



Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who came to watch our Christmas Concert this week. We're sure you will agree each and every child was absolutely fantastic. A huge thank you must go to Mr Gunning, Mrs Wilson and the music department for putting together such a wonderful concert. It's easy to forget that some of the children who performed are still just 4 years old! Their maturity, confidence and ability continues to astound us. Well done St Martin's you made all your teachers very proud.

This week your children have been working especially hard. They have worked exceptionally well in their lessons. We had the Christmas show and every person tried their best and it was a real showstopper! Good luck to all our friends who have their music exams on Monday next week. Well Done Widor for being the winning House this week! By Hannah and Amelia, Form 6 This week's Guest Editors.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Silver Shooting Star Awards are a very special award for extra special effort, kindness or success. This week 2 were awarded for the very first time. The recipients were –

Seth Recognition for effort and confidence during film making

Jonah All round effort, hard work and determination. Jonah, you are our super star shooting star! Keep it up!

Well done to all other recipients of shooting stars too...

Form 1 A brilliant performance at the Christmas concert

Daniel F Intelligent writing

Natasha Working so hard in Greek

Hashini Good colouring and cutting

Arjun Working hard to understand percentages

Jonah Amazing maths and Times Tables

Summer Trying so hard with her spellings

Obafemi Being an amazing snowman!

Zain Understanding French Vocabulary

Golden Tea

This week, the following children were chosen at random to enjoy Golden Tea with Mrs Wilson –

Ademo

Summer

Rohan M

Zain L

Good Luck to all our pupils who are taking A.B.R.S.M (Associated Board of the Royal School of Music) exams on Monday. Violin, singing, trumpet and piano exams – from Grade 1 to 3.

Yesterday your children enjoyed a wonderful Festive lunch and fun afternoon. Mrs Rees prepared a wonderful meal and we are grateful for her ongoing hard work and delicious food. Your children sat together, pulled Christmas crackers and sang songs - A welcome break from the rigours of school work and 11+ preparation. In the afternoon we welcomed Skittleman to our school who made Lower school laugh non-stop for an entire hour! Please do 'like' our Facebook page to see some wonderful photos from the day and regular updates throughout the week.

11+ Exam Preparation Days

Please let Mrs Boxer or Dr Walak know if you would like your child to come to the next block of 11+ preparation days on 28th, 29th and 30th December. Numeracy, Literacy, Verbal and Non Verbal Paper skills will be further examined. We will be doing mock interviews with your children and discussing relaxation techniques and exam organisation skills.

These sessions will be from 10am – 2pm. No uniform necessary. Please bring a nut-free packed lunch. There is no charge for these sessions. Come to 1, 2 or all 3.

FoSMS Christmas Party and Mufti Day!!

If you haven't already done so, please return your slip for the FoSMS Christmas Party as soon as you can. Final numbers are needed urgently for catering purposes.

We will be walking all the children round to Hartley Hall straight after school on Friday 9th December. There will be a disco, games, photo booth and pizza. It promises to be a wonderful way to end the term. The party will finish at 5.30pm but please do come along at 5pm to join in the fun and enjoy a mince pie and some mulled wine.

Please don't forget it is also **Mufti Day!** Your children can wear their own clothes – please no Heelys, valuable jewellery or make up. The £10 party cost includes the charitable donation but if your child is unable to come but still wishes to wear Mufti, please give them £1 to bring with them to donate.

A huge thank you to the FoSMS team for your continued support and for arranging such a wonderful event for our children.

Autumn Term 2016

Term Ends: Friday 9th December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Return to School: Monday 9th January 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Return to School: Monday 24th April 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2017

Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2017

Autumn Term 2017

Return to School: Tuesday 12th September 2017

We are all very excited about our annual trip to the pantomime on Tuesday 6th December. This year we are travelling to the Watford Palace Theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast.'

We will be leaving school at 9am so please ensure your child arrives promptly.

We will be returning by 1.30pm. Pre School children who normally finish at 12.10pm or 1.20pm please note the later time for pick up. All other children finish school normal time.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing school uniform but without hats or blazers. Teachers will inform each class individually if they require their school bags for the afternoon. Please provide a nut free packed lunch in a disposable bag and disposable water bottle as they will be eating at the theatre during the interval. Lunch will be slightly earlier than during our normal working day so we will provide all children with an afternoon snack upon their return.

Please be reminded there are no clubs next week, the last week of term.

You will have received your club options letter to make your selection for next term. We are delighted to be able to offer so many new and exciting clubs – stop motion film making, street dance, arts and crafts, construction, charity and competitions and Friday Film Club. Homework and Upper School football will be continuing. Please remember to return your club options slip as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. Form 6, with supervision, are organising some lunch time clubs for your children too. These will include FRIV, reading and arts and crafts. This will allow those children who would prefer to be inside at break time the ability to do so. Children who prefer to play football, jump rope or run around will have extra space for this too! We welcome your feedback on club choices. If you have any suggestions for clubs next term please do let me know. Thank you.

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