

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

It was so lovely to see the sun this week and particularly yesterday afternoon. The timing of which was perfect for our first Reception 2021 socially distanced Open Visits of the year. It was lovely to show parents around our school and share all the experiences our children have alongside the new facilities we have added in the last 12 months. As I explained on the tours last night we are unique as a primary school to have such extensive grounds and space.

Also this week and next week your child's teacher will be continuing their phone calls home. These are an opportunity to discuss the start to the year and how your child has settled back into school. Please check your messages as I know teachers have tried to call.

Despite the sun the weather has definitely changed, please can I encourage you to send your children to school with a waterproof coat. Government guidelines require us to have the building well ventilated at all times. I can foresee that during colder weather, classrooms will be cooler than normal despite our heating being on as our doors and windows have to be kept open to improve ventilation. Children also need to make sure they are wrapped up as we are making the most of the outdoors, even if it rains! We hope to have news about School fleeces soon.



Next week in one of our online assemblies we will be talking about **Maggie Aderin-Pocock** as part of our **'Here We Are' Learning Enquiry**. Maggie is an Astronomer and space scientist who is also dyslexic. She studied Physics and followed this with a PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Both from Imperial College London. The 5th - 11th October is Dyslexia awareness week and as part of the assembly we will be talking about dyslexia and Maggie's experiences. As a school we believe it is important for children to understand disabilities and how they affect individuals but that despite a disability, the individuals can achieve astonishing things. We will be looking at inspirational individuals in our assemblies over the next few weeks who have achieved amazing things in the fields of sport, music, science and art.



Last week I sent out a separate email about parking if you have not had chance to complete a parking request form please do so. We will be issuing parking passes on Wednesday next week. Please **do not park in the Children's Centre car park unless you have a disabled badge or a parking permit from the school from Wednesday onwards**. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Parfitt message continued

Mrs Harris's husband completed the virtual London Marathon in 6hrs and 58 minutes which was impressive considering the weather last Sunday. He raised over £500 pounds for the NSPCC. I think he will be taking a well-deserved rest this weekend.

Have a lovely weekend, take care!

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:

Thursday 15th October 2020 at 4.30pm

Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 4.30pm

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)

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please can we remind all parents that we are a **NUT AWARE** school.

We have children in school who have allergies to Nuts and products containing Nuts. Please **do not** bring any food, including packed lunch, or products containing Nuts into school. Thank you for your support with this.

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

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

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



LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 support via telephone or video call for children aged 5-10 (with family) and those aged 10-17 years

Covering topics around:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity / active play
- The impact of screen time
- Why we make certain food choices



To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub

t: 0300 247 0050

e: BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk /
Kimberley.tyler@virginicare.co.uk

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*Referral Criteria apply



Free five week online course for parents and children

Discover how to make easy, healthy recipes and receive 1 to 1 weekly telephone support

- Free recipe booklet and links to our **NEW** video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Every family receives 2 supermarket vouchers (£10 in wk 1, £15 in wk 5) to put towards buying ingredients or equipment for recipes
- Choose a day and time that suits you

Call the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more

Tel; 0300 2470050,

Email; BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

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