



Welcome back to you all. We hope you had a restful and healthy Christmas and New Year. Welcome back to all our pupils and a very warm welcome to those who have joined us this term.

Wishing Miss McCarthy love and the very best of luck as she begins her maternity leave today. We look forward to hearing the exciting news when she has her baby. Mrs Ali has been in school all week getting to know the class and 'handover' from Miss McCarthy as she covers Form 4 during this very exciting time.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Leonardo:** Welcome to St Martin's. Congratulations on a fabulous first week
- Zach:** Welcome to St Martin's. We are so pleased you joined us
- Jesse:** Welcome to St Martin's. Well done for settling in so beautifully
- Avi:** Amazing reading!
- Amar M:** Displaying resilience working independently. Well done!
- Emika:** Displaying values of independence and thoughtfulness.
- Azikiwe:** Showing a fantastic understanding of counting in 5's
- Sophia T:** Excellent achievement in position and direction during Maths
- Sophia E:** Making lovely progress with her reading
- Jacob:** Trying hard to work more independently
- Zack H:** Working diligently to improve his handwriting
- Form 4:** Being a pleasure to teach... keep making me proud as I take some time away to have my baby. Love from Miss McCarthy
- Olivia D:** A thoughtful analysis of the characters in our new class text
- Ginny:** Achieving highly in her first week at St Martin's. Welcome!
- Reni:** Impressive independence whilst preparing for her 11+ interviews.
- Alan:** Outstanding progress in his Maths AAO's
- Zaci:** Thoughtful contributions in science
- Bunmi:** Great suggestions when creating a spreadsheet linked to classification of animals.

This week, **Claudia** has been awarded a **Head Teacher's award** for amazing letter formation and cutting skills when learning the EYFS letter of the week. Claudia struggled on Tuesday and Wednesday but she persevered, worked hard to 'have a go' and by Thursday she succeeded beautifully! A wonderful lesson that 'if at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again'. Well done Claudia we are very proud of your tenacity and drive.

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to show Mrs Wilson the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. The following children will meet with Mrs Mbah after the holidays –

Joshua J

Jacob D

Shayan

Siyona

It was with much sadness, but perhaps no surprise, that this year's Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena has been postponed by the organisers. Our children in the choir have worked so hard to prepare for this amazing concert and we look forward to sharing the new date as soon as we receive it. Thank you to Miss Adesina for working with the choir to prepare for this fantastic event – we know that when it is able to take place it will be truly amazing.

Please be reminded of the following uniform regulations –

1. When wearing PE kits, lower school must wear PLAIN black trainers or plimsols. Upper school must only wear PLAIN white trainers.
2. All children must wear a regulation branded uniform winter coat, available from Uniform4U.
3. All hair bobbles, bands and clips must be dark blue. Other colours are not permitted. Please ensure that any child with hair up to or below their shoulders must have it tied back in a ponytail (or similar.) Just wearing an 'alice band' is not sufficient.
4. Regulation branded water bottles are the only water bottles permitted in school. There are available at Uniform4U.

Unfortunately, the boaters and felt hats are no longer available to purchase from Uniform4U. The supplier has sadly had to close their business after many years, as a result of the Covid pandemic and Uniform4U have been unsuccessful sourcing them elsewhere. These hats are therefore sadly no longer part of our school uniform. The winter wooly hats with our logo are still available and are the only acceptable winter hat. Navy blue gloves and scarves may be purchased from any shop – they are not branded.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Congratulations to Seth who earned a Distinction in his Grade 1 acoustic guitar exam. Congratulations, what a phenomenal achievement. We are very proud of you 😊

Term Dates 2021- 2022

Spring Term 2022:

Return to School: Tue 4th Jan 2022
Half Term Break: Mon 14th Feb to Fri 18th Feb 2022
Term Ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022:

Return to School: Tue 26th April 2022
Half Term Break: Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June 2022
Term Ends: Friday 15th July 2022

Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Return to School: Wed 7th Sept 2022
Half Term Break: Mon 17th Oct - Fri 28th Oct 2022
Term Ends: Friday 9th Dec 2022

Spring Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 4th Jan 2023
Half Term Break: Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb 2023
Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

Return to School: Tue 25th April 2023
Half Term Break: Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2023
Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2023

Autumn Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 6th September 2023

Please be reminded that Lateral Flow Tests must be undertaken each Monday and Thursday morning before attending school. If your child is unwell or has a positive Lateral Flow Test, please do not bring them into school and contact the school office for further guidance if unsure.

Thank you

