



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Skip2BeFit Workshops ~**  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September ~ **DON'T**  
**FORGET YOUR PE KIT.**

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**  
**IN (individual photos**  
**only) ~** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
October

**FLU IMMUNISATIONS**  
**(School Nurses) Year R to**  
**Year 6 ~** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
October 2020 morning

**INSET DAY**  
~ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
2020

**HALF-TERM**  
~ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday  
30<sup>th</sup> October

**TERM TWO BEGINS**  
~ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**History Learning Enquiry**  
**Launch**  
~ Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Parliament Week ~** 1<sup>st</sup> to  
7<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need ~** Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> November

### DON'T FORGET

**PE Kits to be back in**  
**school on a Monday.**

**Thank you**

**INSET days for 2020/2021**  
**School closed for all pupils**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
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 Carers

Our second full week in school seems to have flown by and it has been so lovely to see so many exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school. Our second edition of the 'Learning Week' is also published today alongside the newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it.

This week I have heard so much joy and laughter coming from the Science Explorer Dome. It has been wonderful to see the children leave the dome excited by all the interesting information that has been shared with them about our Solar System. A huge thank you to Mrs Hayward, our Science Leader, for organising this exciting opportunity.

Our new Reception children stayed for lunch this week and thoroughly enjoyed our new menu and the opportunity to join the Year 1 children. They have settled into life at St Martin's Garden Primary so well. I can't wait to see them riding our new school balance bikes next week. Mrs Franklin, our P.E Leader, was awarded a grant for the bikes by British Cycling. We are hoping to produce the next 'Tour De France' Champion in 2035 or 2036. You never know!

Mrs Franklin has also arranged a **Skip2BeFit workshop** for the children. The workshops will take place on Wednesday next week (23<sup>rd</sup>), please remember to **bring your P.E kits back in on Monday**. I am certainly looking forward to joining in with some of the skipping workshops.

Over the Autumn Term I will be sharing different areas of our schools curriculum. This week our focus is Maths. Mr Ford is our Maths Lead and has been at the school for five years. As a school we are part of the Boolean Maths Hub involved in their Mastery Readiness program. This year we will be taking part in their research into maths learning in primary schools. This week our first Times Table Rock Star certificates of the year were given out. The program aims to develop children's quick recall of their times tables; something which is vital for your child's Mathematical development. If you have any problems logging on please remember to let your child's class teacher know using the class emails (details below). Mr Ford and I were challenged by the children last year and we are looking forward to taking on more time table challenges this year.

Every day in school your child takes part in a Knowledge Meeting with a maths focus. These afternoon sessions are in addition to our normal maths lessons and aim to improve children's mathematical fluency and often involve recalling key facts e.g. 1000g=1Kg, 24 hours is equal to 1 day, ½ an hour is equal to 30 minutes. The sessions might focus on Measure, Money, Statistics and Fractions etc. They are 10- 15 minutes in length and always fun.

Next week the curriculum focus will be Reading . We will share information about our schools approach to reading and how reading books will be sent home and returned to school this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and kind messages.

Have a lovely weekend; we can't wait for Monday!

Mrs Parfitt, Headteacher  
and Specialist Leader in Education



As we all continue to navigate this new normal and keep all our schools open. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We are grateful to parents for their vigilance, where children are showing signs of COVID, in keeping their children at home and participating in testing when appropriate. We are aware, that in the coming weeks and months, with winter on its way, testing will become more common. We will always notify families and staff of any positive results and required advice around bubble closure. Thank you, Mrs Parfitt, Headteacher

The following is guidance from the NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) which you may find helpful:

**What to do if you notice symptoms? You and everyone in your household must self-isolate if you or anyone you live with has coronavirus symptoms.**

If you've got symptoms, even mild ones, get a test immediately to find out if you have coronavirus.

Book a free test as soon as possible at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling **119 if displaying symptoms: a high temperature OR a new, continuous cough, OR a loss or change in sense of smell or taste.**

It's vital that **everyone** with symptoms of coronavirus, regardless of their age, gets a free test.

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms, unless it is to get tested.

