



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

13 November 2020



Well done to Noah in year 7 who played 'The Last Post' beautifully in front of the whole school on Wednesday to mark the two minute silence for Armistice Day. It was a touching tribute.

The performance was recorded and is available on the school 'You tube' channel if you wish to view. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN_uXoUj5IM



Year 6 class visited the war memorial in St Martins this week to place their hand made poppies. Primary parents may have seen poppies on the roundabout in the staff car park.

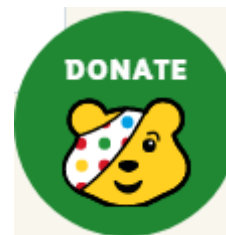


Every week we ask staff to nominate their 'student of the week'. It can be for great homework, working hard in class, being a good role model, supporting others students etc. here are the badges and messages ready to go for this week...well done everyone!

We have a long history



of supporting Children in Need and this year is no exception!! On **FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER** students came to school in something red or yellow for a £1 donation. Year 1 who are currently isolating got into the Pudsey theme during an on line lesson with their teacher Miss Sayers—you all look amazing, well done children and parents!



Please if you haven't already log in to your **parent pay** account to make your donation.

Due to the amount of traffic in the carpark the parent pick up time for secondary will revert to 3.20pm—thankyou to parents for their feedback.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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During the second half of the Autumn term Years 1,2,3 and 4/5 CJo will be participating in weekly Forest School sessions. The sessions will take place in an afternoon. Your child's class-teacher will let you know which day your child has Forest School. For some classes it may mean that they do Forest School instead of one of their P.E slots.

Forest School is a time when children get to explore the outdoors and experience what nature has to offer. Autumn is a particularly lovely time to be out in the Forest and it gives children an opportunity to explore the change in seasons first hand.

Children will need to come dressed ready to go out to the Forest much as they do when they have a PE session. However as most sessions will be in the afternoon we ask that if your child has waterproof clothing to wear that they bring that with them to put on.

They will need: Outdoor shoes – walking boots or wellingtons, Warm socks, A warm coat – preferably waterproof, A jumper or fleece, A t-shirt, Trousers, Waterproof over-trousers if possible, An extra layer of clothing depending on the weather.

Forest School sessions provide for play, exploration and trying new activities. It helps develop confidence and self-esteem, with hands-on experiences in an outdoor natural setting.

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 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.](#)

Face coverings are worn in all indoor communal school areas.

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 Blended learning for students would take place. [Information is on the website](#)

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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Just a reminder to parents that we are unable to accept any forgotten items at the school reception. We cannot break bubbles to deliver anything to your child during the school day. If it is a forgotten packed lunch your child will be provided with a school lunch and the diner will send you the invoice.

Being good neighbours

Sadly despite polite notices asking parents not to block in cars on the vets car park, this week one of the vets was verbally abused by a parent. To protect their staff, clients and their business they will now no longer allow parents to park. This is private property. Ongoing threats by parents to the vets will be handed to the police.

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

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.

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