



Reception 2020 visits: Please pass this information on to anyone looking for a school place from September:

Monday 11th November

9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday 13th November

1.00pm to 3.00pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

*** Tuesday 12th November**

3.30pm to 5.00pm and

*** Thursday 14th November**

5.00pm to 7.00pm ~ Parent

Consultation Meetings.

On **Tuesday 12th November** they will be **no Parkour and Computer club** on due to Parents Evening. **Tiger Marital Arts** will be in the Dining Hall. Thank you.

***Tuesday 12th November ~**

Odd Socks day

***Wednesday 13th November**

2.00pm to 3.00pm ~ Parents
Netball Club

***Friday 15th November ~**

Children in Need 'Spotty & Dotty'
MUFTI day. Suggested £1
donation.

***Monday 18th November ~**

INSET DAY (school closed to all
pupils).

***Friday 29th November ~**

Closing date for Parent Governor
nominations

Christmas Events

Palladian Trust Carol Service

*** Tuesday 10th December at**

6pm at Bath Abbey Further
details to follow.

MCC Christmas Play

*** Friday 13th December**

Reception & Keystage One

Christmas Performance 1 ~

*** Tuesday 17th December at**

9.30am ~ coffee & mince pies
from 9.00am

*** Wednesday 18th December ~**

Christmas Lunch. Further details
to follow.

Reception & Keystage One

Christmas Performance 2 ~

*** Thursday 19th December at**

2.15pm ~ coffee & mince pies
from 1.45am.

Whole school Carol Concert ~

*** Friday 20th December at**

2.15pm

A positive difference, everyday, everyone

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your batteries are fully charged as we have an action packed term ahead. A few more firsts for me including the Reception and Key Stage1 Nativity, Bronze, Silver, Platinum and Gold's hotly anticipated production and the Christmas concert performances. I'm adding a few extra mystery events to the calendar during the run up to the end of term, so please keep an eye on our twitter feed to find out more.

On the final afternoon of last term the Margaret Coates Centre celebrated its 50th Anniversary. This was such an amazing event, attended by so many current and past pupils as well as teachers, families, friends and supporters. The staff and pupils produced a fantastic array of cakes and savoury food items to eat that even I found it difficult to choose which to try first. A very big thank you to Mrs Crawford... who made a fantastic 50th Anniversary cake to help us celebrate and to all the staff and pupils who helped make this event truly very special.

At the same time our Year 3 and 4 children completed their Roman Battle on the field to resounding roars. I'm sure you will agree their shields looked amazing and their skills were quite terrifying, if you were able to attend. The Year 3 and 4 Roman Legion then inspired our football team to winning ways. They played St Phillips and scored an impressive number of goals winning 11-3. Thank you to all those who were able to support.

This week in school we have launched our **Learning Enquiry- Difference, Diversity and Tolerance** as well as celebrating **Parliament Week** in our assemblies. The children found out about the two houses which make up the Houses of Parliament as well as interesting facts about voting, polling stations and the new Speaker of the House. Very timely!



Over the coming weeks the children will be voting on our new school values and I would like to hear from you and the wider community as well. This is an opportunity for the whole school community to consider the values we would wish our children, parents and the wider community to live by day to day. I will be sending out a voting form next Friday and our Year 5 and 6 children will be collating the results.

Next week is action packed at St Martin's Garden Primary school with our final two **Reception open events of the year on Monday 11th from 9.30am-11 am and Wednesday 13th 1.00 -3.00pm.** Our Year 6 tour guides are looking forward to showing our visitors around. If you do know anyone looking for a place for September 2020 then please share these dates and times with them.

We are again supporting the **British Legion Poppy Appeal** and will be selling Poppies and Stationery on their behalf, until 11th November, at the school office. We will be marking the day with a special assembly at 11 am on 11th November.



Mrs Parfitt message continued..

Our first Parent Consultation Meetings of the year are also next week on **Tuesday 12th November, 3.30pm to 5.00pm** and **Thursday 14th November, 5.00pm to 7.00pm** ~ if you have not had chance to sign up, please do. These are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's learning so far and to discuss the year ahead. I am really looking forward to seeing you there.



On **Tuesday 12th November** we will also be supporting **Odd Socks Day** which highlights the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. **Please come to school wearing odd socks (No donation required)**. Over the week we will be thinking about and celebrating individuality and what makes us all unique!

