



### IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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

**Australia Day** 26th January 2021

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

**INSET day** Friday 12th February 2021

**February half-term** 15th to 19th February 2021

**Term 4 begins** Monday 22nd February 2021

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

**INSET day** Friday 5th 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 5th March 2021  
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

As we reach the end of the second week with children learning from home and in school, **I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on everything we have achieved as a school community so far.** Since Wednesday 6th January the school has been open to Key Worker and vulnerable children. We have also set up remote learning including Class DoJo and hand delivered all our home learning packs.

For those learning from home... **the teachers have been uploading new learning each day and they have provided feedback on children's learning that they have added to their individual Class DoJo portfolios.** I have also looked through children's portfolios and provided feedback. Teachers and I have also listened to children read if they have sent a video to their DoJo portfolio. **Please add videos of your child reading each week using their Rising Stars online library and I will provide them with raffle tickets and DoJo points. Next week the teachers will be sharing a video on Class DoJo which will summarise the learning that will be covered that week.** I will be sending you a further letter next week about our remote learning plan and offer. As a school we are always reflecting on the things we do, please do email or messages us if you feel we can support you further.

Alongside this staff have been phoning families this week to support in any way we can with logging- in, queries about passwords and also catching up with how things are going. **If you have missed a call please do phone back.** The messages of support and kind words the school has received during these calls has made a positive difference to the staff in school; who are working hard balancing everything at the moment as well. Staff have also started to plan the next pack of learning which we will deliver towards the end of the month.

**Next week we have an exciting message to share with all the children from Duncan Beedie.** He is the author who visited us last term in school and shared his books. Next week as well as his message we will also be sharing his draw-along and reading sessions with the children.

We do all miss the sounds the school makes when it is full of children, the smiles and the energy the children and you bring to the school- even though some children are here – **To help with this I would love to create a wall of smiles.** This week I have seen some lovely photographs of children learning at home in their portfolios. Please upload a photograph to Class DoJo that we can print out and add to our wall at school. They make us all smile as well!

**There will be days where things are too tough and too hard, but we know that you are doing your best.** The entire team are working tirelessly at the moment to support you all and I am very proud of them. **We will get through this together and the entire staff team and I are here to help in any way we can.**

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.

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.

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