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The Spring Term is flying past quickly. There have been many fantastic events for the children. We are looking forward to celebrating Easter soon. The last day of term is Thursday 2nd April and a reminder that we have Tulip Photography visiting on 2nd April to take class photographs.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE:
Well done to Orca's class who were in the top 3 classes for attendance for 5/6 weeks last term. As a school we continue to work towards achieving the government target of 95% across the school. Our attendance currently sits at 94.8%.

The children's reports are being sent home on Friday 27th March. These will have your child's attendance, any unauthorised absences and lates.

Doors open at 8:40am and registers are taken by the class teacher at 8:45am. If your child is not in their classroom when the register is taken they are late. At present we have many children who are regularly late to school and this does impact on their start to the day. All classes start the day with early morning tasks that practice key skills and these children miss this. See the chart below:



If there is anything we can do to help support your child arriving at school on time, please let us know.

***OPAL PLAY UPDATE**
The children are loving Opal Play. Thank you so much to our amazing fundraising team for buying us a brand new sound system for our OPAL play - the children have thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing too! Thank you also for our brand new wobble scooters they've been incredibly popular. What an amazing fundraising team we have!



Parent Planner!

- Class Photographs 2nd April** - Tulip Photography. Pupils should come in full school uniform (top half uniform if a PE day).
- Term 4 Ends on Thursday 2nd April** for Easter Holidays
- Term 5 Starts on Monday 20th April**

Key Dates
Dates for the year can be found on the School Website Calendar which you can also share with your phone/tablet

- 20 Mar - Red Nose Day (details to follow)
- 25 Mar - Messy Church event 3.15-5pm
- 26 Mar - Y5/6 Explorer Dome Visit at School
- 27 Mar - Reports Home
- 30 Mar - Rock Steady Music Concert (for parents of Rock Steady pupils)
- 2 Apr - Class Photos (Tulip Photography)
- 2 Apr - Last Day of Term 4**
- 20 Apr - Start of Term 5**
- 6-8 May - Year 4 Camp Hill House, Cannington (details to follow)
- 11-14 May - Y6 SATs Test Week
- 22 May - Last Day of Term 5**
- 1 Jun - Start of Term 6**
- 2 & 3 Jun - Y6 Bikeability (details to follow)
- 9 & 10 Jul - Y6 Bikeability (details to follow)
- 11 Jul - Summer Fayre (details to follow)
- 21 Jul - Last Day of Term 6**
- 22 Jul Inset Day (School Closed to Pupils)**

SPORTING EVENTS

Last term, we celebrated the Winter Olympics with our very own Curling Tournament. The NSSPEA came in for 2 days and all the children took part. The winning class was Osprey Class (Yrs 5/6). The winning group was a group of Y2 children. It was a great event enjoyed by all.

A team of Y4, Y5, Y6 swimmers represented St Martin's at the NSSPEA swim festival this term. We came away with some 1st places, 3rds and a medal for the fastest backstroke swim. They were an amazing team.

A group of Y1/Y2 attended a Multisports event at Becket School. They took part in a range of activities working amazingly as a team!

Our Y6 attended an NSSPEA Gymnastics Festival and used a range of apparatus.



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Reception have been busy learning all about the people who help us in the community. They had some lovely visits from the mobile Library, the Police and Bowen Opticians. A PCSO and a Police officer let the children climb into the police van and even handcuffed Miss Muff and Mrs Hancock!



Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous day of crafts and art! They planned and sculpted arctic animal sculptures based on the style of Nick Mackman. They have shown some lovely shaping, chopping and hashing skills! Well done Year 1/2!



We are so proud of our **Dance Group** who won Gold medals at the Highbridge Dance Festival last week. A massive thank you to Lois Russe, who choreographed the dance, made lovely costumes and practiced with the group in after school dance club.



Uniform Reminder

We are noticing that some items currently being worn into school are not school uniform.

Can we remind everyone that:

- *Black trainers can be worn to school but they must be plain black.*
- *Leggings must only be worn on PE days, other days need to be fitted/ tailored school trousers.*
- *Long hair should be tied up*
- *Toys should not be in school and taken out on to the playground.*

Our **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop** has St Martin's Logo Jumpers and Cardigans for just £2. These can be ordered via this link: <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/st-martins-c-of-e-primary-school>

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Ashford Water Centre to explore the world of water. After impressing instructors with their geographical knowledge, students looked at a river to examine its features firsthand and even attempted to build their own dams. They looked at the water purification process and practical ways to conserve water.



Year 5 and 6 have thrown themselves into Term 4 with enthusiasm, working incredibly hard and really challenging themselves as learners. In English, children have written and illustrated their own non chronological reports about a European Biome. Our class book 'Boy in the Tower' continues to be a highlight - gripping, full of tension and keeping everyone in suspense each chapter. In Maths, Y6 have been confidently tackling algebra, while Y5 explored perimeter, area and even cracked a World Book Day Maths Mystery. Science lessons have buzzed with excitement as the children revisited electrical circuits. In Computing they're becoming increasingly skilled through Hour of Code. With French Café conversations, outdoor PE games, thoughtful RE debates around Ethics and Values and a deep-dive in Geography on European biomes, the children have been wonderfully busy. On Safer Internet Day they loved the BBC Live Lesson, using iPads to access the digital booklet on AI Chat Bots! World Book Day Y6, supported by Y5, were impressive in leading Family Assembly across the school.



WOW! Walk to School with Living Streets



Last term we started our 'WOW - Walk to School Challenge' - an exciting initiative to encourage more children, and their families, to walk to school when possible. Well done to our 3 finalists for this year's Living Streets badge design competition which will be considered, along with many from other schools, in the competition to design 12 badges to match the 'Walk with your senses' theme.

We think they're brilliant. Thank you to everyone who took part. We will be displaying many more around the school so everyone can see the creativity. Badges celebrating active travel are awarded monthly. Well done and keep active!



On **World Book Day** the children were invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. We had the pleasure of being visited by the Library Bus which was a fantastic experience for all the children!

The Fundraising Team organised A Golden Ticket Giveaway! Children unwrapped their bars together at the end of the day to reveal lucky Golden Tickets. The event raised over £400!



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