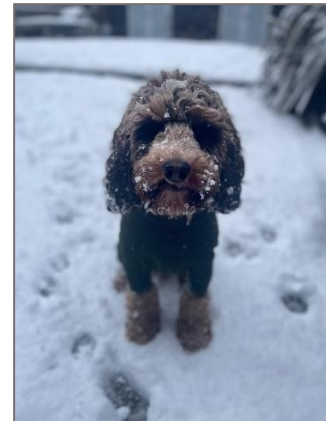


10th March 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 10/03/23

I hope this update finds you well. Thank you for your support over yesterday and today with the snow – our priority is to always maintain the health and safety of our students and staff, and your response to our messages regarding this makes a big difference. Students who made it in had great fun playing in the snow yesterday. Even Martin has had a snow day today due to the roads! KS3BH and KS3SG have been on residential near Black Rocks – making snowmen, gem panning, fossil hunting, rocket building, and camp fire bush craft.



Sustainable Shape Day

On Wednesday we held a 'Sustainable Shape Day', with students going to different classrooms to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals. These Goals are all part of a global commitment to improve our world by the year 2030 focusing on issues such as Quality Education, Climate Change and Wellbeing. If you are interested in knowing more about the Goals, follow this link <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>, or ask your child/young person.



Students took part in practical activities such as creating a sensor for filling a well, built wind turbines, fruit carriers, and cost of food challenges. Roderick in KS3KF said, "This is the best day, it's so much fun!" Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and students showed many of our St Martins skills and attitudes throughout the day, especially Teamwork.

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Industrial Action – 15th and 16th March

Industrial action is planned to take place in school on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

As with previous recent strike days, St Martins will remain open to our community of vulnerable young people, however, the school day will look different as the number of teaching staff working may be limited. In the recent strike days, student groups have been merged, and we collapsed the usual timetable and curriculum offer. The two day strike is likely to play out in the same way. Managing and maintaining safeguarding and the health and safety of students and staff will be our main priority.

We understand that some of our young people will find the changes to their school routine challenging and so you may prefer to keep your young person at home for the day(s) – absences will be authorised.

We have been very grateful for parent carer support in how you have kept us informed of your intentions that help to assist us with planning. We appreciate you completing this short form - <https://forms.office.com/e/gbJntHUgrE>, as you have previously. Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of parent carers to safeguard and supervise their young person if they are staying at home. Thank you for your on-going support.

Congratulations

As a school, we pride ourselves on being inclusive, creative and innovative and doing things a bit differently... Dave Brooks, our Music and Drama Teacher is a Warhammer enthusiast and provides students the opportunity to take part in games in school. I would like to congratulate Dave as he is part of a group who are creating a bank of Teaching Resources and Schemes of Learning centred around Warhammer that directly tie into the National Curriculum. Dave will be speaking about this project at Warhammer Fest in Manchester. Well done, and good luck!

Parent Carer Coffee Morning and Parent Forum

The Parent Carer Coffee Morning due to take place on 23rd March is no longer taking place. The next coffee morning will now take place on Thursday 11th May, with a focus on Behaviour.

However, instead of the Coffee Morning, Marie and Monika are hosting a Parent Carer Forum on Thursday 30th March at 1:30pm. This will be an open forum and chance for you to share your thoughts on your child/young person's journey with us at St Martins and Horizons. You will be able to discuss what you would like to see explored in the curriculum, and any suggestions for future workshops and support.

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Parking on school site

As a reminder, please do not try to enter the school site before 2:10pm to collect your child, or follow vehicles onto the site before this time. It is vital that the entrance to the site remains clear for vehicles which need access, including staff, visitors and emergency services. Once the gates open at 2:10pm, traffic is able to move onto the school site freely.

If you use the school car park, please use a space rather than parking behind other vehicles. We appreciate the challenges with school traffic on our shared site, and thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Wishing you a great weekend,

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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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