

16th December 2022

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update 16/12/2022

I hope this update finds you well. We have had a great week in school – thank you to those who came along to the Bingo on Tuesday, it was a brilliant night. Students in main school had their Christmas dinner on Wednesday and sat together in the hall for the first time since 2019! Horizons students have been out for their Christmas meals, and had an enjoyable time at the Merlin and Thomas Leaper.

I would like to thank the PTA for their donation of chocolate selection boxes for all students. Money for treats like this has been raised through their work running the Cinema Nights and other events. Students should be bringing their box home either today or at the start of next week.

Resource for Parent Carers

Please find a link to a resource booklet for Parent Carers on adolescent violence to Parents - <https://files.schudio.com/st-martins-school/files/documents/Adolescent-violence-to-parents-booklet.pdf>

There are many reasons why adolescent violence may occur and sometimes there may seem to be no reason. When struggling with adolescent violence it can often feel confusing and difficult to find ways to keep everyone safe including your child who is posing the risk to positive family relationships and safety. If you are struggling, remember **you are not alone!**

This booklet helps to provide a resource for parents who experience violence from their children. With the aim of increasing the safety and wellbeing of parents and carers to provide strategies to support in ways that promote caring, responsibility and non-violence. If you are struggling with this, please contact the school office and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team who can help you.

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

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!

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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.

Season's greetings from Martin

Martin is getting ready for Christmas! He is regularly seen walking around school with his Christmas bandana on and was very interested in Wednesday's Christmas dinner! Martin recently had his photograph taken by one of our talented members of staff, Lianne Harrison. Doesn't he look wonderful...!



With best wishes,



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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

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May *new date for Coronation of King Charles*

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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