



Welcome to the first edition of the St Martin's Post of this term and of 2017. This term promises to be an exciting and enriching term for all your children and we look forward to keeping you updated via this newsletter. We are delighted to welcome Ms Simms to our teaching staff this term. Ms Simms is Form 6's class teacher and brings with her a wealth of experience from which we will all benefit. We feel very lucky to have her and look forward to a long and successful relationship together.



## This Week's Shooting Stars



<b>Max N</b>	Having a wonderful first week of Term
<b>Beau</b>	A superb first week in Pre School. Welcome to St Martin's School!
<b>Jasper</b>	A wonderful warm reception for Ms Simms
<b>Adam R</b>	Excellent work in his first week of Term
<b>Noah M</b>	Working really hard
<b>Rohan M</b>	Being quick and alert. Always ready to start work
<b>Amelia K</b>	Positive attitude to negative emotions
<b>Josh M</b>	Wonderful understanding of fraction work
<b>Ilora</b>	An outstanding piece of metaphor homework

We are very lucky to have such outstanding musicians at St Martin's School. Your children learn piano, flute, violin, recorder, drums and trumpet and partake in classical singing and musical theatre classes. We are always so proud of their achievements and exam results. We must however give special recognition to Eden who received the highest ever recorded result in her piano exam EVER! This was closely followed by Ilora. Well done girls. Outstanding work!!!

This term all charity collected will be donated to Cancer Research UK in memory of Mrs Jill Hill. Charitable donations can be brought into school at any time and is collected and counted by our charity prefect, Arjun every Friday.

## Golden Tea

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

Maya

Kirill

Beau

Kassandra

Curriculum Maps and Time Tables for the new term will be sent home next week. Please contact Dr Walak on [Jason.walak@stmartinmillhill.co.uk](mailto:Jason.walak@stmartinmillhill.co.uk) with any feedback you may like to provide.

The new after school clubs have been very well received and your children seem to be enjoying the new options immensely. Again, all feedback gratefully received. Please email me on [joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk](mailto:joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk). Thank

A huge well done to all the children who entered our Book Review and Times Table competitions over the winter break. We were delighted at the number of children who chose to enter and delighted at the level of achievement.

Congratulations go to everyone in Widor House who's scored added together completed the Times Table tests most accurately and in the shortest time.

Special mention must go to our individual book review winners Serena and Vidya. You win a book token each. Superb!

Arjun and Kim Mia you are our individual Times Table winners! You too will be receiving your prize in assembly next week.

Well done to you all. Every child received points for their House for effort and achievement.

We would respectfully like to draw your attention to the importance of arriving at school on time. Unfortunately, the number of 'late marks' has slowly risen over recent months. We have found that children feel most enthusiastic about learning when they arrive on time because they do not have to spend additional time trying to understand the premise of the lesson, neither does the teacher have to stop their teaching which causes disrupting to the class.

We understand that there are situations; train strikes, bad weather and heavy traffic, which can cause delays arriving at school and these are of course are unavoidable.

Please also ensure your child is collected after school or after school clubs promptly.

This term we have welcomed 'Punctuality Polar Bear' to St Martin's School! The Form with the fewest 'late mark' will be celebrated in assembly and will have Punctuality Polar Bear spending the week in the classroom with them!

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

### **Swimming Gala – Upper School only**

This year's swimming gala will be held at Copthall Swimming Pool at 2.30pm on Friday, February 10th. Parents' are welcome to come along to watch too. Should you wish for your child's sibling to come to support their brother or sister they may be collected from school at 2.20pm. If you did not receive a letter with all the details or require an additional one please speak to Mrs Jacobs. Thank you

Half Term Break: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Return to School: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Term Ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

Return to School Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Next academic year's term dates will be published next week.**

### **\*\*\*COMPETITION TIME \*\*\***

Your children have all learned about the importance of E-Safety. Would they like to design a poster highlighting the importance of keeping safe online? Perhaps write a poem or a short personal statement? Draw a picture? Please bring your entries to school next week or scan and email them to [competitions@stmartinmillhill.co.uk](mailto:competitions@stmartinmillhill.co.uk)

Prizes will be given out to the winners in our celebration assembly next Friday and announced in next week's edition of the St Martin's Post. Good luck!!

This week our old books – including the reading scheme and Maths scheme were collected by 'School Aid'. They will be shipping them all to Africa and we can't wait to be updated as to how and where they are being used.