



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

9 December 2022

We are in the Christmas mood with lots of rehearsals taking place for the Christmas shows next week—further details about timings are in this newsletter!

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch next Tuesday; for PRIMARY if you haven't returned the reply slip you will need to send your child to school with a packed lunch as there wont be any other food available on the day.

Aspens our school caters are keen to receive any feedback from you about every aspect of the catering here in school. There are two surveys , one primary and one secondary—please click on a link below

[St. Martins Secondary Students](#)

[St. Martins Primary Parents](#)

Year 3 visited Oswestry to have a lovely wintry walk around the town centre, exploring the history of Oswestry and its English and Welsh influences as part of their local history topic 'Life On The Border'. They picked a fabulous day!!



Don't forget to get your tickets for our Christmas Show on WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER, starts at 6.30pm tickets available to buy on parentpay. We will also be selling pre loved and lost property uniform, and our student enterprise group ST MARTINS UNLIMITED will be selling brownie and hot chocolate festive mixes!!



Huge well done to Jacob Warne who represented St Martins Unlimited and school at the recent Three Parishes Big Local celebration! School has benefitted from grants for various projects over the past 8 years most recently they supported our breakfast bagel and toast and the St Martins Unlimited enterprise project.

We finish at 2pm secondary and 2.15pm primary on FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER. Have a lovely weekend Ms Lovecy



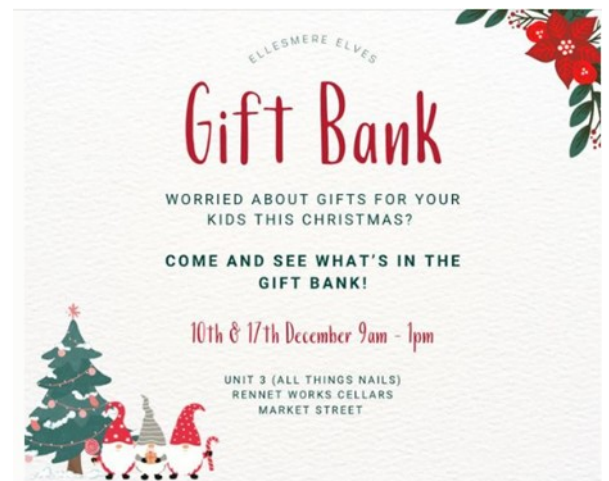


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A few weeks ago Year 5/6 played their first competitive netball match against Whittington school. Unfortunately we lost both games but every player played well and we really enjoyed the experience. WELL DONE TEAM!



Ellesmere elves invite you to the Gift bank this Saturday between 8am and 1pm. Collect a special toy for a child or drop one off to be rehomed. We are also running a swap a toy so if your child has out grown one they can come

TNS—Winter HAF activities in the villages of St Martins, Weston Rhyn, Gobowen and Whittington on 19th, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Those for St Martins are taking place at St Martins Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, although children are very welcome to attend any/all of the locations. The programme is also open to all other families, but HAF eligible families the first option to book..

The HAF booking code for St Martins 3-16 school is L6YX8

Spaces are limited, and bookings can be made via the following link: <https://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities>. When booking, parents are asked please to ensure that they select the date and start time (located to the right of the calendar) of the location they are booking, and if they answer 'no' to any of the questions, please ensure that a 'n/a' is inserted in to the following text box. This should ensure bookings complete without any hitches!





**Monday 12 December – KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Performance – ‘The Sleepy Shepherd’**

**Doors open at 9am, performance starts at 9.15am**

**Tuesday 13 December – EYFS (Nursery and Reception Classes) Christmas Performance – ‘Shine, Star, Shine’**

**Doors open at 9am, performance starts at 9.15am**

**Tuesday 13 December – Christmas Dinner – Whole School**

**Tuesday 13 December – KS2 (Years 3 – 6) Christmas Performance – ‘Rejoice’**

**Doors open 2pm, performance starts at 2.30pm**

**A letter with more information and your tickets has been issued . Please note that due to capacity, only two tickets per family will be issued for the performances in school.**

**Wednesday 14 December—Christmas showcase and staff panto—6.30pm start. Tickets £2**

Tickets and information have been sent home last week. Please ensure that you bring your tickets with you to the performance. You will be asked to sign in next to the child’s name, so unfortunately you will be unable to pass tickets to other families. Any unwanted tickets can be returned to class teachers or Reception. There will be a raffle at each performance and tickets will be £1.00 a strip. Money will go towards our playground equipment fund. On Tuesday 6th December pupils in Years 1 – 5 and the children from year 6 who are reading in the church will walk to the church for a rehearsal. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions or concerns about this.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

4 JANUARY—return to school for all students

## HUB NEWS

This week, some of the students who entered the Half Term reading Challenge in secondary were rewarded with a trip to Birmingham. Mr. Edwards arranged for us to visit the stunning library, where the children had a fantastic time choosing books they would like to see in the school library. Here they are on the Story Steps with some of the books they chose. All of the children were fantastically well-behaved and a credit to the school and their families.



## READERS OF THE WEEK

Poppy Elnor – Year 1 , Alfie Morgan Howell – Year 6

Evie Stevens – 7NP, Gabriel Pearson – 7ZW

Kian Davies – 7ZW, Malachi Lewis – 8CY

Faye Davenport – 9JPO, 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



Land of Stories by Chris Colfer – Recommended by Martha in Year 8, I had to give it a try and she's right – it is fantastic! It is a long book, but don't be daunted; it is fast-paced and a wonderful combination of real life and fairy tales. It's the first of a series, so that's your next few reading decisions made for you!

The blurb says:

*Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change.*

*When the twins' grandmother gives them a treasured fairy-tale book, they have no idea they're about to enter a land beyond all imagining: the Land of Stories, where fairy tales are real.*