



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Census Day** 21st January 2021, TBC

**Parent Consultations** 25 - 28th January. Details to follow

**Safer Internet Day** – 9th February 2021

**INSET day** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**February half-term** 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Term 4 begins** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

**Reading Matters Week** 1st to 5th March 2021 including **World Book Day** 4th March 2021

**INSET day** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Comic Relief** 19th March 2021

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please **wear face coverings while on our School grounds.**

**INSET days for 2020/2021**  
**School closed for all pupils**  
**Friday 12th February 2021**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

I do have to say, this isn't the newsletter that I thought I would be writing this week. I hoped to be sharing aspects of our first week back together. As a school we worked very hard to ensure our school remained open for the whole of the Autumn Term and we continue to do so. We know that this half-term school life is going to look different again but we are here to support you and your family in any way we can.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing and continued support. Many of our staff were out delivering our Home Learning Packs today and they have passed on your **kind and supportive comments** which are very much appreciated.

It is hard to believe that the Government's announcement only happened late on Monday night. **As a school the staff have worked extremely hard this week to ensure our Home Learning packs, that many of you received today, were thoughtfully and carefully planned for the children.** They all contain a range of learning opportunities in English, Maths, Reading, our History Learning Enquiry and so much more. They have been hand delivered and some staff are still out delivering the final packs as I write the newsletter ready for learning on Monday. Teachers from Wednesday, this week, have also uploaded learning to our remote learning platform Class DoJo and responded to questions while still teaching children in school.

The packs we have provided also contain pens, pencils, whiteboards, scissors, resources and a skipping rope which we also hope will help. Mrs Franklin will be posting some skipping challenges in the coming weeks. We have a special message from David who ran our Skip2BeFit workshops in the Autumn to share with the children next week. I still can't skip like him!

We will continue over the coming weeks to; keep the school open, upload learning daily, phone you to see how you and your family are, support families who may have to isolate and whose circumstances change but also plan fun exciting challenges we can all do together both in and out of school.

I **really want to thank the entire staff** at St Martin's Garden Primary School for all that they do. The dedication, spirit, generosity and commitment of the staff team in this school is without question. This week more than ever they are H.E.R.O.S to me. This is not just because they are -Here Every Day Right On Time- ensuring that the children in school are supported but they are also so dedicated to those who are currently learning from home as well.

We know that you are all doing your best as well, please remember you can phone, email the class or school email and we will get back to you and help in any way we can. If you or your child is ill, please do ring in and tell us so we can then make sure your child's teacher knows and again support you and your family.

I hope you all have a restful weekend, take care and keep safe.

Claire Parfitt, Head teacher

**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.



**SCHOOL FUNDRAISING** ~ 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 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.