



It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first half term of the 2017/18 academic year. We have had a wonderful 6 weeks of learning. As we begin to plan the club options for January 2018, it would be really helpful to receive feedback on the clubs your children have enjoyed this half term so we can make informed decisions. Kindly return the attached questionnaire after half term.

Your children have worked very hard this half term. I hope they all enjoy the upcoming week and have a well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 30th October.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Faith	Always trying hard
Cameron	Helping the class to understand a maths concept
Muhua	Trying really hard with fraction work
Oliver	Recognising his numbers
Simon	Pushing himself to improve his handwriting
Serena	Showing a Growth Mindset in Numeracy
Yara	Making a fantastic hot air balloon
Anthony	Working hard and always showing great enthusiasm during lessons

Golden Tea

Golden Tea is an opportunity for your children to show Dr Walak their books and talk about the pieces of work they are most proud of whilst enjoying juice and cake. This week, the following children were chosen at random to enjoy Golden Tea –

Yunqing

Dinesh

Faith

Emily

** Dates for your Diary **

14th November:	11+ Saturday School begins – no charge
20th November:	Assessment Week
1st December:	St Martin's School will be performing at the 'switch on' of the Mill Hill Christmas Lights
12th December:	Christmas Concert at Hartley Hall – 5.30pm
13th December:	Christmas Lunch / A travelling Pantomime will be visiting our school!
15th December:	FoSMS Christmas Party from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at Hartley Hall

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.

Further to parental request we will be running a winter camp from 2nd to 5th January inclusive. Your child can do as many or as few days as is convenient for you. This camp will be run and managed by Mrs Ya-acov Hai. If you would like your child to participate please speak to Mrs Jacobs who has the booking forms. Do try to book by 15th November to take advantage of our 'Early Bird' discounted price.

A big thank you to Mr Shandilya, Mrs Sugarnan and Mrs Jayanthi who came into school this week to retell the story of Diwali and help us to celebrate such a special day. Your time and help, (along with the delicious Indian sweets and wonderful henna hand decorating!) is truly appreciated

In recognition of Black History Month and as part of our cross-curricular studies, your children have been learning about Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Barak Obama, The Windrush Ship and many other black people throughout history whose achievements must be recognised and respected. Our studies opened discussion on equality and respect.

The autumn / winter lunch menu will be in place after half term. We hope your children enjoy the well balanced, nutritional food on offer. We have kept some of your children's favourite dishes whilst adding a few new winter warmers. A copy has been attached to this newsletter for your information.

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

This week we welcomed a magistrate into school who spoke to our Form 6 pupils about crime, the age of criminal responsibility and how magistrates work. She informed your children that magistrate's numbers are reducing as crime is decreasing in our country. She talked about how safe our country is and how we are lucky to live in a Democratic society where we can all have high personal expectations. Form 6 really enjoyed this valuable and interactive session.

There is still time for your child to enter our 'International Day of the Girl Child' competition. Let us know about a girl who has inspired you – a friend, a family member, somebody you have read about in the newspaper or someone from history; write about them or draw them... let us know how they have inspired you. Give your entries to Mrs Wilson or email them to competitions@smartinmillhill.co.uk. The winners will be announced and prizes given at our celebration assembly on Friday 3rd November. Good Luck!

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

Thank you to all the Class Reps who worked so hard to bring our children and parents some wonderful events last year. We are happy to confirm that this year, your Class Reps are –

Pre School - Nicola Kosmin	Chair – Sarah Smith
Reception - Vimmi Patel	Vice Chair – Simone Miller
Form 1 - Sharmini Sivasubramaniam	
Form 2 – Andrea Barber	Secretary – Ron Burgess
Form 3 – Sarah Chesler	Treasurer – Jo Wilson
Form 4 – Darshna Jeffrey	
Form 6 – Hayley Morris	