



IMPORTANT DATES:

**FLU IMMUNISATIONS
(School Nurses) Year R to**

**Year 6 ~ Tuesday 13th
October 2020 morning**

**SCOOTFit visiting ~ 21st
October 2020**

INSET DAY

**~ Friday 23rd October 2020,
School CLOSED to all pupils**

HALF-TERM

**~ Monday 26th to Friday
30th October**

**IMPORTANT: CLOSING
DATE for Secondary School
applications ~ 31st
October.**

TERM TWO BEGINS

~ Monday 2nd November

**History Learning Enquiry
Launch ~**

Monday 2nd November

**Parliament Week ~ 1st to 7th
November**

**Children in Need ~ Friday
13th November**

**Odd Socks Day ~ Monday
16th 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 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 12th February 2021
Friday 5th March 2021
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carers

What a change in the weather - and for me, definitely not a welcome one! I must confess that my feet are very wet today and supporting end of day collection is much more enjoyable in the sunshine than these most recent temperatures. But what is it that they say? No such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing! Looks like I am going to need to start wrapping up a little more!

On that note our heating is on in school but we also continue to follow the government guidance around ensuring our classroom windows are open and other spaces are ventilated. With this in mind our advice would be to ensure **your child always has their school jumper** in school and they are wearing layers. We have also contacted our uniform supplier and they are able to provide red fleeces this year; these could be worn over cardigans and jumpers as the weather changes in the coming weeks.

This week our Reception children completed their first full week of school and the children across the school particularly enjoyed our Census day lunch. **Buddy was in school visiting today** and has managed to say a socially distanced hello to some of the children across the school. He was very popular as you can imagine. Buddy will be introduced to all the children overtime and will visit classes he missed today. He even managed to sit for his first story in school a firm favourite 'Oi Puppies' by Kes Gray.



Last year we had lovely feedback from our **Open Events** and next week we are holding our first socially distanced **Reception 2021** open event of the year. There have been lots of developments at the school over the last twelve months including the opening of our second library and during the Summer the completion of our new Forest school area as well. We also had many enrichment opportunities including four author visits, the Science Explorer Dome and so much more.

St Martin's Garden Primary has so many exciting developments planned for this year and we will continue to make sure the children have exciting cultural experiences. This year so far we have had a Skip2BeFit Day and the Space Explorer Dome Experience. We also have ScootFit visiting soon. Last year the parents who visited commented on our lovely outside spaces, our focus on Reading, our friendly staff and that the school had a lovely atmosphere. **If you do know of any families that are looking for a place for September 2021 then please share the St Martin's Garden dates and times with them.**

Thursday 8th October 2020 at 4.30pm
Thursday 15th October 2020 at 4.30pm
Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 4.30pm ** ADDITIONAL DATE**
Saturday 17th October 2020 between 10am and 1pm (Tours at 10.00am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1.00pm)
Saturday 7th November 2020 between 10am and 1pm (Tours at 10.00am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm and 1.00pm)

Mrs Parfitt message continued

This week teachers across the school were starting to map out next terms **Learning Enquiry 'A Tale of Two Cities' Bath and Bristol** which will look at the History, Geography and Culture of both cities. **If you have any photographs, maps and information about our local area, the cities and community connections who you think we should link up with then please contact the school office by email and we will get back to you.**

Have an enjoyable weekend despite the forecast. I think mine will involve catching up on the 'Bake Off'. However we wish Mrs Harris's husband well as he completes the virtual London Marathon which involves her following him on bike while he completes this 26.2 mile challenge and raises money for the NSPCC.

Claire Parfitt
Headteacher and Specialist Leader in Education.

Attendance updated guidance from DfE

Attendance has fallen which, understandably, can be put down to the return to school sniffles and colds. This has been a national trend and, as a result, we have received further guidance from the DfE about managing attendance.

It is clear that parents/carers should look carefully at any symptoms their child/children are experiencing to be really sure that they are displaying COVID-19 related symptoms and not simply those associated with common coughs and colds.

The DfE are noting that if you would have sent your child to school before lockdown with the symptoms they are exhibiting, then the general advice from the government is you should still send them to school now. The key symptoms (taken from the Government website) to look out for are: - A **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (above 37.8 C) - A **new and continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. - A **loss or change to your sense of smell and taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal.

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:

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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.

DATA AUDIT. We are required by Data protection legislation to check the personal information we hold on our school database. Coming home in the next few weeks (oldest Children first) will be a **GREY Data collection form**. Please make sure you read, amend if necessary, sign and return the form. Thank you Cindy and Sarah, School Office

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. 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

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

We have two vacancies for School Meals Supervisory Assistants (SMSA) ~ Please pass onto anyone who maybe interested. Thank you.

JOB TITLE	Permanent SMSA (2 Posts) – 5hrs 50 mins per week (term time only) raising to 12hrs 30 mins per week SCP Grade 3 £18,065 pa pro rata Working from 11.45am - 12.55pm Mon-Fri	CLOSING DATE	9am, Wednesday 9 th October 2020
ADVERT DETAILS	<p>Are you looking for a new and exciting challenge?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Closing date: 9am on 9th October 2020 Interview date: TBC Start Date: As soon as possible</p>		
SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT	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.		
APPLICATION DETAILS	<p>You can download an application form and job description from the school's website www.stmartinsgarden.org.uk</p> <p>Please submit your application to the school email address school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk marked FTAO: Claire Parfitt, Head teacher</p> <p>If you have any queries, please contact 01225 832112</p>		
SALARY/GRADE	SCR Grade 3, £18,065 pa pro rata	LOCATION	St Martin's Garden Primary School
WORKING PATTERN	Part Time		