



A huge St Martin's welcome to all our parents and children; old and new. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the exciting academic year ahead. We are delighted to welcome so many new people to the St Martin's family. Welcome to our wonderful Pre School class and to all the children who have joined us – we have new children in every year group. We are also thrilled to welcome Miss McCarthy as our Form 4 teacher and Mr Stacey as our new Head of Music.

I know you will welcome them all in your usual warm and friendly way, thank you.



This Week's Shooting Stars



A shooting star is awarded to a child who has worked extra especially hard, made exceptional effort or progress or who has shown kindness to another. Shooting stars are awarded in assembly on a Friday morning.

Hashini (Pre School)	Being a wonderful helper
Omy (Form 3)	Superb effort during her first week at St Martin's School
Scott (Form 1)	Settling into Form 1 so well
Akshay (Form 3)	Great effort and settling in wonderfully
Ian (Form 3)	A great first week
Harry (Form 3)	A wonderful first week
Dylan (Form 2)	A fabulous first week in form 2
Chloe (Form 2)	Being very helpful
Emily (Form 4)	Trying so hard in your first week at your new school
Milan (Reception)	Settling into your new school so well
Aman (Reception)	A great first week
Jasper (Form 5)	Meeting all his targets and focussing on all his work

Golden Tea

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children to meet with Dr Walak, show him their books and talk about their pieces of work they are most proud of. All children, from Pre School up to Form 6 are eligible to take part. They enjoy juice and a break time treat together. This week, the following children were chosen at random to enjoy Golden Tea with Dr Walak –

Hashini

Oba

Cameron

Simon

**** Dates for your Diary ****

- 27th September:** Reception to Form 6 trip – Houses of Parliament / Westminster Abbey
- 17th October:** A Magistrate will be coming to school to talk to Form 6 about British Law
- 4th November:** 11+ Saturday School begins – no charge – please see below for details
- 20th November:** Assessment Week
- 1st December:** St Martin's School will be performing at the 'switch on' of the Mill Hill Christmas Lights
- 14th December:** Christmas Lunch
- 15th December:** FoSMS Christmas Party

Lots more details to come!

Please do 'like' our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter. There are regular posts showing what your children have been learning and also provides important reminders. If you are not on social media, you can still stay up to date by checking our website which now includes a live feed.

We love welcoming parents and grandparents into school on a Friday morning to watch their children's assemblies. They begin at 9am and end at 9.20am approx. No need to RSVP, please come along!

- Form 3:** Friday 20th October
- Form 6:** Friday 3rd November
- Form 4:** Friday 10th November
- Form 2:** Friday 17th November
- Form 1:** Friday 24th November
- Reception:** Friday 1st December

We know that working parents can find the open hours of a school day quite restrictive. We have therefore introduced the option of 'wrap around care' in the form of a tea time club.

If you would like to enrol your child in our tea time club which runs until 5.30pm each day please email Mrs Jacobs. You can book termly, weekly or on an ad hoc basis:

11+ Saturday School – Form 6 only

Saturday school will begin on Saturday 4th November and will take place every Saturday from 10am – 2pm up to and including 9th December. All aspects of 11+ study consolidation along with interview skills will be covered during these sessions. There is no charge and your child can attend as many or as few as they would like. Please bring a nut free packed lunch.

Autumn Term 2017

- Return to School: Tuesday 12th September 2017
- Half Term: October 23rd – October 27th
- End of Term: December 15th 2017

Spring Term 2018

- Return to School: Tuesday 9th January 2018
- Half Term: February 12th – February 16th 2018
- End of Term: Friday March 23rd 2018

Summer Term 2018

- Return to School: Tuesday 17th April 2018
- Half Term: May 28th – June 1st 2018
- End of Term: Friday July 13th 2018

Autumn Term 2018

- Return to School: Tuesday 11th September 2018
- Half Term: October 22nd – October 26th 2018
- End of Term: 15th December 2018

Upcoming Jewish Festivals

We are aware that during September and October our Jewish students may need to be absent from school to celebrate Rosh Hashanah (New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) amongst others. Please make a note in your child's link book if this applies to your child. Any absence due to a religious festival is always granted and will not affect your child's attendance record.