



As we approach the half term break, it is hard to believe that we are now exactly half way through the academic year! We hope you all have a wonderful break.

There is lots of excitement in school today as your children look forward to this afternoon's Valentine's Disco. Thank you so much to our FoSMS committee, parent helpers and teachers who help make this disco possible.



This Week's Shooting Stars



Sophia E	Trying so hard during phonic lessons	Bami	Superb St Martin's behaviour on our outing
Adam:	Beautiful Valentine's Day writing	Fred	Trying hard to edit and improve his writing
Daisy	Using fantastic descriptive language	Lucy	Knowledge of rhyme and rhythm
Ritsu:	A fantastic 19 th century report	Dinesh	Great effort writing riddles and poems
Anthony	Working really hard with subtraction		
Aeson	Super progress with reading		
Jin	Outstanding effort with converting fractions		

Congratulations also go to the following children who attained the following certificates:

Alayna, Emika, Oliver, Adam and Alan	Emerald Maths
Daisy and Jessica (17x tables)	Platinum Maths
Ali, Zain and Ritsu	Promethium Maths
Chloe B, Jin, Alexander	Silver Spelling
Alan, Dylan, Peter, Michael, Yunqing, Claire and Scott	Bronze Spelling

Very special 'Head Teacher's Awards' go to **Emily** whose topic homework on The Industrial Revolution was shown in assembly – a remarkable piece of work!

The following children also received their Certificate of Achievement and enjoyed a visit to Mrs Wilson's House Point shop, for earning 75 House Points! Well done to:

Brooklyn, Ritsu, Arianna L, Phoebe, Emily, Akshay, Kenza, Max, Ren Jae, Kim Mia, Joshua, Harry, Emmy, Amar L, Tiam and Elyah

Golden Tea

Golden Tea is an opportunity for children, chosen at random, to show Mrs Wilson the work they have completed that week of which they are most proud, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits together. Golden Tea takes place at break time each Friday morning. This week Mrs Wilson welcomed:

Tre

Zakariya

Hashini

Yunrui

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 –

Friday 1st March	Form 2
Friday 8th March	Form 1
Friday 15th March	Reception
Friday 22nd March	Nursery
Friday 29th March	Recorder / Musical Theatre Club students (not those students who have 1:1 lessons)

Spring Term 2019

Half Term Break Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019
Term Ends Friday 29th March 2019

Summer Term 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

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

Spring Term 2020

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

If you have moved house or changed your phone number, please always let me know. There have been a couple of instances this week where we have been unable to contact parents. Many thanks, Mrs Jacobs

Please remember we are strictly a NUT FREE School. We respectfully ask that foods containing nuts in any form are never bought 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.

We are really excited to inform you of some wonderful upgrades that are taking place to the building during half term next week.

It has become apparent that as our numbers have grown and after the huge success of the creative curriculum, that lower school would benefit from having more space. The Nursery area will therefore nearly double in size, encompassing the current Reception classroom. The Form One classroom will become the new Reception classroom, approximately 25% more space and Form one are moving into the music room; providing them with approx. 50% more space.

The musical instruments and 1:1 music lesson space will be transferring to what was the SENCO office, which is now no longer required as Mrs Mbah will be using the Head Teacher's office for both roles.

We have painters, electricians, builders, audio visual technicians and heating engineers and many of your teachers working hard over half term to make this change and we can't wait to show your children their new classrooms; we know they will be very happy with the changes!

The Easter camp held at school last year was one of the most popular camps we have run to date. We are delighted to announce that this year we will be running camp on –

Thursday 11th April, Friday 12th April, Monday 15th April, Tuesday 16th April, Wednesday 17th April and Thursday 18th April.

Prices and times have remained the same as last year: 9am – 4pm for £33 or book by 1st March for £30. Our Easter camp is only for St Martin's children and is internally staffed. Arts and crafts, baking, sports, games etc! Please see the flyer attached for more information and booking form. Hard copies have also been handed out for ease.

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Week commencing 25th February:	Assessment Week
Thursday 7th March:	World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite book character!)
Monday 11th March:	Bring in Easter Bonnet decorations
Week commencing 18th March:	Parent's consultation week
Thursday 28th March at 5.30pm:	Spring Concert – Hartley Hall, Flower Lane NW7 2JA
Friday 29th March at 2.30pm:	Easter Bonnet Parade
Tuesday 7th May at 8pm:	Meet the Head evening
Wednesday 3rd July at 6pm:	St Martin's School presents 'Peter Pan' at Hartley Hall
Thursday 4th July at 2pm:	St Martin's School presents 'Peter Pan' at Hartley Hall

This week we purchased access for all children from Form one upwards, to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. You will have received log in details this week. 'Times Table Rock Stars' is a really fun way for your children to learn and practice their times tables. You can set the levels that your child can comfortably work at or provide them with some challenge. This is NOT replacing My Maths. Work will not be set, checked or marked. It is in addition to My Maths and traditional Numeracy homework for them to enjoy in their own time. We really help it helps your children take enjoyment from learning their times tables.

Preparations for Peter Pan, our summer concert are coming along beautifully. Some parts have been given out but many haven't; there are still plenty of opportunities for your children to take part and shine. Attached to the email containing this Newsletter is a letter containing You Tube links to the songs which need to be learnt by the whole school. Please help your children learn them over half term!