



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

21 October 2022

It was lovely to see so many year 7 parents at the tutor review days this week—students have settled in well. If you were unable to make an appointment and still have some questions or comments please contact your child's tutor. Also thank you to year 6 parents who attended the SATs information session, a copy of the information can be found on the school [website](#).



We have bid a fond farewell to Mrs Moore from nursery who has retired after 30 years working with children in the nursery. Pupils made cards and shared their memories of their time being looked after by Mrs Moore—we wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

Attendance letters have been sent home with all students today—they explain the school approach to absence and lateness and how we work with parents and students to improve.

On **Monday 31 October** primary will be having a Halloween Disco. Pupils will need to come to school in their normal school uniform and bring a bag with their disco outfit in so that they can change after lunch.

We ask that pupils wear appropriate clothes and do not have any masks, face paint or fake blood please as this may scare our younger pupils. We will be asking for a donation of £1.00 per pupil and they will have a bar of chocolate and a drink if they wish. Proceeds will go towards purchasing some new equipment for pupils to use at break time and lunchtime. The disco will take place during the afternoon and therefore normal home time arrangements will apply.



After designing their bug hotels last week, year 2 got to put their designs into practice building them in the forest school area. They worked really well as a team and had lots of fun!



Year 12 are invited back on Thursday 3 November—invitation letters have been sent—the evening starts at 6pm to celebrate achievements and pick up GCSE certificates, we hope you can make it!

We are changing our facebook page—we are changing it from a closed group to an open group so that members of our wider community can access it. If parents have questions or queries about any aspect of school these can continue to be raised with class teacher/tutor in the first instance.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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Primary photography proofs have been given out to students to bring home , the last day for ordering with free delivery back to school is TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER. Order through TEMPEST using the unique code or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk



Year 3 spent some time in the kitchen with OsNosh, Oswestry's community kitchen who tackle food waste and create delicious food while supporting local producers. It all looks delicious!



Did you know that here in school every child in Reception and year 1 and year 2 can have a free school lunch every day? This can even be a sandwich option to save bringing a sandwich from home.

Have your circumstances changed at home? Use this link [to apply](#) for free school meals for children up to and including year 11



Selected students that use student support services, are taking part in a programme of mentor sessions with Brightstars who use boxing, mentoring and education to empower students to transform their lives . Students can work towards certificates in first aid, mental health, boxing leader and ASDAN awards in maths and english

A big well done to the year 10 boys football team who played against Ysgol Dinas Bran on Tuesday 18th October. The opposition were a very strong team and although the St Martins boys lost the match, they held their heads high and tried their very best! Also, we wish Maddisyn Hodgeson Hughes (year 8) the very best of luck as she has been invited back for the second Shropshire u14 football trial. This is a great achievement as most of the girls are in year 9.



Finally, as students are focusing on rugby after October half term, football boots are very important and will prevent injury especially in wet weather. Mouth guards are advised but are not compulsory, this is the parents/ carers discussion. The extracurricular PE programme is the same after October half term with one change.

Monday- girls all ages football with Miss Vaughan./Boys football years 7, 8 and now 9 with Mr Powell

Tuesday- netball girls and boys all year groups with Mrs Hamm- Jones/Boys football years 10 and 11 with Mr Powell Wednesday- rugby boys and girls with Mr Powell/ Mrs Hamm- Jones..

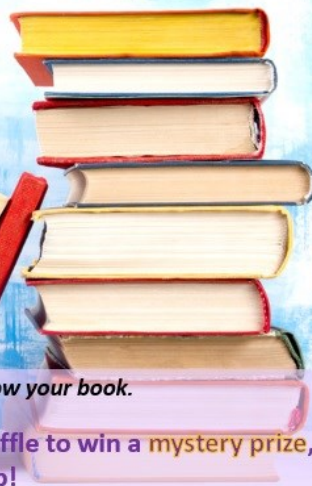


Half Term Reading Challenge

- 📖 Choose a book that is not something you would normally read.
- 📖 Borrow it over the half term break.
- 📖 Read the whole book.
- 📖 Write a summary of the story, and include something about your favourite (or worst) part, the best (or worst!) character, and why you did or didn't like it. You can also draw a picture related to the book if you like.

Collect an entry form from the library when you borrow your book.

All completed entries will be entered into a raffle to win a mystery prize, and some of them will be displayed in the Hub!



3rd NOVEMBER
Banger in a Roll

Cheese & Tomato
Catherine Wheel (V)

Bonfire Wedges

BBQ Beans

Rocket Lolly or
Toffee Apple Sponge

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**

Hub News

I have had a fantastic first half term working with the children and have been delighted to see how well they've taken to all of the changes in the Hub. Hopefully the next half term will be even more exciting!

I am running an optional **Half Term Reading Challenge** for pupils throughout the school. Please encourage your child to participate. Children are challenged to read an entire book over half term – something they wouldn't usually go for would be wonderful – and to either write or draw something about it. There will be winners for primary and secondary, and I will display as many finished entries as I can around the libraries.

Plea for books! Firstly, please can all children kindly check at home for any stray library books that may have moved in under beds, behind cupboards or in the dog's bed... Books that aren't returned will eventually have to be paid for or replaced, but we would rather just have them back, even if they are years late! Secondly, if you have any good quality secondary, young adult or even adult fiction that you no longer need and would like to donate it to the school, please send it in. The older years are begging for Stephen King, so if he is unwanted on your shelves I will gladly rehome him here!

READERS OF THE WEEK

Persie Lewis – Year 1, Hattie Ditcher – Year 6, Isabella Entwhistle-Heathcock – 8RP, Rhys Clarke – 8RP, Oliver Harrison – 9SE, Ewan Mottram – 10AMK, Charlie Edwards – 11CED, Ellie-May Dwyer – 11CED Ms. Lovecy will be giving out the certificates in assembly, and the children will be able to tell you exactly why they won one!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson – an fabulous wintery adventure book from our Dyslexia Friendly novels, this book is based on real life events, and is suitable for anyone from 8-16! When orphan Matthew Henson ran away from his violent stepmother to find a new life in the big city, no one could have predicted that he would become the first man to reach the North Pole. A little luck and a lot of hard work led to a life of adventure on the high seas and in the Arctic, but back home in America his achievements were ignored due to the colour of his skin.





This week we held our Harvest Festivals at the church and in school. Members of the School Council have delivered the donations to Cedar Close this afternoon. Thankyou to all our parents and staff who donated

Nursery and Reception 2 Classes

After half term, there will be some changes to staffing. Mr Riley will teach Reception 2 class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Ms Faulks will teach the class on a Thursday. For the remainder of the week, Ms Faulks will teach our Nursery class.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31 OCTOBER—PRIMARY HALOWEEN DISCO

31 OCTOBER—Flu vaccinations reception—yr 9—copy of consent form available on [website](#)

3 NOVEMBER—year 12 Achievements evening

11 NOVEMBER—WOW day and careers fair

18 NOVEMBER—Children in Need day—non uniform for £1 donation

5 DECEMBER—Mock exams start for year 11

9 DECEMBER—Church Christmas Service

12 DECEMBER—KS1 Christmas performance

13 DECEMBER—NURSERY AND KS2 Christmas performance

14 DECEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW AND STAFF PANTO

16 DECEMBER—LAST DAY—2PM FINISH—NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB