



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

2 October 2020

It was lovely to see the reception class receive their free book and pack from the Books Trust. Each pack contains a copy of a book, which could include the hilarious story *The Runaway Pea* by Kjartan Poskitt and Alex Willmore, alongside top tips about how to get reading anytime and anywhere and creative ideas for sharing stories.

We hope these packs will spark every child's imagination, improve language and listening as well as encouraging the development of more practical skills such as making new friends and dealing with change. Reading together regularly as a family will also create a safe space for children to express themselves, something that children might be especially in need of following the coronavirus outbreak. Here is Mason and Isabella proudly displaying their books!



Primary pupils joined over 1,000,000 students this week to watch The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020.

It was organised by a charity which was set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales and her belief that young people have the power to change the world. It's a big mission but there are two things within it that the charity focus their efforts on – young people and change. After watching it, Year 6 came up with the idea of having some Anti-bullying Ambassadors in our school...watch this space!

Flu vaccinations take place on the 15 October for reception through to and including year 7—please return the forms to school as soon as possible as we will not be able to offer the vaccination without a completed form

As promised last week I have now put aside a regular slot where I can meet 'virtually' via 'zoom' with parents and members of our wider community to discuss any issues.

These will take place every **TUESDAY, 2.30pm—3.00pm**—please email [clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org) to make your zoom appointment.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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**St Martins School**  
3-16 Learning Community

**Prospective Pupil Days**  
**Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 October**  
A 'virtual' presentation followed by a Q&A with Head of School, Ms Lovecy at 5.00pm each day.  
Contact [clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org) to book your place and to receive your 'link' to the event and a copy of our school video.  
[www.stmartins3-16.org](http://www.stmartins3-16.org)

## Corona virus—planning for all eventualities

### Current position

Students are being educated in year group class bubbles which stay the same for breaks and lunch. They are reminded about the importance of regular handwashing—anti bac soap and hand sanitizers are in every area of school. Posters about hygiene are up all around school. There is a one way system and staggered times of the day to ensure bubbles to do not meet. We have reduced external visitors in school; parents are asked to phone or email with any questions or concerns. [Information is on the website about symptoms and actions.](#)

### Partial/year group bubbles closure

This will happen if there are confirmed COVID results in a year group bubble or where we have several staff who have to self –isolate making it difficult to run the school as normal.

Please make sure your contact details are up to date as we may have to close bubbles at very short notice, via email and text

In this instance On line learning for students would take place.

### Students with symptoms

If your child is displaying any of the symptoms (temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste or smell) or someone in your household is please do not send your child to school. Call reception and let us know. This is the main way to protect everyone in our community.

In this instance students if they are well but isolating can access school work on Show My Homework (SMHW)



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**WESTON RHYN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL**  
Open to boys & girls aged 7-13 years old

Fun and engaging football sessions led by professional football coaches.

EVERY TUESDAY at Weston Rhyn Playing Field 4:30-5:30pm

£3 PER SESSION

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For more information or to book a place contact [tom.rowlands@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk](mailto:tom.rowlands@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk)

Dates for the diary ( keep on eye on the website!)

We have lots of parents evenings etc that we are reviewing if they can take place—we will inform parents as soon as possible

15 October—flu vaccination for reception—year 7

26 October—half term holiday

2 November—students return to school

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school

St Martins School PTA



Email: [pta\\_stmartins@outlook.com](mailto:pta_stmartins@outlook.com)

September 2020

Dear parent / carer,

The PTA welcome you all back to very different school year. We have yet to hold our AGM, should you be interested in joining the PTA please email us or send a direct message via our Facebook group. The current PTA are willing to stand again this year but it would be lovely to have some new faces join us. Normally our meetings are once a month but obviously this year will be less frequent and via Zoom or Microsoft teams.

As you are aware the majority of our fundraising events involve mass gatherings, so as a committee we decided at the end of last year that we would not be holding any fundraising events that include mass gatherings. We also understand the financial strain the pandemic may have caused for some families. The only fundraiser we are looking at organising so far is the design a Christmas Card event (details to follow)

Your continued support of the PTA is very much appreciated and we can't thank you enough. Any further updates will be posted on the PTA Facebook page and the school website.  
Heather Jones—Chair

## POLITE NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

Our neighbour at Rhyn Park Vets is happy for parents to use her parking area to drop off and pick up but has asked that they do not block in other cars and do not take up spaces that are needed for clients with sick or injured animals. Access is required at all times for emergencies.

Thankyou