



Welcome back to the first week of school in 2019. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and celebrating all your children's achievements and progress. We certainly have a busy term ahead. Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.



## This Week's Shooting Stars



<b>Arjun</b>	Settling into St Martin's School so well
<b>Jessica</b>	A great first week at St Martin's
<b>Aeson</b>	A lovely first week
<b>Rohan</b>	An amazing poem
<b>Omy</b>	Enthusiasm during class discussions
<b>Emika</b>	Settling so well into Reception class
<b>Ambika</b>	An amazing first week in Form 3
<b>Jayden</b>	Great contribution to topic lessons
<b>Katie</b>	A very good first week at St Martin's
<b>Jack</b>	What a great start to your St Martin's journey!

During Celebration Assembly we also like to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school... Congratulations this week goes to -

<b>Dylan (Form 3)</b>	Football medal
<b>Alan (Form 3)</b>	Football medal
<b>Zakariya</b>	Swimming certificate (5 m)
<b>Lara</b>	Swimming Certificate (Level 2)
<b>Alan (Form 3)</b>	Swimming certificate (100 m)

Well done Alan, two awards in one week! What a wonderful achievement.

World book day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We invite your children to come to school wearing costumes of characters from their favourite book. This will be a special project based day celebrating your children's favourite books and authors. Thank you to Miss McCarthy who as Literacy co-ordinator will be planning this special day.



## Valentine's Disco



We will be holding a Valentine's Disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February... all money raised will be donated to our chosen charity 'Miracles.' Our teachers will walk your children to Hartley Hall at the end of the school day and we ask that you collect them from the Hall at 5.30pm. Nursery children are welcome to stay all afternoon so they may join in the fun. There will be no school bags required that day and after school clubs / tea time club will not be running. There will be a disco and games (with very special guest DJ's!) pizza supper, drinks and snacks. We invite your children to wear their own Valentine's themed clothing that day (red / pink!) please do not send any money yet. The cost will be £10 per child or £8 per sibling or for children of class reps. Look out for the flyer to book your child's place!

We love to share our Celebration assemblies with our families and invite you to join us from 9am until approx. 9.20am when your children will be leading the assembly. Parents and grandparents very welcome –

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Form 5	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Form 1
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Form 4	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Form 3	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Nursery
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Form 2	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Recorder / Musical Theatre Club students (not those students who have 1:1 lessons)

#### **Spring Term 2019**

Half Term Break Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019  
Term Ends Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### **Summer Term 2019**

Return to School Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
Term Ends Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### **Autumn Term 2019**

Return to School Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Term Ends Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### **Spring Term 2020**

Return to School Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Half Term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Term Ends Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

A big St Martin's welcome to our new pupils who joined us this term. We are so glad you joined us!

<b>Katie</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
<b>Jack</b>	<b>Nursery</b>
<b>Amika</b>	<b>Reception</b>
<b>Aeson</b>	<b>Form 2</b>
<b>Ambika</b>	<b>Form 3</b>
<b>Arjun</b>	<b>Form 5</b>
<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Form 5</b>

**Further to many requests we will be running an Easter camp over the holidays –all details will be in next week's Newsletter.**

The Easter Bonnet Parade has been a part of St Martin's tradition for many, many years. We decided not to hold this parade last year; half our parents were delighted they didn't have to help their child make a bonnet, the other half hugely disappointed. This year we have decided to (hopefully!) please everybody. There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade but the children will be making their Easter Bonnets during their art classes. The Easter Bonnet parade will be held at school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. Please bring any special items you would like your child to use to make their bonnet into school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. We will provide the basic bonnet and decorative items but if you would like your hat to stand-out and really show your creativity please bring in anything you like (within reason!!) to add.

Please remember we are strictly a **NUT FREE** School. We respectfully ask that foods containing nuts in any form are never brought into school. We have children with severe allergies and your co-operation is essential. Please also ensure grapes, cherry tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables which could be a choking hazard are cut into small pieces.

<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:</b>	Head Lice checks
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> (lower school) &amp; Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (upper school):</b>	Postal Museum school trip
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	FoSMS children's Valentine's Disco (see above)
<b>Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	Assessment Week
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite book character!)
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Bring in Easter Bonnet decorations
<b>Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	Parent's consultation week
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm:</b>	Spring Concert – Hartley Hall, Flower Lane NW7 2JA
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm:</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade

### **Positions of Responsibility Spring Term 2019**

We are delighted to have awarded the following children this term's positions of responsibility. Congratulations!

Mendelsohn House Captain	<b>Daisy</b>
Widor House Captain	<b>Noah</b>
Elgar House Captain	<b>Emily</b>
Librarians	<b>Arjun and Jessica</b>
Digital Leader	<b>Rohan J</b>
Sport's Captain	<b>Simon</b>

Congratulations to Rohan J (Form 5) for reaching Band 19 – Graphite Level Home / School Reading Book!!

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