



This morning St Martin's School came to a halt at 11am. All teachers, support staff and children came together in the playground for one minute's silence. We remembered together the fallen soldiers who have fought in all wars around the world. We talked about how it was important to remember and honour those who keep us safe. Thank you to all parents who gave money to your children to buy a poppy. The Royal British Legion are grateful every year for our donations. It is also St Martin's Day today!



This Week's Shooting Stars



Ilora – Brilliant metaphors

Seth – Superb Solar System Knowledge

Kim Mia – Excellent Maths work

Amirah – Learning her lines

Jacob – Cutting skills

Kim Mia – Fantastic French lesson

Jake – Fantastic effort

Diya – Great Mathematical Understanding

Chiara – Incredibly hard work in Literacy

Muhua – beautiful handwriting

Daniel F – Real effort

Aurelia - being extremely helpful

Rohan M – Intelligent Ideas

Golden Tea

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

Amirah

Noah

Kassandra

Muhau

5 Lesson Time Table Trialling next week!

We look forward to reporting back as to the level of success of our 5 Lesson Time Table. We will be introducing Accelerated Learning in Numeracy and Literacy, Rapid Intervention opportunities, one extra comprehension lesson each week from Form 1- 6 to lay the foundations for essential skills at 11+. Pre School and Reception will have extra 'enriched play' sessions and Spanish and Latin are being brought into the main body of the timetable. This will ensure that Forms 5 and 6 have a shorter school day so they can take advantage of our after school club offerings, start homework earlier in the afternoon or simply get some well-earned rest. Every child will also benefit from a PHSE and British Values lesson each week.

Science Inter School Quiz Championship This week Form 5 and Form 6 were given the opportunity to gain a place on our Inter School Science Quiz Team. Congratulations to Natasha, Adam, Eden and Tito. Ilora and Amelia are our reserves. Thank you to Mrs Boxer for entering and co-ordinating our team. The Heat is next Tuesday at Merchant Taylor's Prep School. Good luck. Go Team St Martin's!

Assemblies Parents are invited to watch their children's assemblies at 9am on the following dates

Form 1: 18th November

Form 5: 25th November

Form 3 and 4: 2nd December

Christmas Concert

We hope you are able to join us for our winter concert on **Wednesday 30th November**. At the request of some parents the concert will begin at **4pm**, instead of later in the evening as has been the case over previous years. We hope this earlier start will benefit all our children but most notably our Pre School and Reception children. To allow the teachers time to prepare the church please pick up your children at 1.20pm and take them to the Church for a final rehearsal at 3pm (Pre School 3.30pm). Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome. Your children are working hard to learn their lines and song words. We know you will really enjoy it!

Thank you

Please note the following dates –

There will not be after school clubs on the following occasions:

Week beginning 21st November due to Parent's Consultations.

On 30th November due to the Christmas Concert

Week beginning 5th December – last week of term

Christmas Lunch and Fun Day - Thursday 1st December #

Whole School Trip to the Pantomime – 6th December #

letters will be sent out soon with further details

Autumn Term 2016

Half Term Break: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016

Term Ends: Friday 9th December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Return to School: Monday 9th January 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Return to School: Monday 24th April 2017

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

Term Ends: Friday 14th July 2017

Autumn Term 2017

Return to School Tuesday 12th September 2017

New House System

We are very excited to announce an overhaul of the House System. The House System gives pupils a balance between academic rigours and social aspects of school life. The system provides a sense of competition and fun through a range of school based activities.

The new Houses are as follows –

Elgar: Green

Mendelssohn: Red

Widor: Blue

When allocating children to the houses we will always ensure that siblings are in the same House and each House has an equal mixture of gender and abilities.

Points will continue to be earned for a variety of reasons such as, good work, being kind, excellent effort or keeping the Golden Rules. A House meeting, led by the House Captain and two teachers also assigned to the House, will be held each week. During these meetings a 'buddy system' between the lower forms and upper forms will be further established. The children will prepare for events such as Sport's Day by preparing banners and chants. These meetings will also be used to reinforce Behaviour Policy. The children will be encouraged to discuss and debate issues from around the world, events in the news and matters of a Cultural or Religious nature that may be taking place that week. They will have an opportunity to discuss any issues with their House Teachers which they may need help with. We believe the content of these meetings will occur organically and will be led, in part by what the children wish to discuss. We hope the children will show an even greater sense of pride in themselves, their House and their school. Each week the winning House will be announced at assembly and will be published in the St Martin's Post. A weekly, Termly and Annual House cup will be displayed in school and there will be many opportunities for the children to earn prizes and rewards based upon their House's achievements.