



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

27 January 2023

Since our IT changeover we are experiencing some issues! We believe our email system is now operating as it should. However there have been some scam emails sent to parents from school staff accounts—PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE EMAILS. Our IT support are working on the problem. Thankyou for your continued patience The school reception email is: [reception@stm.318education.co.uk](mailto:reception@stm.318education.co.uk)

Many of you will know that one of the teaching unions will go ahead with strike action over the next few weeks. The dates that have been communicated are: **1 February, 1 March, 15 and 16 March**. Any member of staff who is in a union does not have to inform their employer if they intend to strike, we have however asked the question if they would let school know so we can inform parents. School will do everything possible to remain fully open for all students.

**At the present time there will be NO DISRUPTION TO SECONDARY OR PRIMARY TEACHING ON 1 FEBRUARY and school is open to all student. We will advise parents about the other planned strike dates as soon as we can.**

Rewards Trips are taking place today for secondary students—there will be some photos next week. We reward students with an opportunity to take part in a school trip when their school report for attitude to learning and behaviour are 'good' and their attendance is in line with county and country levels. Well done all!

As you will know we welcomed Ofsted inspectors into school this week, they looked into all areas of the school; teaching and learning, our procedures and practice. Even Mr Wilko got involved meeting all four inspectors! Although he wasn't free to help at reception!

The report will be finalised over the next 4 weeks and I will then share this with parents. Thankyou to all parents who completed the questionnaire.

Its primary parents evening next Tuesday and Wednesday—appointments can be made via School Cloud [https://](https://stmartins316.schoolcloud.co.uk/)

[stmartins316.schoolcloud.co.uk/](https://stmartins316.schoolcloud.co.uk/) There have been some technical issues with parents not being able to access appointments with Year 6 Ms Pritchard—please contact reception. The site will be closed for bookings on Monday.

We have the final few Year 11 mock exams to process; results will be shared with students early next week ahead of the targeted year 11 parents evening on Thursday. This is a targeted review day, and parents will receive separate notification where appropriate.

**Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy**





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How do apprenticeships work? Here are all the answers you need

[Start | Apprenticeships | Your Questions Answered \(startprofile.com\)](https://startprofile.com)

We're really pleased to announce that All About Apprenticeships 2023 will take place in National Apprenticeship Week – Tuesday 7 February 2023. Save the date and spread the word!

It will build on the very successful event of 2022 which attracted more than 600 young people, parents and teachers, all keen to find out more about Apprenticeships.

Employers representing a wide range of industries, training providers, colleges and universities from across the county will showcase their offer and provide advice and guidance about Apprenticeships.

For more information visit: [shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk](https://shropshireapprenticeships.co.uk) Apprenticeship Ambassador Network The Marches Skills Provider Network



Its not too late to buy a raffle ticket for our raffle - just £1 available to buy through Parentpay—prizes include pamper packs, perfume, wine, chocolate, arts and crafts sets and a beautiful piece of glass wear from Verity Pulford glass artist. Draw will take place on the 31 January!!

## GAMES & HOT CHOCOLATE!

A free family event at

**GOBOWEN LIBRARY**

**Tuesday 21 February 10.30-12**



Join us for a cosy morning of board games & hot chocolate.

Suitable for children aged 4+

Booking essential - call 01691-653388 or email [gobowen.library@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:gobowen.library@shropshire.gov.uk) for details



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Netball restarted on Tuesday with Ms Hamm Jones. Fixtures are to follow. Year 9 netball tournament will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February at Ellesmere College. ZHJ will be taking year 7/8 girls and boys to the North Shropshire Indoor Athletics event at The Marches on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Ms Hamm Jones will be back doing Badminton club after school on Wednesdays from next week. All are welcome. Please get permission from home to come along and know how you are getting home. To get a seat on the late school bus please go to reception on the morning of the club. Come on 2023 St. Martins! Glad to be back. Mrs Hamm-Jones. ( We have missed you Ms Hamm Jones!!!!)





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## HUB NEWS

There's a lot going on in the libraries to tell you about!

Starting from next week, the primary library will be open to pupils from years 3,4 and 5 on specific days at lunch, so that they can come in and choose a new book with my help, and the help of my Year 6 librarians. I'm really looking forward to talking to them about what they're reading, and to helping them find something great to read.

I'm excited to announce the launch of our Collect an Author challenge in the secondary library. Students read a series or collection of books by a specific author in order to win house points and a certificate. Keep an eye out for the Collect an Author display in the Hub to see which authors are included, and I'll be adding new ones regularly.



Finally, to celebrate Inspire Your Heart with Art Day next Tuesday, a display cabinet in the Hub is showing off some of the amazing art work that students have created. Miss Price has kindly agreed to let us keep that as a permanent feature, so whenever you pop in to school you'll be able to see how talented your children are!

## SECONDARY CLASS OF THE WEEK

I've had so many pupils in this week using the self-access facility; it's been great to see them independently choosing books, then talking to me about them later on. This week there are two classes who have jointly had the highest numbers of different children who've been in to borrow books this week. Congratulations to 7NP and 7ZW!

## READERS OF THE WEEK

Jessica Arias – Year 3, Archie Griffiths – 7CJ, Jacob Lloyd – 7EH, Freya Barrett – 7CJ, Charley Cutajar – 11C, Mrs. Arias

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

This week's Book of the Week is one of my all-time favourite books, perfect for anyone from Year 4 all the way up to adults. Finn Family Moomintroll by Tove Jansson is part of a series of books, and she is also one of the authors in our Collect An Author challenge. They are children's stories on the surface, but there are some dark twists, and some messages that only older readers might understand.

The blurb says:

*Although they're small, fat and shy creatures, Moomins have the most amazing adventures. It all begins when Moominpappa tries on a magic hat that makes exciting and funny things happen.*

Have a relaxing, book-infused weekend, Mrs. L

