's great to have you here!

Well done

You may remember back in November that one of our incredible sixth formers, Billy Ellerington was given an award by the Youth Sport Trust. Things have got even better for Billy as he has now won the national children's charity's Beckwith CARE Young Changemaker Award by the Youth Sport Trust. The awards recognise and reward best practice and achievements through PE, play and sport by schools, colleges, and young people. Billy was presented with this award by Lioness, Jill Scott at the YST conference on Wednesday.



Billy – we continue to be so impressed with you and look forward to seeing your future endeavours.

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World Book Day

We had lots of fun in school on Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. The students wore some fantastic book-related costumes and looked brilliant. Thank you to all who took part – I look forward to finding out who won prizes for the best dressed, the most short stories read within a week and for a photograph showing the most creative way of reading. Winners will be announced in assembly next week.



Markets in school

Do you run a small business or enterprise, or know someone who does? We are looking for stores at future markets in school, which would be for a small charge. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested, and feel free to pass this information on. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,
With best wishes,



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 9th January 2023

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 16th February

INSET Day – Friday 17th February

School Starts Back – Monday 27th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 17th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 26th May

School Starts Back – Monday 5th June

INSET Day – Monday 26th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 21st July

Dates for the next academic year can be found on our website:

<https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/termdates>

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