



You may be aware that on Wednesday we held an Open Working morning. Potential parents were welcomed into school to look around and see what we can provide for their children. It was really well attended. We met some delightful parents and children, many of whom we hope to welcome to St Martin's in September.

Tomorrow (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November) we will be holding an Open Day at school from 11am – 3pm. If you have any friends or family who may be looking for a lovely little school like ours, please do let them know. Word of mouth and a personal recommendation is by far the best form of advertising! Thank you



## This Week's Shooting Stars



**Hannah** – Understanding difficult word problems

**Natasha** – Using fantastic descriptive language in Literacy

**Obafemi** – Having a fantastic week!

**Dinesh** – Independently changing for P.E (in Pre School!)

**Eden** – A surgically precise robot (a nurse!)

**Bami** – A fantastic diary entry

**Kassandra** – Amazing Literacy homework

**Simon** – producing some lovely artwork

**Tito** – Trying really hard – Factors, multiples and Primes **Faith** – Learning her assembly lines

## Golden Tea

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

Roshan

Jasper

Bami

Katherine G

**Interactive White Boards** They are in!  
We are delighted that all the classrooms now have an interactive SMART board. It is a hugely exciting time for us all. Do consider attending our Tuesday morning 'drop in sessions' to see them at work. You would be so welcome – Every Tuesday morning from 8.10am to 8.30am.

**11 + Exam Prep** 11+ Exam Prep sessions have been confirmed for Form 6 for the last three Saturday's in November – 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Also scheduled are 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> January. Each session will run from 10am – 2pm and will cover exam technique and interview skills along with Numeracy, Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning. Please bring a nut free packed lunch. There is no charge for these sessions. Your child can attend as many or as few as you like but please do let us know

**Science Inter School Quiz Championship** We are hugely excited to inform you that we have entered an Inter School Science Quiz Championship. The team will comprise of a small number of Form 5 and Form 6 pupils. The first area heat is being held at Merchant Taylor's School on 15<sup>th</sup> November in the morning. Parents of contestants will be invited along to support the team. The team and arrangements will be announced by Tuesday. How exciting!

**Well Done Josh!** For those who have children in Pre School or who perhaps have younger siblings you may have noticed there is a new voice for the character of Danny Dog in Peppa Pig...We are all very proud of Josh M in Form 5 who won this coveted role!

**Assemblies** 9am – 9.30am All Welcome!

Pre School: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Form One: 18<sup>th</sup> November

Form 5: 25<sup>th</sup> November

Form 3 and 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We are delighted to welcome Miss Kelly to our school as our Accelerated Learning teacher. She has been teaching for 30 years and is passionate about teaching and working with families to ensure all children reach their full potential. She will be supporting the more able in reaching accelerated goals and providing assistance and support to those who may be struggling. In addition to her Bachelor Degree she holds a Special Needs accredited diploma. Miss Kelly has sat on assessment panels for entrance to schools for the 11+. She continues her professional development by networking with SENCO's and Independent Senior Schools.

Miss Kelly is highly skilled and accomplished. We are very excited about her appointment and know she will be a great asset to our school and to your children.

**FoSMS** Further to requests we have extended the deadline for Christmas card orders until Monday. If you haven't already done so, please return your order form with payment then.

Please look out for the flyer for the children's Christmas Party. It is being held straight after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The cost is £10 per child (£8 for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> sibling or children of FoSMS reps) which includes supper, entertainment and a disco. £1 from each ticket will be donated to charity. More details to

### **Autumn Term 2016**

Half Term Break: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Term Ends: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### **Spring Term 2017**

Return to School: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

Form 5 have been studying 'War of the World's' by H.G. Wells. They have all written science fiction based stories in their Literacy lessons, concentrating on perfect grammar, sentence structure and exciting and appropriate language. They were given a choice of homework tasks and here are some of the children who chose to construct a magnificent robot which fired their imagination and fuelled their learning. Well Done to you all!