

# St Martin's Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

## Communication

Feedback from the questionnaires and from parent voice mentioned **communication**. Some parents do not think communication is enough while others say they get too much. This is an area I am keen to get right so would like to **invite all parents** to a communication 'focus group' meeting on **Monday 13th November at 2.30pm** in the breakfast club mobile. This will be a chance to talk about what is good and what needs to change so that we can make communication the best it can be. There will be refreshments available 😊.

## Attendance

We are getting better each week with attendance so **thank you** all for your support. Please only keep your child off school if completely necessary. I know how expensive holidays can be during school half terms but please think twice before booking, your children are not only missing out on learning but also on fun experiences we have. This half term alone there have been **108 days** taken as holidays. Holidays will never be authorised in term time but I know some people really struggle so think about whether you need to take the whole week or could going one or two days before a school holiday cost the same without impacting on your **child's education** as much.

## Attendance

Year R - 96% 6 Lates  
Year 1 - 94%  
Year 2 - 94%  
**\*Year 3 - 96%\***  
Year 4 - 92%  
**Year 5 - 97% 7 Lates**  
Year 6 - 92%

Only 2 classes with less than 10 lates

**\*Well done to year 3, this weeks Dojo Champs\***

Anyone who comes into school after 8:50am is marked as late. Please try to be an attendance



## Well done to everyone who got a certificate this week.

Purple Tie certificates are given for children who embody our rules of being Kind Respectful and Responsible.



## First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 26th October at 2.30pm**, for Parents of any child who wants to make **their First Holy Communion** this year (Y3 upwards).



## Half Term

A reminder that school closes on **Friday 27th October at 3.25pm** for the half term holiday. We will return to school on **Monday 6th November at 8.40am**.



## Aspirations Week

Next week we will be looking at **different jobs and careers** in order to develop **children's aspirations** for the future, children will be doing lots of activities during the week but here are some of the additional visitors we have planned.

On **Monday KS2** will have talks from **HMRC** about managing money and the world of tax. On **Tuesday** we are having a **guess the job assembly** with people from different sectors. On **Wednesday Y6** are having a visit from the **Magistrates** about their role and **Y5** will be invited to become **mini-police**. On **Friday** Children can come to school **dressed** as what they want to be when they **grow up**.



## Assemblies

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1

Parents/Carers are welcome to come along to assembly. Assembly takes place at 9:10am.



## Online Safety

This week's safety advice is about **EA Sports** and is attached with this newsletter.



## Autumn Term Key Dates

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| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                       | – Aspirations Assembly                                       |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October                     | – Y1 & EYFS attending Mass                                   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October                      | – First Holy Communion Meeting 2.30pm in the hall.           |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> October-3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> | <b>– Half term</b>   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November                     | – Whole school Mass – Remembrance                            |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                      | – Y5/Y6 The Last Post @ The Brindley                         |
| W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November                          | – Anti-Bullying week   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November                    | – LKS2 Mass at 10am  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                       | – Children in Need   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                     | – <b>School Open day for Reception 2024</b>                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> November           | – <b>Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communions</b>            |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                    | – KS1 & EYFS Mass at 10am                                    |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Decembe                      | – Whole school Mass to celebrate beginning of Advent at 10am |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                        | – <b>EYFS Christmas performance 10am</b>                     |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                      | – <b>KS2 Christmas performance 1.30pm</b>                    |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                     | – <b>KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm</b>                    |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                       | – Christmas dinner day                                       |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                      | – Christmas fayre morning                                    |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                    | – Christmas Mass at 10am                                     |
|  | Class parties  |
|  | <b>Finish for Christmas at 1.30pm</b>                        |

