



# ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

## 24th 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

Graihagh Rogers  
David Akinsomi  
Isabella Ashton  
Wenebi Julius  
Lily-Rose Barlow  
Jack Owens-Tunncliffe  
Scarlett Curtis  
Anisya Blindu

Try to Solve problems.

#### JIGGY OF THE WEEK

Autumn Stephenson  
Avraam Blindu  
Hidayah Khan  
Kaydee Taylor  
Damie Akartel  
Zahra Yousaf  
Thomas Hadfield  
Dennis Badby



## 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** last week, we'd like to thank everyone for there donations in total we collected £225.

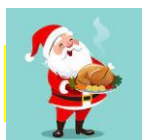


## Christmas Cards



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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Pantomime 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  
Nursery & Reception - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 9.19-9.45am EYFS Christmas  
Celebration  
Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm – KS1 Christmas Celebration

**Tickets for our Christmas Hamper raffle will be sold at these events at £1 per strip.**

