



### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Duncan Beedie, Author & Illustrator, workshops ~

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

#### Aardman Animation online model making workshops ~

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### SCOOTFit visiting ~

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
(may have to be rearranged to due restrictions)

#### Christmas Dates:

09/12/20 ~ Christmas Lunch  
~ Please return your Christmas Lunch order slips by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
16/12/20 ~ Class Parties

#### Christmas Holiday ~

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

#### INSET day Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

January. Children return on **TUESDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer,

On Monday we celebrated **Odd Socks Day** which highlights the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. A wonderful array of odd socks could be seen in every classroom. The sentiment behind this was to celebrate our differences and allow children to express themselves through their choices as well as celebrate how we are all unique.

Across the week (Friendship Week) teachers have also discussed the differences between getting on and falling out with friends, misunderstandings and bullying. Our school message to support our children is; **STOP, STOP. Several Times on Purpose So Tell Other People.** The children know the adults they can talk to in their bubbles and across the school. While we are continuing to navigate these strange times please remember you can contact your child's teacher via the class emails (reminder below) or if it is urgent please phone the school office.

On Monday and Tuesday **Duncan Beedie** is zooming into school sharing his life as an illustrator and author. The children will have an opportunity to create their own illustrations alongside Duncan.



We are looking forward to seeing all their creations linked to Duncan's books next week.

Last week I mentioned the word Christmas and I wanted to share our plans. As you know we are not able to hold large gatherings at the moment and because of this we are aiming to film each of the productions or carols. We will be sending out letters on Monday so please check your child's book bag. The letter will contain a permission form for you to fill in regarding the filming of the performance.

Across the school the following performances will be taking place.

**Plum Class** – A Wiggly Nativity

**Lemon Class** – A Wiggly Nativity

**Oak Class**- Camel, Lights, Action

**Pine, Aspen and Willow** – Carol Concert

**Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum** – Rocket Reindeers Rescue Rudolph

Mrs Parfitt's message continued,

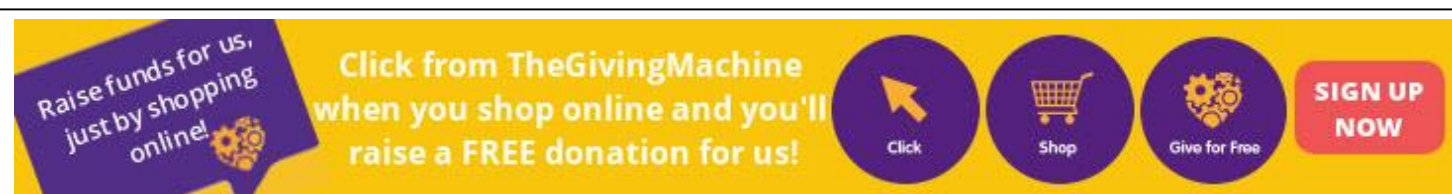
I have to admit that I am really looking forward to seeing all the performances once filming is finished. Have a restful weekend, take care and stay safe! Kind regards,

Claire Parfitt, Head teacher and Specialist Leader in Education.

### **Class Emails reminder**

Plum@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Lemon@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Oak@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Pine@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Aspen@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Willow@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Bronze@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Silver@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
Gold@stmartinsgarden.org.uk  
PlatinumClass@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

A yellow banner for 'The Giving Machine' with a purple speech bubble on the left that says 'Raise funds for us, just by shopping online!'. The main text reads 'Click from TheGivingMachine when you shop online and you'll raise a FREE donation for us!'. To the right are three circular icons: a mouse cursor labeled 'Click', a shopping cart labeled 'Shop', and a gear with a coin labeled 'Give for Free'. A red 'SIGN UP NOW' button is on the far right.

When shopping on-line please visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-martins-garden-primary](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-martins-garden-primary), to register **St Martin's Garden Primary** (sign up code: **57557**) as your cause, search the retailer, shop as normal and the retailer will make a donation to us!

**ALSO** The Giving Machine currently have a **FREE Daily Bonus Donation button**. No purchase required, just login (everyday) and **Click on the Daily Bonus Button** and a 4p donation will be made to us.

We have **153 families** at St Martin's Garden Primary, If every family **clicked the Daily Bonus button everyday** that would be **£6.12 per day, £42.84 a week and £2227.68 per year! WOW!!**

Since re-launching our Fundraising page on Monday, You have already generated **£1.30p** in donations by logging in, clicking the daily bonus and shopping. So **Every Click really does help!** Thank you.

Please pass this information onto **Family and Friends** and help us raise money for our exciting Playground plans. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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](#) and a school website [www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk) 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 local 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, call the school office or see Mrs Parfitt, Mrs Horn or Mr Bogg.

We would like our Facebook page to be a positive, exciting page showing all the amazing things happening here at our fabulous school. Thank you.