



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **Keeping in touch letter 6**

We have survived a whole half term. Our school community should be very proud of what we have achieved together. I now order you all to have a week of rest, which is so deserved by you all. Take the time to switch off laptops and devices and spend time relaxing with your household and having some fun.



Star of the week certificates have been sent out – well done to Isaac O’Brien who was the first recipient to be posted with his certificate on the school facebook page! Three lucky students have been awarded several and a £10 book voucher to spend in recognition of their fabulous work whilst online. Well done Jake swart, Steven Evans Hughes and Beth Gardner

We would love to see your photos of your ‘star of the week’ receiving their certificates on the school face book page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345213076819837>

### **Feel good, fun Friday**

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, normal lessons are officially suspended! There will be a mini Eisteddford competition for those who wish to get creative on Friday and over the holidays. The list of competition items are below:

- A lockdown poem
- A sea shanty
- A piece of lockdown artwork

These must be emailed, photographed, recorded and sent to [reception@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:reception@stmartins3-16.org) by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Why not create a special piece and win a prize!

For primary students, Friday will be an opportunity for some time away from the computer screen and pupils can make their own plans based on ideas given by class teachers. Pupils in reception class will need to ‘log in’ as usual and discuss plans for the day. Wear green, the recognised colour for mental health or colourful colours that make you feel good.

There will be three ‘whole school’ events to log onto through your son/ daughter’s ‘teams’ emails. This is fun for all the family so try to get involved.

10.00am – Mr Machin’s ‘super duper’ lockdown quiz

12.45pm – Go wild with Ms Hamm- Jones and Mr Powell in their lockdown scavenger hunt


2.00pm – Prize Bingo with Ms Lovecy – limited bingo cards so please email [Clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:Clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org) for a virtual bingo card.



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Children and students who wish to catch up on work will be able to log on to the usual support and tutorial sessions.



**Who can make the best plate of “Beans on Toast ?”**

Who does not love a quick and simple meal of beans on toast?  
Filling and rich protein it is good for us too.

Your half term ‘well being’ or ‘well bean’ challenge is to get in the kitchen, and start cooking with your family. Why not start with a simple, affordable and nutritious Beans on Toast?

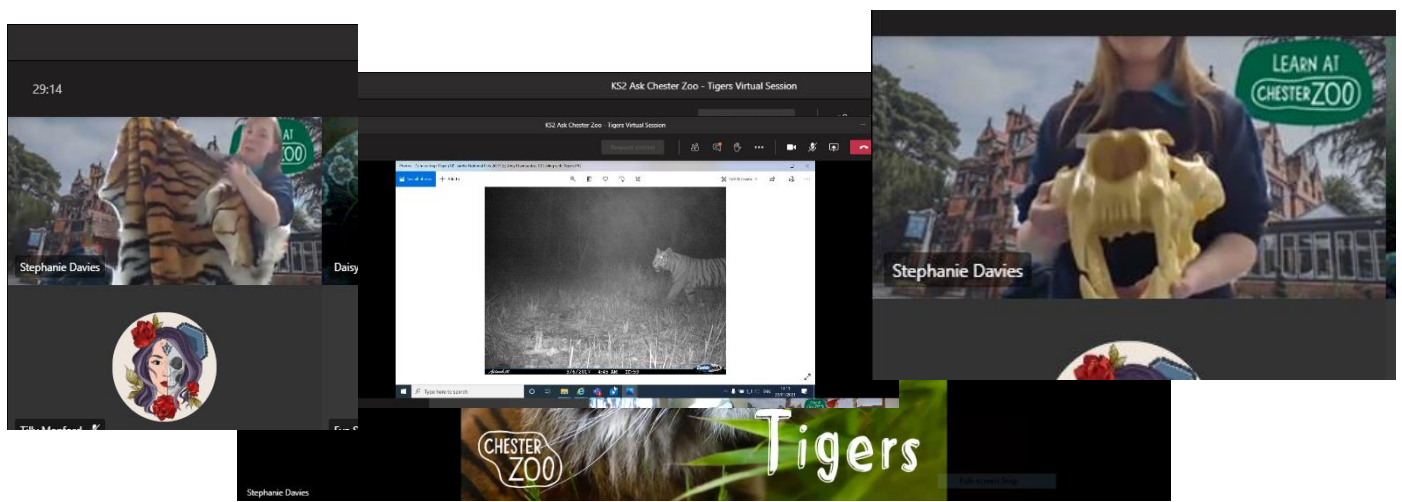
The challenge is how will you present yours? With only beans and toast, present your meal in the most creative way you can.  
Send us your pictures we would love to see them.

### Year 6 go to the zoo!

In order to enhance our current English topic about tiger conservation Year 6 enjoyed a virtual zoo day with Chester zoo. The children had the opportunity to ask the zoo keeper a range of questions that we had sent to them in advance. During the virtual visit the children experienced live footage of the tiger enclosure and were able to see how the young cubs have grown. The zoo keeper also showed them a range of artefacts.

The Year 6’s thoroughly enjoyed this session. It was something a bit different for them and being able to ask an expert question was definitely beneficial to our English work which they will be completing this week.

The children accessed the virtual zoo day from home as well in the key worker group at school.





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### **Lateral flow Covid testing**

After the half term holiday we are expecting the government to have a timetable of return for schools. You may be aware that secondary aged students will need to be tested twice in the first week of return and weekly after that. You will receive a letter asking for your consent and checking your mobile number is correct, as all results go to this number. Please return this ASAP so that we can start to plan the testing prior to our return. It is likely that the first test will be done before students return to school so that there is a minimum impact on lessons.

### **Parent forums**

Thank you to the parents of year 11 and year 10, who have joined me for parent forums over the last two weeks. Starting on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February will be an 'open house' slot on teams where all parents can jump on and ask me a question, only non-confidential items please. **To join this session at 3pm – 3.30pm please email Clare Ellis for a link. [clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org](mailto:clare.ellis@stmartins3-16.org)**

We are keeping in contact with our weekly letter but if you have any queries or issues in the meantime please ring or email our reception team.

Missing you all, Stay safe, keep smiling and have a fabulous half term

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