

# St Martin's Newsletter



SPRING TERM - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

## For Parents

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:**

Photos for Preschool leavers, YR and Y6

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:**

YR Assembly 9.10am

## Attendance

This week we had a huge drop and one of the worst weeks this year for attendance with **89%** 😞. However punctuality remains good. Let's try really hard next week to get back **above 90%**.

## Attendance

PreSchool- 81% 5 Lates

**Year R - 93% 3 Lates**

Year 1 - 84% 5 Lates

**\*Year 2 - 93% 2 Lates\***

Year 3 - 87% 12 Lates

Year 4 - 89% 1 Late

Year 5 - 86% 3 Lates

Year 6 - 92% 3 Lates

**\*Well done to year 2, this week's Dojo Champs\***

Anyone who comes into school after 8:50am is marked as late.

Please try to be an attendance



## Easter Events

Here are some of the Easter activities that will take place during the week before the break, to give you advanced notice in case you want to start thinking about this now.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Hop for Haven

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** - Cake sale

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** - Decorate the Egg Competition

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Egg raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade

## Events Calendar

We have a few trips coming up - as well as the messages we send out, you can also see all **school events** on the **School Spider App** and on the school website. Please check these regularly to see what is happening during the upcoming week.

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is a resource for parents to use when discussing the **weekly Gospel's** with their families.

## Google Family Link

A parent has shared with us an excellent resource called **Google Family Link** app, which you can get for both android and apple devices. This links your phone with your child's so you can monitor their texts, calls and search history easily.

## St Martin's Stars

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.

NURSERY: Star- Bonnie C

Value- Ava B

YEAR R: Star- Maddison M

Purple tie- Daisy A

Value- Harper F

YEAR 1: Star- Romaisa A

Purple tie- Amelia-Rose R

Value- Ellenor MK

YEAR 2: Star- Harry A

Purple tie- Amelia M

Value- Amelia M

YEAR 3: Star- Ellzah B

Purple tie- Dougie S

Value- Joshua N

YEAR 4: Star- Charlie S

Purple tie- Mila W

Value- Reggie MW

YEAR 5: Star- Ella-Rose C

Purple tie- Blossom J

Value- Frankie C

YEAR 6: Star- Ella R

Purple tie- Alfie S

Value- Maisie J

We have been chosen to start a **free whole school breakfast provision** from **after Easter**. This will run from 8.10am until 8.40am - children will need to be in school by 8.30am to give them enough time to eat their breakfast.

Wraparound care will still be available from 7.30am but will now be in the hall and there will be a cost of £1.40 per child to cover the childcare element as the breakfast itself will now be free. This will continue to be booked via the app.

### Safety Advice

This guide highlights the potential dangers children face when watching and engaging with streamers and the importance of staying informed so you can help mitigate the risks.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.
- NEGATIVE INFLUENCES**  
While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.
- FINANCIAL HARM**  
Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.
- UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS**  
Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.
- MISINFORMATION**  
Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.
- ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME**  
If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS**  
For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.
- CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS**  
While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.
- DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION**  
Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.
- SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS**  
You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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