



IMPORTANT DATES:

Friendship Week ~ Monday
16th to Friday 20th November

Odd Socks Day ~ Monday
16th November (Just for Fun,
no donation required. Thank
you)

**Duncan Beedie, Author &
Illustrator online workshops**~
Monday 23rd and Tuesday
24th November

**Aardman Animation online
model making workshops** ~
Monday 30th November

SCOOTFit visiting ~
Wednesday 2nd December
(may have to be
rearranged to due
restrictions)

Christmas Dates:
09/12/20 ~ Christmas Lunch
16/12/20 ~ Class Parties

Christmas Holiday ~
Monday 21st December to
Friday 1st January
INSET day Monday 4th
January. Children return on
TUESDAY 5th January 2021

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
Please **wear face
coverings while on our
School grounds.**

DON'T FORGET

PE Kits to be back in
school on a **Monday**
please. Thank you

INSET days for 2020/2021
School closed for all pupils
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 12th February 2021
Friday 5th March 2021
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,

What a lovely week it has been at St Martin's Garden Primary School! I have seen beautiful art work linked to **Remembrance** produced across the school and fantastic learning taking place in classrooms, the computer suite and our libraries this week.

Our **History and Geography Learning Enquiry 'A Tale of Two Cities'** has continued focusing on Bath and Bristol. On that note, in the coming weeks, we have some exciting experiences planned for the children linked to this. The first will take place on the **23rd and 24th November** with an author visit. **Duncan Beedie** who is based in Bristol will be beamed into classes across the school from his studio sharing his creative talents as both an **author and illustrator**. We will let you know next week which books he will be sharing with each class.

The following week on Monday 30th November **Jim Parkyn** who is a **senior model maker with Aardman Animation** (Bristol) will be running workshops across the school. His credits include: Chicken Run, Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep, Timmy Time and many more. The children will be creating their own versions of some very familiar characters in these workshops. I am looking forward to seeing a few mini Shaun's in school that day. Buddy will not be attending. Just in case the sheep excite him too much!

Today, we celebrated **Children in Need** and **World Kindness Day**. In lots of classes the day started energetically with the Body Coach, Joe Wickes, in his 24 Hour PE Challenge workout. I do have to say that completing his workout wearing a bear costume was a little exhausting and hot. The staff and governors have also taken part in the annual Children in Need Duck Race. Congratulations to **Miss Mullins, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Crawford for selecting the winning duck (Quackman & Bobbin')**.

Thank you for supporting this cause it makes a real difference to so many children across the country with over 2,800 projects receiving funding. As a school we raised **£322**.



I would like to thank you for all your kindness during these times. The whole staff team really appreciate your support and messages. As a school we aim to make **a positive difference every day to everyone** and on that note I would love to hear about the difference our staff make to your child. If a **member of staff made you or your child smile**, then let us know by emailing the school office. It can be absolutely any member of staff and we will pass it on!

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Mrs Parfitt's message continued,

This time of year is also when we start to talk about **Christmas and productions**. This year, it is going to need to look a little different as we navigate bubbles and these special events. We will be sending out letters next week to explain how we hope these special times will be shared this year.

On Monday we celebrate **Odd Socks Day** which highlights the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance and I am looking forward to seeing a huge array of odd socks being worn in school again this year.

Have a restful weekend, take care and stay safe!

Kind regards,

Claire Parfitt, Head teacher and Specialist Leader in Education.

POPPY APPEAL ~ HUGE Thank you to everyone who purchased goods or donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. **We filled the collection tin!** The Collector from the Royal British Legion was really impressed and they will let us know, as soon as they can, how much money we raised!

ODD SOCKS DAY ~ On **Monday 16th November** we will, again, be supporting Odd socks Day which highlights the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Please come to school wearing odd socks (No donation required). Over the week we will be thinking about and celebrating individuality and what makes us unique.

Classrooms - it is essential that our classrooms are kept well ventilated and our heating is on. This does mean that it is important that children are wrapped up warm. Please consider vests and thermals if they are cold during the day.

School Fleeces ~ Red logo'd school fleeces are now available to purchase from Michael Hope (Our uniform provider).

<https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/school-shops/st-martin-s-garden-primary-school>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (Eligible by Benefit) ~ B&NES Council now have a **Free School Meals Eligibility Checking service** on the new Free School Meals web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online **benefit related free school meal application form** which can be found using the following link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and navigate

to [Apply online for free school meals >](#)

If you are claiming benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (Eligible by Benefits) please apply to Free School meals by using either the link above, emailing freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk, calling 01225 394317 or completing an application form available at the school office. Thank you.

The Government have announced support to local councils for Free School Meals (Eligible by Benefits) pupils over the Christmas, Half-term and Easter holidays this academic year so if you think you qualify please apply now to benefit from this additional support, especially if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

FACEBOOK PAGE: As you know we already have a Twitter page **@HeadSMGP** which we use to communicate exciting things happening here at St Martin's Garden Primary.

We have now set up a Facebook page for Parents/Carers and our wider community.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Martins-Garden-Primary-104477314372473/>.

The Page will be used to notify Parents and the Community of upcoming events and maybe show photos/details of events that have happened.

We **will not** be using our Facebook page as a way of communicating with you individually, please continue to use the class email, school email or see Mrs Parfitt, Mrs Horn or Mr Bogg.

We also respectfully ask that our Facebook page is a positive page. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.