

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

16th February 2024

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

Our Christian theme this half term is Hope.



Always Awards



Our Always children this half term are:

Madelyn Newman
Hollie Howland
Finley Rogers
Thomas Owens
Lena Chmielinska
Thomas McNamara-Palmer
Abbygail Hartley-Westcott
Harvey Anderson

We are also impressed with the number of children receiving their 100% attendance awards again today. Keep it up! Remember every half term award is another ticket in the big prize draw at the end of the term!

We hope everyone has a lovely break and see you back on Monday 26th February!



Healthy Eating.



At St Martins we are a healthy eating school, this means our children are provided with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables at break time. We ask that children who bring packed lunches follow the guidelines for a healthy lunch that is on our school website.

Please can we also remind you as we are a healthy eating school, we cannot allow children to bring in sweets for their birthdays, instead we have the birthday book club where your child can donate a book to the class library – this will have a recognition sticker inside commemorating their birthday. This means all the children in their class can enjoy the book.



School Uniform



School uniform is compulsory for all children that attend our school. Children are expected to arrive at school every day wearing the correct school uniform. The school uniform is as follows:

- *Black/ grey school trousers or skirt/pinafore*
 - *Yellow polo shirt*
- *Green jumper or cardigan with/without school logo*
 - *Plain black school shoes (no trainers)*
 - *Dark Green PE shorts*
 - *White short sleeved PE t-shirt*
 - *Outside PE kit as an optional addition*
- *Green & white checked dress (as an option in summer)*
 - *Fleece (optional)*

Attendance and Holidays in term time

Please make sure your child is in school every day, unless they are unable to attend due to illness.

Headteachers are no longer allowed by law to authorise term-time holidays. This has been in place since September 2013. Parents will be fined by the local authority for taking children out of school during term-time to go on holiday.

Please book your holidays during the school holidays to avoid being fined by the local authority. Oldham are now fining for holidays in term time.

If school has been notified that a child is off due to illness when they are in fact away on holiday, and this comes to our attention, this will be regarded as an unauthorised absence and recorded as such.



World Book Day

This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 7th March. We have decided to hold a few different reading events throughout the day including, a stay and read for parents and a Big Book Giveaway.

Children are invited to come into school wearing their comfiest clothes or pyjamas so they are able to share a story in a comfy way. Each class will pair up with a different class to share and enjoy stories together and our newly established Reading Ambassadors will hold a Big Book Giveaway.

Parents are invited to stay and read with their children following drop-off in the morning from 8:40am until 9:00am. Reception class will hold their stay and read in the afternoon from 3pm until 3:15pm.

Your children will also receive a world book day voucher which can be taken to participating supermarkets and exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books.

Please find below links where you can enjoy a selection of FREE audiobooks and Share a Story Corner Video Stories.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

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School Gate Times/ Bike shed



The school day is as follows.

Nursery **8.45am – 11.45am**

Reception to Year 6 **8.45am – 3.15pm**

The gates will be open at 8.35am and **closed just before 8.45am** so that teaching can start **promptly at 8.45am.**

The gates will be open at **3.10pm and closed at 3.30pm.**

Breakfast club will continue to open from **8am** for all our families with children of Reception age and up, to access.

The bike shed is open earlier for breakfast club students to access. We cannot take any bikes or scooters in through the main entrance – once the gates are locked after final bell at 8.45am they will not be reopened therefore if your child is late

and comes on a scooter or bike unfortunately you would need to take it home with you.

Diary Dates

Break up for half term – Friday 16th February

Back to School -Monday 26th February

Year 2 Trip Blackpool Zoo – Wednesday 28th February

Year 5 Swimming – Friday 1st March

Year 4 Trip Martin Mere – Friday 8th March

Stay and read - Nursery, Year 1,2,3,4,5,6 – Thursday 7th March 8.40am-9am

Stay and read – Reception – Thursday 7th March 3-3.15pm

