



We have all enjoyed a wonderful first week back at school. Your children are settling back into routine so well and really enjoying the challenges their new classes offer. We are so lucky to have welcomed so many new children into our School this week. They have all been welcomed by their new friends and we are so happy to have them join the St Martin's family. The Open Working mornings for this term are on Thursday 29th November and Friday 30th November from 9am – 11.45am. Should you have any friends who you think may benefit from being a part of St Martin's School, please do let them know. Some forms are full, or very close to capacity, so please ask them to speak to Mrs Jacobs, in advance. to avoid disappointment.



This Week's Shooting Stars



- Reception:** A wonderful first week with so many new friends
- Daisy:** A great first week at St Martin's **Kayan:** Being cheerful and ready to learn
- Jayden:** Being a wonderful classroom helper **Zain:** Always setting a great example
- Isaiah:** Settling in so quickly **Elyah:** A fantastic start to Form 4
- Arida:** Settling in so well
- Amar L:** Trying hard all week
- Alexander S:** Gaining confidence during his first week
- Chloe M:** A great start to Form 4 – welcome back!

Golden Tea

Golden Tea is an opportunity for four 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 during morning break time each Friday.

The following children shared Golden Tea with Mrs Wilson this morning-

Kim Mia

Cameron

Kayan

Jayden

Autumn Term 2018

Return to School Tuesday 11th September 2018
 Half Term Break Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2018
 Term Ends Friday 14th December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Return to School Tuesday 8th January 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

Every Friday morning the whole school come together for 'Celebration Assembly.' We celebrate the achievements of the previous week and certificates, prizes and 'shooting stars' are awarded. Your child's class will also present to the school once a term at this assembly and parents, grandparents and family are welcome to come to school to watch. Assembly begins at 9am and lasts approximately 20 minutes.

Form 5: 19th October

Form 1: 23rd November

Form 4: 2nd November

Reception: 30th November

Form 3: 9th November

Nursery: 7th December

Form 2: 16th November

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. Thank you

Next week each class will be voting for their Class Representative. Class Reps will meet termly with Mrs Wilson and Mr Guyster to represent their class views and ideas to make their school an even better place to learn. Some suggestions which were vetoed last year was a tuck shop and a 'Fortnight' club... but we were happy to implement lots of others!

St Martin's School are proud to announce that this year our children have nominated Miracles as our charity of the year. Miracles supports children and their families living in poverty and helps them through crisis situations such as serious illness. Miracles aim to relieve conditions of extreme stress and hardship helping to keep families together and to relieve their suffering. Miracles respond to calls for support within 24 hours – it's what makes them unique.

At St Martin's School we believe that fundraising and raising awareness is essential to help our children learn about the world and truly make a difference. This academic year we are planning some wonderful events for our children and families to raise money for this wonderful charity, whilst having fun at the same time.

Miracles is a Registered Charity Number 1041449

www.miraclesthecharity.org

We are delighted to announce that we have become the official sponsors of the NW7 Litter Pickers. NW7 Litter Pickers is a wonderful community initiative, run by volunteers who meet for just one hour every month. Together we clean our local area; the park, streets and common areas. It's a fun and worthwhile social occasion which helps to encourage the children to learn about their environment, encouraging them to dispose of their rubbish correctly but also allows them to 'give back' in a very real way. NW7 Litter Pickers meet the first Saturday of each month at 11am and we'd love our St Martin's families to come along! Please follow them on social media or speak to Mrs Wilson for further details. Please note children must be accompanied by parents/carers who take full responsibility for their children.

We love celebrating birthdays at St Martin's. Please feel free to bring cake for your child's class to share – individually wrapped or pre sliced is always preferred, for ease! If your child is celebrating their birthday by having a birthday party, your child's teacher will be happy to hand out the invitations if the entire class is invited.

The beginning of this new academic year has also fallen during both the Jewish and Islamic new year. We wish all our families and friends who are celebrating warm wishes for a sweet, happy and healthy year ahead. We are aware that on September 20th Ashura is commemorated by some of our Muslim families along with Yom Kippur on 19th September for our Jewish families. Kindly email Mrs Jacobs should you need for your child to be absent for either of these days. Thank you

Week one and we already have some lost property we are unable to return as it is un-named! Please ensure everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name; including clothes, shoes and water bottles.

A huge congratulations to Michael who this morning was awarded his DISTINCTION certificate for Grade 1, Accoustic guitar exam. What a wonderful achievement! Well Done. We are so proud of you!

FoSMS (Friends of St Martin's)

We are so lucky to have such an active and warm association of parents who meet each half term to organise events for our children and parents to enjoy. The FoSMS Committee is made up of class reps and anybody else who would like to come along to support their children and their school... parents and grandparents, all welcome. The first FoSMS meeting of the academic year will take place on Tuesday 25th September at school from 8pm. Please come along if you can!

Thank you to our class reps who this year are –

Nursery:	Sara Anderson	Chair:	Sarah Smith
Reception:	Farhana Harun	Deputy Chair:	Simone Miller
Form 1:	Vimmi Patel and Maria Hodis	Secretary:	Ron Burgess
Form 2:	Nikki Chapman and Aniko Sziraczki	Treasurer:	Jo Wilson
Form 3:	Andrea Barber		
Form 4:	Sarah Chesler and Hayley Morris		
Form 5:	Sabira Juma		

This term's 'positions of responsibility' were announced this morning in assembly. The positions will rotate this year, term by term. Congratulations to you all:

Librarians:	Emily and Phoebe
Sport's Captain:	Noah
Elgar House Captain:	Arianna
Mendelssohn House Captain:	Ritsu
Widor House Captain:	Zain
Digital Leader:	Ali