



IMPORTANT DATES:

Christmas Dates:

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

Wednesday 9th December ~
Christmas Lunch

Week commencing 14th
December ~ **Class Parties**

Christmas Holiday ~
Monday 21st December to
Friday 1st January

New Year

INSET day Monday 4th
January. Children return on
TUESDAY 5th January 2021

RECEPTION 2021

showarounds:

Monday 4th January 2021 at
4pm

Thursday 7th January 2021 at
4pm

Saturday 9th January 2021
10am – 1pm

Monday 11th January 2021
at 4pm.

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,

I must admit that we are all beginning to allow ourselves to feel a little festive here at St Martin's Garden Primary School. Our School Christmas Trees were delivered this week and Mr Kinver has ensured they are ready for our Reception and Year 6 children to decorate. As you can imagine there are numerous traditions, in school, each year and we are trying to ensure that we continue these or provide new ones.

On that note Mrs Franklin our P.E leader has arranged the **12 Days of Christmas-Skip-a-thon** over the final weeks of term. Can each class skip more each day? We will also be overrun with Reindeer hat wearing children as we complete our first ever **Reindeer Dash Race**. I wonder who will catch Father Christmas? There will also be Christmas parties and we will be recording Nativities, Plays and Productions. **Please sign and return the form, we have sent out today, by Tuesday** next week so we know you are happy that your child/children are filmed.

Never one to miss out on an opportunity to spread Christmas cheer; I have this week managed to wear over eight different Christmas headbands and even create a tune or two with my elf shoes. In the final week of term, we will be running a **competition with chocolate related prizes** to win. Can you guess what Mrs Parfitt will be dressed as each day? (It will be something Christmas related). A letter will be sent out next week explaining how you can enter for free!

Spreading the joy further - If ever you feel the need to see photos to make you smile and cheer you up. Then can I suggest you take some time to scroll through the school's Twitter feed, Website and our new Facebook page, it really is a wonderful place for inspiration and enjoyment of learning.

On Monday **Jim Parkyn**, Senior model maker from **Aardman Animations** made sure the school was over-run with Penguins and Sheep. He zoomed into classes across the school and there was much fun and excitement as Shaun and Feathers were created. He also gave a talk later in the afternoon sharing his life as a model maker. Some of the children's models can be found below. A fantastic learning experience!



Mrs Parfitt's message continued,

This week also saw the end of the National Lockdown and we are now in a Tier 2 Area. I just want to thank you all for doing so much to keep the **school community COVID safe and open**. Do keep up the good work and remember that if anyone shows symptoms, then please follow the guidance and get a test. Mr Bogg, Mrs Horn and I do monitor the schools email over the weekend should you need to inform us that you are isolating and a person in your household needs a test. Do pop it in an email and we can get back to you should we need to. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

As a school we have five new values that were launched earlier this year **Joy, Kindness, Respect, Forgiveness and Honesty**. This month we are celebrating the value of Kindness. And during this month we will be following the **Kindness Calendar** which we have attached a copy of at the end of the newsletter. Look out for some lovely messages on Monday!

Next week, Mrs Sage, Mrs Whetherly and Mr Kinver will be busily preparing our school Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. I just want to say that Mrs Sage and Mrs Whetherly have served hot food in our dining hall every day from the beginning of September. They alongside Mrs Spurrell, Mrs Stephens, Plum and the whole staff team have ensured Bubbles are able to safely eat each day. A huge thank you to them all!

No pressure but having eaten quite a few Christmas lunches over the years; I do have to say theirs is the best one! Extra sprouts please! **Don't forget our Christmas themed muffin day is also Wednesday as well.**

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

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

Christmas Lunch and Non-uniform Day (Christmas themed if you wish) **Wednesday 9th December**. We would kindly ask for donations of **£1.00** on that day. All contributions will be used to add **new books to our Fiction and Non-Fiction Libraries**. Please return your envelope.

CHRISTMAS CARDS This year we will be having class Christmas card boxes for the children to be able to send Christmas cards to one another. We are happy for the children to post their cards (please do not lick envelopes but tuck the flaps in!) teachers will then keep them and safely distribute them in due course. If your child(ren) wish to send cards please make sure they have full names and classes written on each envelope so that they can be safely delivered! Thank you for your support.

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.

RECEPTION 2021~ We are now able to offer socially distanced show rounds for parents looking for a school place for September 2021. Our new dates are:

Monday 4th January 2021 at 4pm
Thursday 7th January 2021 at 4pm
Saturday 9th January 2021 10am – 1pm
Monday 11th January 2021 at 4pm.

Booking is essential, please call 01225 832112.

Please pass this information onto anyone looking for a school place. Thank you.



Raise funds for us, just by shopping online!

Click from TheGivingMachine when you shop online and you'll raise a FREE donation for us!

Click Shop Give for Free SIGN UP NOW

When shopping on-line please visit 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 donation will be made to us.

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, 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 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.



KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Give away something that you have been holding on to

19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you

20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

#DoGoodDecember



www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind



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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