

8th December 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 08/12/23

I hope this update finds you well. Today, we have been wearing our Christmas Jumpers and accessories to raise money for Save the Children to help kids in the UK and around the world. School is looking very festive as we get ready to invite Parent Carers into school for our Bingo night on Wednesday 13th December, and our Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow on Thursday 21st December. There are flyers for these events at the end of the update.

Key Stage 4 Lead

As you're aware, there have been some changes in school after the departure of our Assistant Headteacher. Claire Greaves has stepped up to become Key Stage 4 Lead, whilst we advertise this position. Claire continues to teach her class in Key Stage 3. We are grateful to Claire for stepping up to support the school in this way.

Attendance Monitoring

As part of our attendance monitoring process in school, once a term we send 'Traffic Light' letters home to reflect student attendance. The Traffic Lights are Green = 95% and above, Amber = 90%-95%, and Red = below 90%. This is a supportive process as we seek to work with families where attendance may be below the expected level of 95%. School understand that there are many genuine reasons for students missing school, and want to reassure families that we are here to support you, and welcome you to get in touch with our Family Support Team for support and advice on improving attendance where possible and when needed.

I thought that you may be interested to see our school attendance figures, and where the school sits nationally compared to mainstream secondary schools and for students with EHCPs:

- St Martins Whole School - 92.1%
- St Martins Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) – 93.91%
- St Martins Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) – 89.73%
- St Martins Key Stage 5 (Years 12, 13, and 14) – 89.46%
- National attendance for mainstream secondary schools – 91.8%
- National attendance for students with EHCPs – 83.9%.

As you can see from these figures, attendance at St Martins School is in line with mainstream schools, and significantly higher for students with EHCPs. I am proud of

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the level of attendance achieved by our students, but remain keen for them to be in school as much as possible to help our young people maintain positive routines and attitudes to shape successful futures.

Cough and Cold Season

As we approach Christmas, cough and cold season has returned. We encourage families to maintain their health by being prepared; eating well and having enough vitamins, getting a decent amount of sleep, and having vaccinations where possible will hopefully make the difference, as nobody enjoys being poorly.

We're Hiring!

We are currently recruiting for Classroom Assistants, Teaching Assistants, a Learning Mentor and a Data Administrator. If you know someone who may fit the bill, please share our recruitment page with them -

<https://stmartinsschoolderby.schoolrecruiter.com/>

Shaw Education Trust Parent Carer Survey

The latest Shaw Education Trust survey recently opened, and will be open until the end of next week. Please can I encourage you to share your feedback via the survey, to help us know what we are doing well and areas that we can improve on. Your views are valuable to us, and we thank you for sharing them. Please find a link to the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parentalsurveyspecialterm12023>

Best wishes,



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Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

INSET Day – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27th October

School Starts Back – Monday 6th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 8th January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15th February

INSET Day – Friday 16th February

School Starts Back – Monday 26th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 15th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24th May

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd June

INSET Day – Monday 1st July

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23rd July

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St Martins School presents...



WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Doors open 6:15pm

Eyes down 6:30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Super cash prizes, plus lots of other fabulous prizes!

Raffle, Bingo and School Council Quiz.

Delicious food, and hot and cold drinks.

PRIZES NEEDED

Please support this by donating prizes.

This can be bottles and chocolates, gifts or free tickets/days out.

All prizes will be gratefully received and will support the school in raising funds for student activities.

Please can all prizes be taken to
Faye Chan KS3 Teacher.

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St Martins School
presents....

*Christmas
Market &
Winter
Wondershow*

Thursday 21st December

Christmas Market - 10:30am-11:30am
Winter Wondershow - 1:00pm-2:00pm

To purchase tickets for one of the events, please complete and return the reply slip by Thursday 14th December. We are asking for a donation of £1 per ticket.



Please join us!

All money raised will go towards a whole school reward.

Christmas Market

Students are working hard to create stalls with a variety of products and games, including refreshments, cards and decorations.

Winter Wondershow

Held in Noel-Baker's Theatre – a student led anthology show celebrating the talents of the St Martins Family.

Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow

Please complete and return with donation by Thursday 14th December. Maximum of 4 tickets for one event only. Tickets will be sent home with your child / young person.

Name of child/young person: _____ Class: _____

Christmas Market (number of tickets): _____

Winter Wondershow (number of tickets): _____

I will take my child/young person home after the Winter Wondershow (please circle)

Yes

No

Amount enclosed: _____