



This Sunday, 27th November, is Advent Sunday. This day marks the start of the Christian celebration period for the birth of Jesus Christ and is often observed by making a wreath. Father Steven will be joining us in school on Monday to talk more about this with our pupils. Mrs Wilson has also given all pupils in school an advent calendar to share the countdown to Christmas Day. We hope they enjoy them each morning.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Eden:** Good rhyming in phonics
- Claudia:** Giving her very best when reading
- Kishi:** Always being respectful during Tea Time Club
- Noel:** Being a team player during 'tidy up time.'
- Isabel:** Always being kind to her friends
- Isioma:** Beautiful reading
- Elenor:** Being friendly, kind to others and helpful always
- Avi M:** Achieving top marks in his spelling test. Keep up the good work!
- Hope:** Achieving well when thinking of and using verbs
- Atlin:** Using RUCSAC to solve word problems
- Zahi:** Using a clock to help him understand turns
- Ariana:** Taking a conscientious attitude to her own learning and her drive to succeed!
- Sophia E:** Working hard to create some super writing this week
- Hussein:** Being a kind and respectful member of Form 3
- Ethan:** Being brave and sharing his feelings
- Izzy:** Tremendous effort and organisation when completing her homework
- Zack H:** A constant positive attitude in all lessons
- Victoria:** Taking responsibility of her own homework by completing her corrections independently
- Christina:** Achieving highly in her persuasive writing
- Seth:** Checking his work consistently and independently
- Amira:** Demonstrating excellent use of vocabulary in her writing
- Molly:** Achieving so highly with her writing

This week's **Head Teacher's Awards** has been won by **Adam K** for exceptionally thoughtful work in RE, thinking about the meaning of different Buddhist symbols. Well done Adam!

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 Wilson during break-time on Monday

Haadi

Shaan

Rania

Samarth

Term Dates 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Return to School: Wed 7th Sept 2022
Half Term Break: Mon 17th Oct - Fri 28th Oct
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
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
Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2023

Autumn Term 2023:

Return to School: Wed 6th September 2023

Diary Dates

Tues 6th Dec: All invited to The St Martin's winter show 2pm at St Michaels Church, Flower Lane, NW7 2JA (every child will participate)

Thurs 8th Dec: Christmas Celebration Day – see below

Friday 9th Dec: FoSMS Silent Disco – please see flyer with details attached

**** Sun 26th March 3-5pm – Family Bingo Afternoon – More details to come ****

For safety reasons, please drive around the block after drop-off and pick up outside school rather than attempting a U-turn.

Please be reminded that snack for morning break is fruit only – this should be a piece of fruit or small container of cut fruit/berries/grapes etc.; it does not include fruit yoghurts, fruit winders or fruit granola bars.

This Week - Congratulations to Form 4 for their wonderful class assembly about their trip to Longtown – it was lovely to see how much you enjoyed this residential and how confident you were presenting.

Well done to all our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) for their 'Be Safe, Be Seen' assembly – please ensure your children wear reflective items when walking in the darker evenings so they can be seen by drivers.

Thank you to pupils in Form 3 and 5 for such excellent behaviour on their trip to the Natural History Museum – lots of learning and fun was had by all.

Thank you to Mrs Hurst for coming in on Thursday to do our first run through of the Winter Show – please practise any lines and songs with your children and see below for costume and props.

Next Week - We are looking forward to welcoming Father Steven to our whole school assembly at 1.00pm on Monday to talk about Advent.

Mrs Woolf, a parent of previous pupils at St Martin's has become a published and award winning author and we are delighted that she is coming to speak to our Lower School pupils about her work as an author and read some of her books. We may even get a first look at her new 'Christmas Bertie' book. Please see the attached flyer with details of her books and where you can purchase them. Children are invited to bring any purchased books into school and Mrs Woolf would be happy to sign them.

Children will be working hard on their learning to complete long writing pieces in foundation subjects, finish their Topic units and write extended pieces in their English lessons so that we can wrap everything up for the Christmas activities next week.

We are fast approaching our winter show and the children have been working hard in school to learn their parts. Homework for all pupils this week is to practise their songs and lines at home! We would also like to add a little festive flavour to the show so some classes are being asked to bring items for costumes – please ensure these are in school by next Friday!

Form 1 - White jumper or long-sleeved top with a scarf and a hat.

Form 2 – Diwali outfits

Form 3 – Full school PE kit – White trainers, jogging bottoms, polo shirt and jumper.

Form 4 & 5 – Christmas hats and accessories

With the exception of Form 2 and 3 (see above), please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Thursday 8th December – Celebrating Christmas

Children are invited to wear a Christmas or winter themed jumper, we will be making Christmas crafts in the morning, sharing Christmas lunch and watching a pantomime in the afternoon. If your child normally brings in a packed lunch but you would like them to enjoy a special Christmas lunch, please email Mrs Jacobs. Please bring £2.50 which will be shared between our school council reading corner project and this year's chosen charity Feed London. www.feedlondon.org

Friday 9th December – Last day of term

Children are invited to wear party clothes, bring snacks to accompany a party lunch and watch a Christmas film in the afternoon before going to the FOSMS disco after school.

We invite your children to make suggestions for songs to be included for our FoSMS Christmas silent disco! Do they have a favourite song? Favourite artist? Please let Mrs Wilson know who will add it to the play list!

You are warmly welcomed into school to watch your child's assembly on the following dates. Each assembly will be watched by the lower year group and all siblings are also invited to watch. EYFS will perform to parents and siblings only. These assemblies are a key part of our speaking and listening curriculum and are designed to develop pupils' confidence in public speaking.

Mon 30th Jan: Form 2

Monday 12th June: EYFS

Mon 27th March: Form 3

Monday 22nd May: Form 1

Tuesday 2nd May: Form 6

Community Christmas tree lights

We are pleased to have been invited to participate in the launch of the community Christmas tree and lights on **Mill Hill Broadway on Saturday 3rd December from 5.30pm**. All children in school will be preparing baubles and Christmas wishes to decorate the tree and children from the choir have been asked to join in with some of the Carols led by the University of London Choir. Parents and community members are welcome to come and enjoy traditional carols by the tree.

Congratulations to Amar M who has been selected as the Royal Free hospital London winner of the Jack Petchey Award for the month of November as a result of his selfless actions providing an allergy and epipen education session for his peers. Well done Amar, we are very proud of you!

