



24th November 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 24/11/23

I hope this update finds you well. The countdown to Christmas is starting, and we are busy making plans for the next few weeks.

On Wednesday 13th December, we are hosting a Christmas Bingo Night – details further in the update. It will be great to see you there!

Students are running a Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow in the last week of the term – w/c 18th December. We will send details of how to attend as soon as plans are confirmed. Last year's Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow was a great success, and I expect this year's to be too.

Derby City Council are running a Holiday Activities and Food programme again over the Christmas holiday. Students who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Years 7-11 are able to apply. Please follow the details below to apply.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme - Important Information

What is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF), funded by the Department for Education, provides free holiday club sessions. The free holiday clubs offer a wide range of activities, including sport, dance, drama, song writing and trips during the Easter, summer and winter school holidays. Children will also receive a nutritious meal whilst at the club.

Who is the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is for school aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

How do I book a place for my child?

From winter 2023, to book a place on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme you will require a unique code to prove that your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

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We advise parents or carers of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to apply for their Derby HAF code ASAP. This will ensure you can book your child's place on the winter HAF programme with ease.

How do I get my unique Derby HAF code?

To apply for a Derby HAF code, scan the QR code or complete the online form available at <https://forms.office.com/e/vEzBxnZ7Ck>

What information do I need to apply for a code?

The online form is easy to complete, and parents or carers will require:

- Parent's address and contact information
- Parent's National Insurance Number
- Each Child's name, address and date of birth

On completion of the online form, eligible parents and carers will receive an email with their Derby HAF code for each child within 5 working days.

When can I book a place?

Bookings for winter 2023 will open in mid-November, more information and the booking page can be found at www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF. Places for the Derby HAF programme are limited, and bookings will only be accepted with a Derby HAF code.

I trust that you find this useful.

With best wishes,



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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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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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