**When to self-isolate and what to do** ~ Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19). This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.

**When to self-isolate** ~ You must **self-isolate immediately** if:

- you have any **symptoms of coronavirus** (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive**
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- **you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace**
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk (Please see Government list)



## Be a H.E.R.O. (Be Here, Everyday, Right On-time)

At St Martin's Garden we ensure that every child gets the best education, maximising opportunities for each pupil to achieve their full potential. This can only be accomplished if children attend school every day and on time. Thank you for your support with arriving on time. This week children will be coming home with their second attendance character card to collect. There are six to collect across the term.

**If your child is late you will need to ring the office and a staff member will need to be come out of your child's corridor bubble, walk around the outside of the building to collect them.** Please remember class room doors are open from 8.45 am onwards and close at 8.55am. Your continued help with arriving on time is very much appreciated.

Our **Breakfast Club** has reopened. It is **£1.00 per week and is open from 7.30 am**. Places are limited for each Bubble at the moment so please contact the office to see if we have a space in your child's Bubble.

## Class Emails & Communication

We always have a member of the leadership team on the gates at Drop Off and Pick Up - so any important messages can be shared with them. We have set up **dedicated email accounts** for each of our classes this year which you can use to contact the class teachers if you need to pass on any information.

Class teachers, by nature, spend their days teaching their classes and then preparing lessons, resources, planning and assessing for classes and attend professional development meetings after school so may not get to their emails as promptly as they are rarely sat by a computer all day. Feel free to give the email a go though, just to say hello and share anything you think relevant for the year ahead or ask any questions you may have.

So please understand that teachers may not be able to respond immediately to an email that day and they will not be checking them at weekends. If you have more of an urgent query/question/need to share information, then please use the usual channels of calling the school office or emailing [school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk](mailto:school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk). For quicker attention; the office team are present during the hours of 8.30-4.00pm and they will take any calls and answer emails. They will pass on the information to the class teacher.

Class emails are listed below:

Plum@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Lemon@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Oak@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Pine@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Aspen@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Willow@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Bronze@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Silver@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Gold@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

PlatinumClass@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

## CONTACT DETAILS ~ Have you changed **your mobile number, email or address?**

Please let the school office know so we can update our records, either email [School@stmartinsgarden.org.uk](mailto:School@stmartinsgarden.org.uk) or phone 01225 832112. Thank you.



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER** is coming in on **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions they will be doing **individual photos only** (in Bubbles). We hope to be able to offer sibling photos, if there is enough interest, at a later date. Please let us know. Thank you.

**PARKING** ~ Please can we remind parents not to park on the Lympsham Green side of school as this is for the transport for the Margaret Coates Centre and please only park in the Children's Centre car park if you have a parking permit. Thank you.

**Our School Values ~ Joy, Kindness, Honesty, Respect and Forgiveness**

## We have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>Permanent SMSA (1 Post) – 5hrs 50 mins per week (term time only) raising to 12hrs 30 mins per week</b>  SCP Grade 3 £18,065 pa pro rata <b>Working from 11.45am - 12.55pm Mon-Fri</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	9am, Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020
<b>ADVERT DETAILS</b>	Are you looking for a new and exciting challenge?  We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic, patient and resourceful SMSA to join our friendly and committed team. The successful candidate should enjoy working with children; understand how to provide for their needs in a positive and caring manner. Reliability, flexibility and confidentiality are crucial qualities required for these posts.  <b>Closing date: 9am on 23rd September 2020</b> <b>Interview date: TBC</b> <b>Start Date: As soon as possible</b>		
<b>SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT</b>	We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.		
<b>APPLICATION DETAILS</b>	You can download an application form and job description from the school's website <a href="http://www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk">www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk</a>  Please submit your application to the school email address <a href="mailto:school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk">school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk</a> marked FTAO: Claire Parfitt, Head teacher  If you have any queries, please contact 01225 832112		
<b>SALARY/GRADE</b>	SCR Grade 3, £18,065 pa pro rata	<b>LOCATION</b>	St Martin's Garden Primary School
<b>WORKING PATTERN</b>	Part Time		