

22nd December 2022

Dear Parent Carers

Weekly Update – 22/12/22

I hope this update finds you well. We've finally made it to the end of term and the students and staff will soon have a very well deserved break! Tuesday's Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow were exceptional – students worked hard to create products and refreshments to sell, and also performed in and produced a fantastic show. Thank you to all who supported and attended. The funds raised will top up class reward budgets which help support extra experiences and treats for students.

Christmas Door Winner

I am delighted to announce that KS3KT were the winners of our annual Christmas Door Competition this year. This door won the competition as the students thought up the whole idea, and also led the design and created every bit of it. It is also interactive so all students can be involved in creating their own snowman.



Safeguarding your children and young people during the holidays

Our Safeguarding and Family Support team have put together the attached leaflet to help you identify any help that you may need should your circumstances change over the next few weeks. Marie and Emma have also been out and about delivering Christmas in a Box parcels and Presents donated by Gem FM to a number of our families. We appreciate that Christmas can be a tricky time, and so we hope that our support can be of some use.

Farewell

I would like to wish Paula Baggaley, our Food Technology Teacher, the very best as she embarks on a new journey away from St Martins. Paula has been with us for the last 6 and a half years and has made a fabulous contribution to life at school; firstly as a Teaching Assistant and then in Food Tech. Paula – thank you for all you have done in your roles – from the Asda shops, preparing food for events, and for your wonderfully caring nature. We will miss you!

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From all of us here at St Martins, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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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Holiday SUPPORT

If Christmas is a hard time for you, it's important to remember that **you are not alone**. There are agencies around that are there to help.

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 0280077

Please see below the following support available :



Online free Counselling app
Online until 10pm



Specific support pages, free phone ,
1:1 online counselling



Text SHOUT to 85258. This is a free 24/7
crisis text service run by Shout.



Tips ([autism.org.uk](https://www.autism.org.uk))
Christmas tips for autistic people and their families



Online support for mental health
for young people and parents.



Mental health and wellbeing -
Support for Parents
from Action For Children

FOOD SUPPORT



Springwater Charity

W: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/506332190250559>

E: springwatercommunitygroup@gmail.com

T: 07832653255 / 07311465841

About Us

New Food Bank in Chellaston that serves people in need across the city. We ask those in need of a food parcel to give us a call first to arrange a parcel.

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.

How to access: Food parcels are available on Tuesdays and Friday mornings and have to be pre booked.

RCCG Solid rock

W: www.rccgsolidrock.org.uk

E: info@rccgsolidrock.org.uk T: 07766 054917

About Us

Solid Rock is a Pentecostal Church close to Derby city centre;

How to access: Food parcels are available on Tuesdays, Friday and Sunday 12-2, no booking required.

The Hope Centre

W: www.hopecentraderby.co.uk/?page_id=39

T: 01332 341189

E: info@hopecentraderby.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 though call 01332 640000

Useful Apps



Be Mindful

Beat Panic

Big White Wall

BlueIce

Calm Harm

Catch It

Chill Panda

Cove

distract

eQuoo

Feeling Good

Leso

MeeTwo

My Positive Self

Silver Cloud

Sleepio

Thrive

Brain and Hand