



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

16 October 2020

New parent governor

Welcome to Jacobus Swart our new parent governor. Mr Swart has three children in school, in year 6 9 and 10. He has recently re located from Norway where he has in the past worked in education, and is looking forward to getting actively involved in school life.

Just a quick update for year 10 and 11 - you may have read/heard that GCSE exams next summer are to be pushed back by several weeks. Summer exams will start on 7 June and end on 2 July 2021 for almost all GCSE students. GCSE students will get their results on 27 August, allowing them to start the next academic year as normal. We are waiting for the firm dates but I ask that those parents of year 11 who may have thought about booking a holiday when their child had finished year 11, to delay booking until dates of exams are confirmed.

We have now reverted back to our policy on mobile phones - for many years we have required that student mobile phones are kept switched off and in bags during the school day—this has had huge benefits in school. It has reduced instances of bullying and antisocial behaviour on line, improved the social time that students spend together, and increased the attitude to learning and behaviour in the classroom. Phones were taken from students and held in reception for collection after school. We will now revert to this using zip lock bags so that there is minimal contact with student phones—they will then be available from the outside of the school reception at the end of the day—students will need to ring the door buzzer and the phone will be made available.



Year 4 and 5 had a lovely trip along our local stretch of canal this week as part of our local history topic. The children completed a quiz and a game of canal bingo! At the lock we were met by Linda who showed us some traditional canal tools and resources. We were also lucky enough to see a boat going through the lock.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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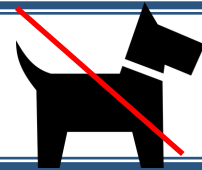
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As part of our harvest celebrations we will be organising a collection for St Martins Food Bank. There will be some boxes by the pupil entrances to school next Wednesday. Any contributions would be gratefully received.

From Monday parents/carers will need to drop Year 1 – 3 pupils at the first gate where Mrs Herbert stands please. If parents have any concerns that need to be handed to the class teacher, please inform Mrs Herbert, or email or phone reception and your message will be passed to the class teacher

Just a reminder that the entire school site is a no dog area. Thank you.



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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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

19 October—tempest photo orders collected from school

19 October - year 7 review days (letters sent to parents)

26 October—half term holiday

2 November—students return to school

11 December—Christmas jumper/non uniform day £1 for PTA

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school

PE kit policy (SECONDARY) — from September 2021

- In addition to the current PE polo top,
- All students must have the official Black PE skorts/shorts from RAM leisure
- Students must have the Official PE jumper/outer layer- no other jumper is acceptable from September 2021.
- All students must have black football socks (advised to pack a spare pair of normal socks to change into)
- All students must have shin pads ready for football- PE teachers will tell them dates they are needed.
- All students must have suitable swimwear- swimming in PE lessons is usually after Christmas every year. All students must have a swimming hat and swimming goggles.



If your child attends After School, Breakfast, Sibling or Nursery Lunch club please see your monthly invoice on 'parentpay'. If you have not used parent pay before and need your login details please contact the office on 01691776500.

<https://ourschoolwear.co.uk/>

CURRENT PE REQUIREMENTS: For outdoor PE , students are to wear the PE outer layer or a PLAIN BLACK jumper/sweatshirt only. A small logo on the front is fine. Underneath this, students need to wear the school PE t-shirt but if they haven't got one they will need to order one and wear a plain black t-shirt in the meantime.

- All students must have shin pads ready for football- PE teachers will tell them dates they are needed.
- All students must have football boots- this is for safety reasons in poor weather (better grip).
- Students have permission to wear PLAIN BLACK sports Leggings or PLAIN BLACK tracksuit bottoms