



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Aardman Animation online model making workshops** ~ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Dates:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December ~ **Non-uniform day, Christmas themed if you wish ~ £1.00 donation please for additional Books for the School Library.** Thank you.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December ~ **Christmas Lunch**

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ **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,

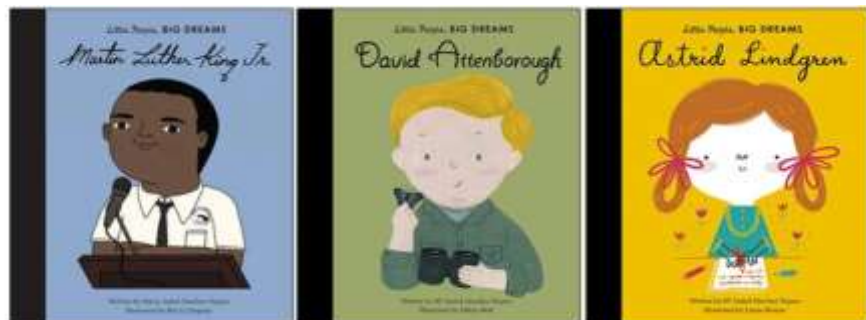
Happy Friday! This week seems to have flown by and alongside the normal curriculum in school we had an author visit. On Monday and Tuesday **Duncan Beedie** zoomed into classes across the school and shared his love of writing and drawing with the children. From Molly's Moon Mission to The Lumber Jack's Beard the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to each of his stories. They all created some amazing illustrations of their own with Duncan's guidance. He is also kindly sending us the drawings that he created each day with the children so that we can display them around the school.



Next week our Tale of Two Cities Learning Enquiry continues with **Jim Parkyn** zooming into classrooms across the school. Jim is a senior model maker with **Aardman Animation** and he will be helping the children to create their own Aardman characters. I think the school might be overrun with a one or two Shaun the Sheep on Monday but no Buddy to heard them I am afraid. I can't wait to see the children's creations. We will share photos via our school Facebook and Twitter accounts. Jim will also be talking about his life as a model maker and the exciting projects and films he has been involved in.



Last week Mr Bogg, our History Leader, handed out the final book prizes to those children who took part in the **I-spy Challenge** trail at half-term. They each received a historical novel or a fact book about a significant individual from History.



He is already thinking up his Christmas challenge linked to next terms Learning Enquiries. **Years 2-6 'Were the Egyptians really Awesome?'** and **Year 1 - 'Why do we remember the Great Fire of London?'**

Mrs Parfitt message continued

Mrs Parfitt's message continued,

As you will have seen yesterday the Government released information regarding the new **Tier system** that will be introduced from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. As a school we are awaiting guidance from the Department for Education to see how these new Tier systems impact schools. Should we need to change any measures in school we will let you know on Tuesday.

Across the school our staff are working really hard to ensure that despite all our measures the children have plenty of fun and wonderful learning opportunities each week. Your lovely feedback and comments really make a difference to all our staff. Please email the school office with messages for the staff in the run up to Christmas. We will then add these to our staffroom **wall of smiles**.

Have a lovely restful weekend, take care and keep safe!

Kind regards, Claire Parfitt, Head teacher and Specialist Leader in Education.



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!!**

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

**Start of the school day.** We have increasing numbers of pupils arriving at school, unaccompanied, **before 8.45am**. Please can we remind parents/carers that there is **no adult supervision** on the playgrounds before school starts. As the weather gets colder; why not book a place at our Breakfast Club. **Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am, in the Dining Hall and is only £1.00 per week.** Please let the School Office know if you would like to a place. Thank you.

**Christmas Lunch and Non-uniform Day** (Christmas themed if you wish) **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

We would kindly ask for donations of £1 on that day. All contributions will be used to add books to our Fiction and Non-Fiction Libraries. We will send out envelopes next week. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**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  .

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.**



# Community Children's Gift Collection 2020

Could you help make Christmas special for local families  
who need a little extra help this year?

**St Martin's Garden Primary School**, Odd Down, are a collection point for new gifts, from babies to teens, on behalf of our local community.

No gift too small. Donations of Books, Games, Puzzles, Arts & Crafts, Stocking Fillers, Selection Boxes and Winter clothing (hats, gloves, scarves etc.) gratefully appreciated.

Please pass your gift to Mr Kinver, Site Manager or to the Main School Office.  
Thank you for your support.

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