



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

27 November 2020

A warm welcome back to school for years 1 and 3 this week—we have missed you!! Not long now until year 4, 5 and 10 return. **Year 4 and year 5 (Mr Spelmans Class) return on WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER** and **year 4 and 5 (Mrs Jones' class) and year 10 on MONDAY 7 DECEMBER**. Maths teacher Ms Alexander is very impressed with her students who are accessing their maths work on 'Teams'. "They have been working really hard despite the circumstances. It is lovely to see their smiles in our meetings, it really brightens up my day

To some parents it may appear that school has had quite a few cases due to the year groups that I have sent home to isolate. Here in North Shropshire we are still quite fortunate that rates are not high. In school there hasn't been any transmission of the virus—the 3 children and 2 staff that have been diagnosed have not passed the virus to others in school. This is due to the robust procedures in place about hand sanitizing, wearing face coverings and maintaining year group bubbles. Thankyou to all the students and staff for this huge effort!!

We are still missing quite a few library books from before the first lockdown in March!! This is having an effect on stock levels and replacement would cost close to a £1000—if you could have a look this week end and return any next week that would be very much appreciated. We always welcome donations!



Our very own 'Mystic Mooney' has the delight each week of spinning the wheel of fortune to see which of our pupils gain rewards for being our 'outstanding pupil of the week'.

The teachers get to choose just one person each week, so it is great to even get on the wheel, everyone who makes it this far gets a badge to say well done and the winners get some yummy edible prizes too!

The reasons for being on the wheel of fortune this week range from 'great listening skills', 'being a lovely friend', 'trying extra hard in maths' through to 'making real improvements in class'. It is wonderful to celebrate such lovely qualities. So this weeks lucky winners are.....

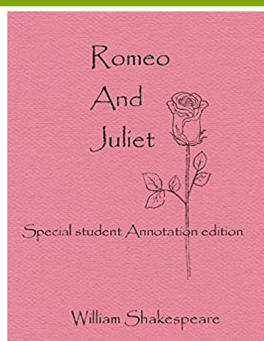
Hollie Eddies, Finley Edwards, Tilly Manford,
Millie Jones (11SJE) and Callum Price (11CY)

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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It's a busy start to the year in January—YEAR 10 and YEAR 11 will be sitting their mock GCSE exams from Monday 11th January until the 29th January.

This year more than ever these exams are important. Currently GCSE exams are planned to start slightly later in June of next year. But if the government change their mind then the mock results could be used to inform teachers if a 'Centre Assessed Grade' has to be set. An exam timetable is being drafted and will be available shortly for parents via email and on the website

In January, all year ten students will begin their study of Romeo and Juliet as part of their English Literature GCSE course. They will all need their own copy of the text. Class teachers are happy to offer recommendations for annotation friendly versions. Click on the book cover link to take you to a good example available via Amazon Perhaps one for under the Christmas Tree!!



French Trip (Dec 2020)

School is currently in discussions with the French trip provider—we hope to have an update on a new date shortly.



Well done Mr Machin for your '[Movember](#)' effort!! You have raised a total of £120 so far for men's health.



LAST DAY TIMINGS—18 DECEMBER—SCHOOL WILL FINISH EARLY, SCHOOL BUSES WILL BE ADJUSTED, THERE WILL NOT BE AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SECONDARY— finish at 1.30pm (hot food will be available at break times, no lunch time)

PRIMARY—Lunch will be served

Nursery and reception finish at 12.40pm

Year 1 and 4/5 Mr Spelman class finish at 12.50pm

Year 2 and 4/5 Ms Jones' class finish at 1.00pm

Year 3 and year 6 finish at 1.10pm



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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.

Arriva bus going through Gobowen—if the bus is full (during COVID the capacity is reduced) the driver may not stopping to pick up—students can catch the later bus

We have been advised by RAM leisure that due to the pandemic there is still a delay with the order of the grey/purple skirts - as soon as they are in stock we will send an update. GREY PLEATED KNEE LENGTH SKIRTS OR GREY SCHOOL TROUSER can be worn as an alternative

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

<https://ourschoolwear.co.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

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

18 December—school finishes early for Christmas

21 December—Christmas Holiday

4 January PD day

5 January—students return to school



We have spaces available in our breakfast, afterschool & sibling clubs. Please book by emailing: afterschoolclub@stmartins3-16.org and please give as much notice as possible.

You can book in for;

Breakfast club - 7.40 - 8.40am £3.50 - Breakfast provided

8.10 - 8.40am £2.00 - Breakfast provided

Sibling club 2.55 / 3pm - 3.30pm £1.00 No food

After School Club - 2.55pm / 3pm - 5.30pm - £9.00 Snack & Drink provided.

Current users: Please pay outstanding OCTOBER bills as NOVEMBER bills are about to be sent out!!

