



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**World Creative Writing Month** 1st – 31st March 2021

**Autism Awareness Week**  
29th March to 5th April 2021

**EASTER RAFFLE (online via LetsLocalise) 30th March 2021 at 2pm TICKETS only £1.00**  
<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=11220>



**In Class, online, Celebration of Learning Enquiry Quizzes (Great Fire of London or Ancient Egyptians)** 1st April 2021 at 2pm

**World Autism Awareness Day** 2nd April 2021

**Term 4 finishes Thursday** 1st April 2021

**Easter Break** Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021.

**Term 5 starts** Monday 19th April 2021

**Big Pedal begins (cycle, scoot to school)** 19th April until 1st May

**Bank Holiday Monday** 3rd May

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**  
**Please wear face coverings while on our School grounds and maintain social distancing. Thank you.**

**INSET days for 2020/2021**  
**School closed for all pupils**  
**Friday 18th June 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week it was **Red Nose Day** and I certainly enjoyed this splash of red event in school as did the staff and children. Thank you for all your kind donations which raised **£155** for an amazing cause. One parent commented that **I never miss an opportunity to dress up and spread fun and joy. All I can say is just wait until next week!**

I was reflecting as the season officially became Spring at the weekend that last spring things were very different for schools. It is hard to believe that it has been over a year since things changed so much and the word 'bubble' meant something else. During that time as a school we have worked hard to remain open, provide Home Learning and support all our children on their return from two Lockdowns. We continue to **be fortunate to not have closed any of our bubbles** across the school and I hope this can continue. I will be writing to you **separately next week** about our **Track and Trace** process for the start of the holidays and kindly ask that you continue to follow all the guidance attached to this newsletter. I just want to **thank you for all your kind words, smiles and ongoing support** which is so appreciated by both the staff and myself. **Tiger Martial Arts** gave the school a wonderful piece of artwork this week which has made everyone smile.



Our week started with **World Poetry Day** and across the school the children discussed poetry, poets and had the opportunity to perform or create their own versions of poems. We certainly have a number of budding poets across the school.

On Tuesday our **Reading Matters Learning Enquiry** started based on the book '**Croc and Bird**' by **Alex Deacon** and this week continues into next with a virtual visit from **Jeremy Strong on Monday**. He will be beaming into classes across the school to talk about writing and books. I am meeting with him later today to discuss the event. We are hoping in the future he will be able to visit in person but a **virtual opening of our new libraries is very exciting**. We have been busy this week continuing to log all our existing and new books onto our brand new Reading Cloud system and the library is filling up. We can't wait for the children to be able to use this space after Easter. **Thank you to all those who have donated books they will be greatly appreciated by all the children. If you included a message with your gift we have added them to the front of each book.**

This week we also launched our **Around the World Reading Challenge**. Every time the children read for **10 minutes they can travel 500 miles**. I have **already met some of the children who have earned their first certificates today** and look forward to seeing more children next week as they reach each destination. We have attached an electronic copy of the **Reading Challenge letter** to this newsletter.

It is also hard to believe that next week is the last week of Term 4. We will be continuing our **Reading Matters Learning Enquiry** and finishing our **History Learning Enquiries with an Ancient Egyptian and Great Fire of London Quiz**. I know the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Science quiz earlier this term and I can't wait to share the results with you.

If you haven't had chance to purchase your **Easter Raffle tickets** you still have time. We now have **33 prizes** that have been donated and we will be completing the draw on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. **Thank you** to all those who have purchased tickets already. We will be using the donations to **improve our sensory play equipment**.



Please do take a minute or two to read our **Learning week newsletter** to find out about your child's learning this week. I know I have mentioned it in the last three newsletters but could you also just check at home for any **school reading books**. As mentioned last week we have to quarantine them for over 72 hours before they can be recirculated. We are currently **missing over 50 books from across the school and would appreciate if you could return them**.

Have a very restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Claire Parfitt, Head Teacher

### **KEEPING OUR SCHOOL OPEN ~ TRACKING AND TRACING**

In order to do this **please continue to follow all the NHS guidance**. Over the coming weeks we know that there may still be ups and downs and that we may need to **close a bubble if we do we will continue learning on Class DoJo**.

If a member of your family becomes **symptomatic please book a test and email and phone the school**. Please **do not send your child or other children to school you must isolate**.

If you receive your results in the school day please email and phone the school to let us know. This means should we need to we can close a bubble and let other families know Please **do not post anything on social media as Public Health England will support the school in informing other families**.

At the weekends please email the school email address [School@stmartinsgarden.org.uk](mailto:School@stmartinsgarden.org.uk). This is the only email monitored at the weekends by either myself, Mrs Horn or Mr Bogg. Please also include **your telephone number in the email so we can contact you quickly**.

If you receive a negative or positive result over the weekend please let us know as we can then put into place our plan about closing a school bubble, if required.

Thank you.



We are holding an online **EASTER RAFFLE** on **30<sup>th</sup> MARCH** via LetsLocalise.  
TICKETS are only **£1.00** each.

Prizes include: Lunch for four people (worth £47.80), 2 x £25 'Love to Shop' vouchers, Lunch for 2 people (worth £23.90) 2 x £20 Sainsbury's vouchers and lots and lots of lovely Easter goodies.

Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes.

Please follow this link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=11220>

Or scan the QR code below

Tickets must be purchased through the LetLocalise website.

All proceeds will go towards improving our sensory play.

Please share with your family and friends. Thank you.

#### step by step guide, to joining Lets Localise

- Click on the link for the event, (as above) or the QR code (below)
- Press 'Pledge Now'.
- If you have already registered with LetsLocalise, please use your login details to sign in.
- If you haven't got a LetsLocalise account yet, please press 'New to LetsLocalise? Create and account'
- Make sure the 'Individuals' box is ticked on the top.
- Add your full name, email address and a password. No further details are necessary for initial registration.
- Once confirmed, log in and purchase your tickets.



## Coronavirus advice from NHS England

If you or anyone in your household has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), **get a test as soon as possible**. You **MUST ALL** Stay at home until you get the result. Only leave your home to get a test. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> for more information on the current COVID-19 procedures or **call 119**.