



A positive mental health agenda is embedded across our school. We have introduced a 10 minute daily focus session of Mindfulness. Mindfulness has been gathering much attention over recent years as a tried-and-tested method of reducing stress and anxiety. It helps children to cope better with pressure and helps them to find balance and a sense of calm. It has also been proven to aid concentration. Over coming weeks we will introduce mindfulness meditation practices, gentle stretching and movement and group discussion. Some PE lessons will also be substituted by yoga. We are also looking forward to welcoming a 'mindfulness speaker' into school this term and will be inviting the community into school to take part. We will forward details shortly.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Jacob D:** Working hard and reaching all his goals
- Tito:** Showing great improvement with her handwriting
- Seth:** Showing great interest in Literacy story telling
- Kenza:** Using place value for addition and subtraction
- Kassandra:** A great 'pirate' description
- Zak S:** Trying so hard in Numeracy
- Rohan J (F3):** An excellent fact sheet
- Tahira:** Wonderful effort and achievement in Numeracy
- Chloe:** Always making great effort in everything she does
- Hannah:** An incredible research project on Lille

Golden Tea

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

Peter

Mishy

Amelia

Muhau

If you haven't already done so, please return your slips for the FoSMS Quiz night on 20th May. Last year was a complete sell out and it looks like this year's will be the same! The next FoSMS meeting is being held at school at 8pm on Wednesday, 3rd May. If you'd like to come along and get involved, you'd be most welcome!

** St Martin's Summer Scheme **

w/c 31st July and w/c 7th August

9.30am – 3.30pm £28 (9.00am – 4pm add £5)

Early bird – Book and Pay by 26th May for reduced rate of £25 per day.

Open to current pupils and those starting in September!

Booking forms will be handed out next week.

**** Save the Dates – lots more details to come ****

Thursday 4th May:	Full School Trip – Bhaktivedanta Manor
Tuesday 9th May:	3.45pm JCA / Lille Trip info session – parents & pupils – Form 6
Saturday 20th May:	FoSMS Quiz from 8pm (adults only!)
Tuesday 20th June:	Full school summer trip to Knebworth House (note change of date, by popular request)
Wednesday, 14th June:	Spelling Bee (morning)
Friday 16th June:	Sport's Day – afternoon
Wednesday 28th June:	Summer Concert (evening)
Thursday 13th July:	Prize Giving (afternoon)

Thank you so much for all the books your children brought in for the St Martin's School book exchange to raise money for ActionAid. We covered 8 tables with books!

Thank you to everyone who bought books. In total we raised £96 for the charity.

By Natasha (Head Girl)

Parents / grandparents are invited to watch their children's assemblies – 8.50am – 9.20am approx

Form 5S:	Friday 12 th May
Form 5W:	Friday 19 th May
Form 3:	Friday 26 th May
Form 6:	Friday 9 th June
Form 1:	Friday 16 th June
Pre School:	Friday 23 rd June
Reception:	Friday 30 th June
Form 2:	Friday 7 th July

Summer Term 2017

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

Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2017

Autumn Term

Return to School: Tuesday 12th September 2017

Half Term: October 23rd – October 27th

End of Term: December 15th 2017

Spring Term

Return to School: Tuesday 9th January 2018

Half Term: February 12th – February 16th 2018

End of Term: Friday March 23rd 2018

Summer Term:

Return to School: Tuesday 17th April 2018

Half Term: May 28th – June 1st 2018

End of Term: Friday July 13th 2018

St Martin's School are happy to support our local high street. On Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May, Mill Hill town centre will again get a taste of France. The "France at Home" market from Normandy will be visiting Mill Hill Broadway, with a selection of delicious foods and quality gifts, fashion accessories and home wares both days from 9am to 6pm. There will also be a free children's creative workshop on Saturday, 13 May, from 1pm to 4pm. The market will be located from Santander bank up to Mill Hill Wines.

Your children will be receiving the first ever edition of Smart Kids – a termly newsletter especially for them. We hope they enjoy it!

We are delighted to welcome Mr Lacey as our new Reception class teacher. He will continue to work alongside Mrs Vietro. Your children have all made Mr Lacey feel very welcome and we are very happy he has joined our team. Reception parents are invited to come into school next Tuesday, 2nd May, for a small tea to meet him.

We are also really happy to welcome Mr King. He is teaching I.T across the school and is enjoying running our lower school football club and new touch rugby club. Touch rugby has proven to be a popular new club and there are a few places available. For boys and girls from Form 3 to 6. If you would like your child to join, please email me Joanna.wilson@stmartinmillhill.co.uk