



4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update 04/11/22

I hope this update finds you well and refreshed after the half term break. It has been great to welcome the students back this week, and see how engaged they are in their learning and how much they enjoy their time in school.

As you read on, you will see that we are soon launching Evidence for Learning's (EfL) family app – we use EfL in school to track the progress of students – academic progress, and progress towards EHCP targets. I am really excited that we are going to be able to share more of what your young person gets up to in school and that parents/carers are able to add their own evidence of their child's progress too. Derbyshire Police have also shared an important message regarding E-Scooters.

We have a lot to look forward to this half term, with activities planned including our student-led Christmas Market. Dates for your diaries are also included with term dates.

Shaw Education Trust – Parental Survey

The latest parental survey from the Shaw Education Trust has opened - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/specialschoolparentalsurveyterm12022> Please share your views with us as we strive to provide the best educational experiences and opportunities for your child/young person. Entrants are able to enter a prize draw by completing the survey.

Evidence For Learning Parent App

We're delighted to announce the arrival of the new EfL Family App! The new app will allow you to engage with your child's learning in new and powerful ways through a brand-new Android and iOS app. You will get the chance to see photo and video evidence of your child's learning across the curriculum as well as upload your own photo and video evidence which shows progress towards targets on their EHCP.

In preparation you can download the app, just search 'Evidence for Learning Family' on the Apple App Store or Google Play.

We will send more information about this soon, and will be holding in school sessions for Parents and Carers so that you're able to get the most out of the App.

PTA – Asda Green Tokens

A reminder to all Parents and Carers to keep voting for the St Martins PTA project in the **Asda Green Token Giving ONLINE vote** through our local Asda Derby. The

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project is developing a sensory and outdoor learning area for our students who struggle to cope with the everyday pressures of schooling.

The vote is live now **YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ONCE EVERY 7 DAYS**, so please keep going back to the link each week to cast a vote in order for the project to get the highest number of votes. (you can vote even more times per week if you have more than 1 email address!) The vote closes on New Year's Eve so we have a few more chances to bump up our vote – at the moment we are in 2nd place with 36% of the vote. We would like all our parents, carers and their friends and families to vote for our project so that we can be awarded the top amount of £500!

Please vote for the project by visiting <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4607>

Please note, if voting from a mobile phone, make sure you click the VOTE button **UNDER** the listing for St Martins PTA, NOT the one above it as that is for a different project!

E-Scooters – Message from Derbyshire Police

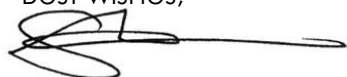
There has been a rise in privately owned E-Scooters, these remain illegal to use anywhere except for privately owned land with the land owners consent. As you will more than likely have seen this is not always being complied with and the sight of them on parks/pavements and even roads is becoming a regular thing. Often when stopped by Police, we can find the rider ranging from 14 years old up to adulthood, so by sending this message out to you as parents we hope to A) make you aware of the consequences of riding one in a public place and or B) Deter the purchase of one for your child.

More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

If you would like to speak to a member of your local safer neighbourhood team please call 101 or request to via www.derbyshire.police.uk

Here's to a great half term ahead.

Best wishes,



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Dates for your diaries:

Date	Event	Details
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Details to follow
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need	Details to follow
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 11/13 Parent/Carer Evening	Details to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Bingo – Evening event	Details to follow
W/C Monday 19 th December	Christmas Market Week	Details to follow

Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 21st October

School Starts Back – Monday 31st October

School Breaks up for Christmas – Thursday 22nd December

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

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

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