On Wednesday next week (13th) please come along and join the first **Parents Netball Club** session supported by Sporting Family Change. This will be **every Wednesday from 2.00 – 3.00 pm in our small hall** and will be *open to all parents*. This session will be run by Ms Serena Guthrie (England Netball Captain) and Ms Hayley Clarke who I met with last week. The sessions will be lots of fun.

Carrying on the netball theme our school team played their first **High Five Cup match** of the year against St Julian's this week and won **12-0**. Thank you to Emma, their coach and Mrs Franklin for supporting the team.

Towards the end of the week we are raising funds for **Children in Need**. On **Friday 15th November** the children can come into school wearing Spotty and Dotty mufti in exchange for a donation.



It certainly is a jam packed week which I'm looking forward to already. Enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Parfitt, Head teacher

INSET days for 2019/2020 **School closed for all pupils**

Monday 18th November 2019
Friday 14th February 2020
Monday 9th March 2020
Friday 10th July 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

Attendance Stars:

This week ~

Bronze	98.33%
Peach	97.80%
Gold	97.78%
Platinum	97.5%

Well Done!

DON'T FORGET ~ If you buy books from **THE BOOK PEOPLE** they will donate £1 to us for orders over £10, as part of their **BIG BOOK BOOST** Scheme. Spread the word! Thank you.



REMINDER: Year 1 and 2 now have Swimming on Mondays. Don't forget your swimming Kit and please remove any earrings

Every Monday this term, **Year 3 and 4** classes will be taking part in gymnastics lessons with a coach. The other Y3 P.E. lesson's will be on a different day. Every Tuesday this term, **Year 4** will be going to Bath City Centre to take part in rugby, cricket and dance lessons, with coaches. Please ensure that the children wear trainers as the surface of the Rec was slippery this week.

All pupils must have their PE Kit in school everyday.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are seeking a second parent governor to contribute to the work of the Governing Body of St Martin's Garden Primary School (including the Margaret Coates Centre). The Governing Body works with the Headteacher and staff to oversee the conduct of the school and to shape the school's future direction. The governing body includes parent governors who are elected by parents/carers of pupils at the school.

We are currently looking for a parent governor to join us who can offer:

- a strong commitment to education and the school
- a willingness to learn about governance
- a readiness to play a full part in the collective work of the governing body.

Parent governors play a valuable role, bringing their experience of the school and of the community to the work of governing.

The main duties of the Governing Body are:..

- to ensure all pupils in the school have access to high quality education
- to ensure the design and delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum which helps to maximise each pupil's success and enjoyment
- to ensure all pupils are safeguarded
- to uphold and promote the ethos of the school and the Palladian Academy Trust
- to ensure the school's allocated resources are applied and managed effectively.

All parents/carers of pupils attending the school have the right to stand for election and to propose other candidates. Nominations should be returned to the school marked 'FAO the Clerk to Governors', or via email to d.clayton@palladianacademytrust.com, no later than noon on **Friday 29 November 2019**.

Anyone standing for election must certify that they are not disqualified to stand for any reason. All our governors are expected to follow the Palladian Academy Trust Code of Conduct and agree to a DBS application being made. Training is available for all governors and those new to governance are encouraged to attend induction training.

Nomination forms (downloadable) and further information on the role of parent governors, including a summary of the statutory qualification/disqualification criteria, can be found on the Governors' page of the school website, or collected from the school office on request.

If you are thinking of applying and would like to discuss the role in more detail, please contact the Chair of Governors who would be happy to arrange a meeting. Please email Julia Garratt at governors@stmartinsgarden.org.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your support,

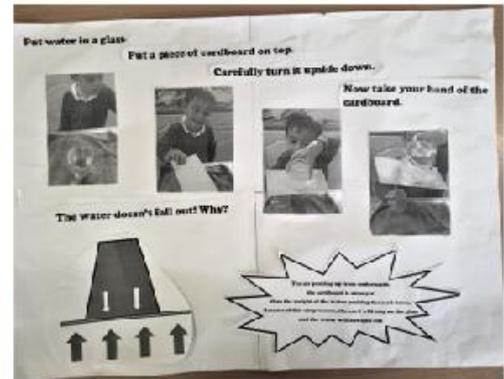
Dr Julia Garratt, Chair of Governors

Science Question of the Week

Congratulations!

Well done to Sebi who demonstrated the upside-down-cup experiment in assembly. This week's winner is Harvey (KS1) for his excellent poster illustrating the experiment and explaining the science behind it.

New question:



Hand your posters to the office or to Mrs Mucunski

by Wednesday 13th November.

Winners announced in Assembly and get to choose prizes from a brand new exciting selection.