



IMPORTANT DATES:

Parliament Week ~ 1st to 7th November

DEADLINE for school photos orders ~ Monday 9th November

POSTPONED: School photographer to do sibling Photos

Children in Need Non-uniform day ~ Friday 13th November

Friendship Week ~ Monday 16th to Friday 20th November

Odd Socks Day ~ Monday 16th November

SCOOTfit visiting ~ Wednesday 2nd December

Christmas Dates:
09/12/20 ~ Christmas Lunch
16/12/20 ~ Class Parties

Christmas Holiday ~ Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

INSET day Monday 4th January. Children return on **TUESDAY** 5th January 2021

DON'T FORGET

PE Kits to be back in school on a Monday's please. Thank you

INSET days for 2020/2021
School closed for all pupils
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 12th February 2021
Friday 5th March 2021
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

I hope you had a restful half-term. It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back this week. Our History and Geography Learning Enquiry '**A Tale of Two Cities**' was launched on Monday with many of the adults in the school transforming into significant figures from Bath and Bristol. The children found out about Royalty, Artists including a Graffiti one, a Suffragette, authors, bakers and so many more. Thank you to all the adults who supported this exciting launch and made collectable cards for the children.



Over the half-term many of you took part in **Mr Bogg's I-Spy Challenge** trail and we have seen some amazing entries. You can still email the school office with your entry if you haven't had chance to send yours in but please do so by Wednesday 11th November.

This week we have also celebrated **National Parliament Week**, again very timely this year with Bonfire Night and the American Presidential Election taking place at the same time. We have shared with the children information about Guy Fawkes and his plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament and also how the Suffragette movement made changes so that women could vote. Alongside this, some classes have been finding out about the American electoral system.

Next week we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and marking **Remembrance Day with Bubble Assemblies**. Thank you for sending in contributions using the envelopes provided. As we know this year has proved difficult for many charities and organisations to raise funds to continue their work and we thank you for your kind contributions via the envelopes provided.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have completed the **Remote Learning Questionnaire** we have had nearly 100 responses. I have extended the deadline and would kindly ask that you complete this by **Wednesday 11th November**, if you haven't done so already. The information will really help us deliver our remote learning plan should we need to close a Bubble. We have re-sent the link to you.

On Friday 13th November it is **Children in Need** and this is the first **non-school uniform** fundraising event we are holding. Children will be able to attend school wearing their own clothes. We would recommend that the children still **wear warm clothes** as we continue to keep our heating on but classrooms ventilated. We will be sending envelopes home asking for donations on Monday so that we can help support this event.

Mrs Parfitt message continued over

I am indebted to the staff at St Martin's Garden Primary School who have found the most creative ways to ensure children are being supported and we can continue to provide the high-quality education we all value so much. We have many exciting events planned despite the restrictions.

Thank you for supporting us with the changes we have introduced this week. We continue to ask you to be vigilant and let us know as soon as possible if someone in your household becomes unwell. Another copy of the new guidelines sent out on Wednesday is attached to this newsletter.

I have had a lovely afternoon teaching Aspen class how to play Twinkle Little Star on our new set of Boomwhackers!

Have a restful weekend, Take care and keep safe.

Kind regards

Claire Parfitt, Head teacher and Specialist Leader in Education.



ODD SOCKS DAY ~ On **Monday 16th November** we will, again, be supporting Odd socks Day which highlights the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Please come to school wearing odd socks (No donation required). Over the week we will be thinking about and celebrating individuality and what makes us unique.

Classrooms - it is essential that our classrooms are kept well ventilated and our heating is on. This does mean that it is important that children are wrapped up warm. Please consider vests and thermals if they are cold during the day.

School Fleeces ~ Red logo'd school fleeces are now available to purchase from Michael Hope (Our uniform provider).

<https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/school-shops/st-martin-s-garden-primary-school>

Our pre-ordered fleeces have arrived in the last few days and we will be sorting them and giving them out next week.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (Eligible by Benefit) ~ B&NES Council now have a **Free School Meals Eligibility Checking service** on the new Free School Meals web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online **benefit related free school meal application form** which can be found using the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and navigate

to [Apply online for free school meals >](#) .

If you are claiming benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (Eligible by Benefits) please apply to Free School meals by using either the link above, emailing freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk, calling 01225 394317 or completing an application form available at the school office. Thank you.

We have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA). Please pass this information to anyone who may be interested on joining our staff team. Thank you Mrs Parfitt.

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	9.00 am Friday, 13 November 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>Application forms and job description are available on the school website, and are available from the School Reception. Please mark your application FAO: Claire Parfitt, Head Teacher.</p> <p>Closing date: 9.00am Friday 13 November 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 or call 01225 832112 to get a copy from the school office.</p> <p>Please submit your application to the school email address school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk</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		