



15th December 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 15/12/23

I hope this update finds you well. It was great to see so many of you at Bingo on Wednesday night – the night was well attended, lots of fun and we raised over £490, which will go towards a whole school reward next summer. Thank you for coming out to support us!

Classes have been working hard on their Christmas Doors, and I look forward to sharing the winner with you next week. I am also looking forward to seeing you at either the Christmas Market or Winter Wondershow on Thursday 21st December – I hope you have your tickets!

Over the past few weeks, there have been some developments in another Shaw Education Trust school which have impacted St Martins. I have been asked by the Trust to support another Trust school, Portland School, in Blythe Bridge, until the end of the Academic Year. This means that I have become Executive Headteacher at St Martins and Portland, and I will split my time between the two schools.

This change means that Toni Beardmore is now Head of School, and Rachel Cooper becomes Deputy Head of School. Toni and Rachel are more than capable of these roles, and I am delighted that they have this opportunity and have agreed to step up.

If you would like to discuss these changes, please feel free to contact me or Toni at school.

Jess Longhurst, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, has put together an informative leaflet regarding support over the Christmas Holidays. I hope that you will find this useful.

Best wishes,

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Christmas Support

Christmas can be a difficult time for many. You are not alone, there are many agencies around that can offer support.

Social Care - 01332 641172

In an emergency please call 999

Please contact your GP for mental health concerns

Derby City and Derbyshire Mental Health line: 0800 020077

Many find it difficult with the change of routine over Christmas. The National Autistic Society have a list of tips for the festive period. www.Autism.org.uk

E-Safety

Some young people will be spending more time online and whilst this can be brilliant we also need to be aware of the dangers and ever changing online world. Please see some useful apps to help keep your child safe.

Google Family Link / FamiSafe - Allows you to set the digital groundrules. Set timelimits, filter content and be in control of what apps are being used or downloaded.

Mental Health

This time of year can often add to anxieties. Please see this list of useful support available.



Online mental health support for young people and Parent Carers



Online counsellors



Mental Health and wellbeing support for Parent Carers



Support and activities over Christmas

Derby City Mission Food Bank

W: www.derbycitymission.org.uk

T: 01332 460346

E: advice@derbycitymission.org.uk

Derby City Mission offer food parcels for people in need. They will support you to explore the underlying causes of your difficulties, including exploring finance and benefits problems you might be having.

The Hope Centre

W: www.hopecentrederby.co.uk

T: 01332 341189

E: info@hopecentrederby.co.uk

About Us

The food bank seeks to provide a three day food parcel for those who are in need.

How to access: No referral needed - call 01332 640000

Family Hub - Please search Derby City Family Hub this will then take you to a parents page.

What is the Family Hub?

Derby's Family Hub is there to help you find the right support at the right time for you and your family. Offering a range of activities, sessions, advice and support for families and young people aged from 0-19 years.



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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