



# ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

## 17th November 2023

Website - <http://www.st-martinsoldham.co.uk/>

Our Christian theme this half term is:  
Truthfulness.



### Weekly Awards

Our Weekly Award winners are:

#### LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Amber Cleworth  
Hollie Howland  
Annastasia Hilderley  
Chloe Nve Santos  
Oscar Burns  
Aimee Whittaker  
Amy-Leigh Cooke  
David Alecsandru

Know how to help if someone is being bullied.

#### JIGGY OF THE WEEK

Evelyn Myerscough  
Jessica Whalen  
Adeleye Oluwatuyi  
Briana Hinton  
Abigail Greaves  
Charlea Melia  
Masie-Leeh McLaren  
Oliver Hanley-Holt

## School Photographs

School photographs were given out this week - if you made an order for a printed photograph and didn't receive it or want to make an order for a digital one, please contact Ian directly via email stating your child's name and class.

ianwallis@icloud.com



## 100% attendance raffle



At the end of every half term, we will be holding a prize draw to reward our children's excellent attendance. The children will get a raffle ticket for every week they have gained 100% attendance during the half term – these will then go into the draw. There will be three prizes which will be vouchers for a supermarket of your choice.

1<sup>st</sup> - £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £75, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £50

We hope by doing this we can encourage everyone to work towards gaining 100% attendance.



## Big Brush!

Children's oral health in Oldham is one of the worst in the country and is a major concern. Big Brush Month is a local campaign supported by Oldham Council and Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust and is a fantastic opportunity to promote the key toothbrushing messages.

Throughout the month we want all partners and agencies who work with families and young children to help raise awareness by promoting the following:

- *Brush teeth twice a day especially at bedtime and at one other time in the day*
- *Use a family toothpaste that contains at least 1350ppm fluoride to give the best protection.*
- *Use a smear of family fluoride toothpaste for children under three and from three use a small pea size amount.*
- *Spit out after brushing and do not rinse with water.*
- *Help children to brush their teeth until they are at least seven years old.*

'The Big Brush Quiz' is attached to help brush-up on your oral health facts and please share the video [Top toothbrushing tips for home](#) (Greater Manchester Training Hub: Top Toothbrushing Tips for Home).



## Children in need



Pin badges and wrist bands have been on sale in support of **Children in Need** this week, we'd like to thank everyone for there donations.



## Christmas Cards



As we are an eco-school, we would like to ask that, instead of your child sending lots of cards to their friends in school, that they send only ONE card to the whole of their class from them. This will be more environmentally friendly and, if they make their own card, much more fun!

Thank you!



## Christmas Dinner



If your child usually brings their own packed lunch to school and would like a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, please make sure you have consented on Arbor, to order your dinner.

If you do not order a dinner your child will need to bring their packed lunch in as usual.

If your child has a school dinner, they will be offered a Christmas dinner as their usual school meal.

If your child usually has a packed lunch, the cost of the Christmas dinner is £2.60, unless they are entitled to free school meals or are in Reception – Year 2 classes.

Thank you.

## Diary Dates

Nursery – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Santas Grotto @ The Brew  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reindeers in school  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up for Christmas holiday  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Back to school for new term



## Christmas Dates



Along with other festive activities and events taking place with our children, this half term, parents, and carers are invited to join in the following:

### **Christmas Crafternoons**

- Year 2 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm
- Nursery – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9-10am
- Year 1 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm
- Year 6 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm
- Year 5 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm
- Reception – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9-10am
- Year 4 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm
- Year 3 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm - KS2 Christmas celebration  
Wednesdy 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm – KS1 Christmas Celebration

