



ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

15th December 2023

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

Our Christian theme this half term is:
Truthfulness.



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.

1st - £100, 2nd - £75, 3rd - £50

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



Christmas News



Our Year 1 to Year 6 children have been working with Mr Cummings - our music teacher over the last few weeks. This morning we had an Assembly where the children sang, played instruments, and got into the Christmas spirit. We want to thank everyone for coming and hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

We had a visit from the reindeers yesterday afternoon. Our children enjoyed seeing them close-up and asking lots of questions about them.

We have now come to the end of our Christmas crafternoons, where our children decorated T-shirts to wear on our Christmas lunch day and joined in other festive activities. We would like to thank Debonair for providing us with our T-shirts at a great price and speedy delivery!

The HAF winter programme

The HAF Winter Programme website is now
live: <https://www.whatsonoldham.org/>

The website containing information about our Activities for All offer is also now
available here:- <https://www.whatsonoldham.org/activities-for-all/>

More activities may be added as the month progresses so, please keep
checking the website for the most up to date information.



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 Lunch

REMINDER

If your child usually has a packed lunch and has ordered a Christmas dinner for 20th
December, payment of **£2.60 per child** can be made on Arbor on or after the 20th or
in cash at the main office.

Thank you.

**Please note that we DO NOT want you to go out and buy a Christmas jumper for
your child to wear on Wednesday 20th December. Indeed, as we have done for the
last few years, we have purchased T shirts for every child in school who will spend
time decorating it on their Christmas Crafternoon - with your help if you are
available to attend. Everybody then wears their highly personal, decorated T shirts
in school on our Christmas dinner day and can then take their T shirt home with
them to keep. This ensures that everybody is included in this initiative at no cost to
you at this very expensive time of year.**



Reindeer Run for Dr Kershaw's



This year we will be taking part in the reindeer run in support of Dr Kershaw's hospice. The children will be provided with reindeer antlers, sponsorship envelopes and a certificate for taking part. There will be a reindeer mascot and hopefully Santa Clause will join us too! We will be taking a walk around the local area and hopefully stopping to sing some Christmas carols.

Please could we ask that sponsor forms are back in by Friday 15th December.

'Dr Kershaw's Reindeer Run provides a fun festive activity for children and adults to get involved in and enjoy, giving us all something to smile about at Christmas...

At Christmas, we are asking pupils from local schools and nurseries across the community to don their reindeer antlers, to raise money for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, in support of patient care. You can even sign up to the Reindeer Run with your own child at home to support our Hospice.'



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:

Years 3,4,5 & 6 - Monday 18th December @ 2pm - KS2 Christmas Celebration
Nursery & Reception - Wednesday 20th December - 9.19-9.45am EYFS Christmas Celebration
Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday 20th December @ 2pm – KS1 Christmas Celebration

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

Diary Dates

Monday 18th December – Reindeer run for Dr Kershaws

Tuesday 19th – Pantomime in school
Wednesday 20th December – Christmas lunch
Thursday 21st December – Break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 8th January 2024 – Back to school for new term

