



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**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

**IMPORTANT: CLOSING  
DATE for Secondary School  
applications ~ 31<sup>st</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

**Odd Socks Day** ~ Monday  
16<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

This week we reached the half-way point of this half-term and it has been action packed week so far. Mrs Franklin our P.E Leader arranged the Skip2BeFit workshops this week which were both energetic and exhausting at the same time. The workshops were so much fun and to finish each one we completed the non-stop Skipping for two minute challenge. Kyran in Year 5 and Mrs Barrow achieved an impressive 315 and 280 skips respectively. Miss Warren and I are challenging each other over this half-term to compete in an additional staff skip off. I wonder who will win! Over the rest of the school year we will be improving our skipping abilities and each larger bubble now has a set of skipping ropes that they can use as a class.

As mentioned in previous newsletters we are working hard to keep you up-to-date with our calendar of events such as Meet the Teacher, Open Days, Parent Consultations, PTA events etc, as the Government advice changes. Next week the **school Photographer is in on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and we are delighted that with a few adaptations to ensure safety measures, we are able to facilitate this. We are hoping that at some point later in the year we can offer sibling photographs but I am sure you will appreciate the reasons we are unable to do this and other events currently. Next week we were hoping to offer Meet the Teacher but due to the current guidance we are unable to. Therefore, over the next two weeks your child's class teacher will be phoning you to catch up and discuss how your child has settled into school life this term. Later in Term 2 we will be offering Parent Consultations online as we all navigate the new normal.

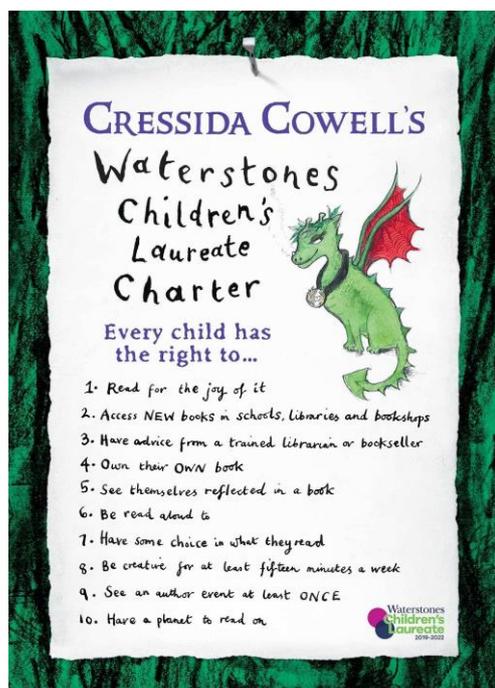
Excitingly, our **new school website** was launched today. Mrs Harris, our School Office Manager, has been very busy updating our new site and transferring information across. We hope you find it useful and that you can see all the developments that have happened at St Martin's Garden Primary over the last year. Over the next half-term we will be adding more information, about our Curriculum, events and your child's learning etc. You can also find copies of our newsletters and our third edition of the 'Learning Week' on the website.

Next Thursday is our school census day and we have an exciting lunch menu planned with plate prizes. The government uses all the information collected from school on this day to set our school funding for next year. If your child is in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we would appreciate it if they took up their free school meal dinner offer that day to support us.**

Last week we shared information about our Maths curriculum that is led by Mr Ford. This week the focus is Reading... I am the Reading Lead (Mrs Parfitt)

At St Martin's Garden we aim to develop enthusiastic, passionate and curious readers who develop a lifelong love of reading. Success in reading has a direct impact on progress in other areas of the curriculum and is crucial in developing children's self-confidence and motivation. As a school we believe that the author Cressida Cowell (How to Train a Dragon) summed up the reading entitlement all schools should provide.

Mrs Parfitt message continued



As a school we already ensure that many of the Laureate's request are taking place. Today we had a delivery of **more non-fiction books that will be added to the Learning Enquiry Library** which was opened by the author Justin Anderson last year. We subscribe to the Week Junior each week. This provides children in Key Stage 2 with information about current affairs and world issues. As a school we now have two libraries. Mrs Barrow our trained Librarian, ensures our Libraries are full of up-to-date books and that they reflect current world issues. As a school we have lots of exciting events planned for next term including two local author events as part of our 'Tale of Two Cities' Learning Enquiry about Bath and Bristol. More information to follow...



Over the last few weeks as the children have settled back into school they have completed class reading activities, phonics lessons and reading comprehension challenges. From the end of next week, we will be starting to allocate school reading books to the children that they can take home. I would kindly ask that you **read the attached letter which explains how we will navigate the returning of books and our reading scheme.**

At St Martin's Garden Primary School we aim to make a positive difference every day to everyone and on that note I would like to extend my thanks to you all for supporting us over the last few weeks. Your kind messages, emails, smiles on the playground and hello's at the start and end of the day make a huge difference to all our staff.

Have a lovely weekend, I hope the sun continues to shine. See you on Monday!

Claire Parfitt, Headteacher

## RECEPTION 2021~ OPEN EVENTS



**Are you or do you know anyone looking for a Reception place for September 2021?** We are pleased to be able to offer Covid-19 compliant adult only, showarounds this year. Please wear Face coverings. Tours will be:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 4.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 4.30pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 between 10am and 1pm (Tours at 10.00am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1.00pm)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 between 10am and 1pm (Tours at 10.00am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1.00pm)

**Booking is essential.** Please call 01225 832112 to book a suitable date and time. Please pass this information to everyone looking for a school place. Thank you Mrs Parfitt.

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.**

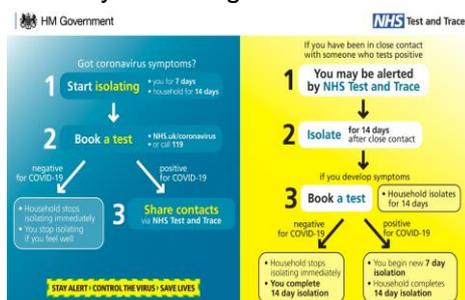
It's vital that **everyone** with symptoms of coronavirus, regardless of their age, gets a free test.

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)



<p>Chicken Goujons  <b>Veggie Fingers</b>                  Chips                  Peas and Sweetcorn</p>
<p>Strawberry Ice-Cream                  Chocolate Chip Cookie &amp; Cream</p>
<p>Orange Juice Carton</p>

On **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER** we will be doing a '**PRIZE PLATE**' School lunch. Have a school meal and maybe win a prize. School meals are **£2.35** for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, no charge for Year R, 1 & 2.

## **Reminder: 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

Oak@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Aspen@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Bronze@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Gold@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Lemon@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Pine@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Willow@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

Silver@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

PlatinumClass@stmartinsgarden.org.uk

**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 30th 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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		