



Reception 2020 visits: If you know anyone looking for a school place from September

- * Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am
- * Thursday 12th December at 1.30 pm
- * Thursday 9th January 2020 at 5.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

- * **Monday 18th November ~ INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils).**
- * **Friday 29th November ~ Closing date for Parent Governor nominations**
- * **Thursday 12th December ~ General Election. Polling Station in the Children's Centre. School is open.**

Christmas Events

MCC Christmas Fayre

- * Saturday 7th December
- 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 1.45pm.

Whole school Carol Concert ~

- * Friday 20th December at 2.15pm.
- Term 2 ends (break up for Christmas holidays)**
- * Friday 20th December at 3.15pm

Children Return to School for Term 3

- * Monday 6th January 2020

A positive difference, everyday, everyone

DON'T FORGET - INSET on MONDAY 18TH - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful week it has been at St Martin's Garden Primary School. I couldn't quite believe the sprinkling of snow which made the grounds look amazing yesterday as well.

On Monday we held our **Remembrance Assembly** which was led by Mrs Horn and we reflected on why we remember all those who have lost their lives. Also our Year 6 children were once again praised by the parents they showed round during our **Open Events** this week. They all commented on 'How very informative they were, full of knowledge and so polite' We couldn't be prouder of them and on that note we have a few additional open days to give even more of our children the opportunity to shine when showing others around. I have included some of the other feedback on the reverse of the newsletter. Our New Open Events dates are **Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am, Thursday 12th December at 1.30 pm and Thursday 9th January 2020 at 5.30pm.** Please pass these on to anyone looking for a Reception place for 2020.

On Tuesday, I saw an amazing array of **Odd socks in school** as we supported the Anti-Bullying Alliance- Odd Sock Day. As part of the day we thought about how we are all unique and the similarities and differences we share which is threaded throughout our Learning Enquiry this term- Diversity, Difference and Tolerance. In Assembly we discussed the differences between getting on and falling out with friends, misunderstandings and bullying. We also talked about different ways bullying could happen including **cyberbullying and that 'Bullying' is repetitive and deliberate. Our school message to support our children is; STOP, STOP. Several Times on Purpose, So Tell Other People.** The children know who they can talk to in our school and we hope you would also encourage your child to share their worries with us. On Wednesday it was **World Kindness Day** and as a staff we shared positive messages about the difference we make to others every day. To continue the kindness; tea, coffee and cakes were served on the playground for any parents who were passing by. **At St Martin's Garden Primary School we aim to make a positive difference every day to everyone and on that note I would love to hear about the difference our staff make to you or your child.** If a member of the St Martin's Garden staff made you smile then let us know and we will pass your comments on too them It can be for absolutely anyone in school and for any reason - we'd just like to know. Maybe someone in the office was helpful, someone on the playground made your child smile or your child's class teacher went the extra mile. Please email our office or let me know and I will be sure to pass on your comments. Sporting News: Our **Parent Netball** started this week. I joined some of the sessions which was lots of fun. If you didn't make it don't worry Serena and Hailey look forward to seeing you next week. Today we have celebrated **Children in Need.** There were plenty of spots and dots across the school and maybe a dancing bear as well. Thank you for supporting this cause it makes a real difference to so many children across the country and over 2,800 projects. We will let you know how much we raised next week.

Parent Consultations were this week and it was wonderful to see so many of you in school on Tuesday and Thursday. There was a lovely atmosphere of celebration and collaboration in both halls. The opportunity to discuss: achievements so far, progress and next steps is so important, if you did not manage to attend, please do call or email the School Office to make an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Please remember the school is **closed on Monday** for our **INSET day** and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday. The focus of our INSET is the Curriculum at St Martin's Garden Primary and Wellbeing. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Parfitt, Head teacher

Some of the feedback from our Open Events

- Bright and airy
- Friendly staff and children
- Well equipped
- Very spacious
- Lovely displays. I like the focus on books
- Busy with presentations and clear signs of lots of learning
- Lovely atmosphere
- The School has a very nice feel to it
- Amazing outdoor space
- Brilliant to see you making use of such lovely areas



INSET days for 2019/2020 School closed for all pupils Monday 18th November 2019

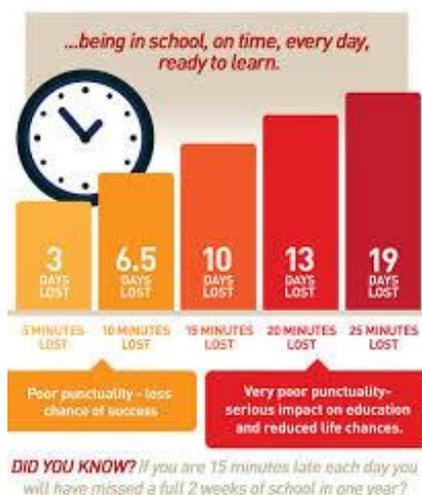
Friday 14th February 2020
Monday 9th March 2020
Friday 10th July 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

GENERAL ELECTION 2019 ~ Thursday 12th December 2019.

The Children's Centre Building will be used as a Polling Station on this day.

The School will remain open.

Please note there will be no access to the Polling Station from the Lymphsham Green side. Thank you.



Every Minute Counts!

Please arrive at school on **time, every day, ready to learn**. School starts at 8.50am.

Arriving late not only impacts on an individual child's learning but the whole class.

DON'T FORGET: We have a fantastic Breakfast Club which is available from 7.30am- 8.40 and is only £1 per week. Please let the office know if you would like a space. Children can arrive anytime after 7.30 and the final breakfasts are served at 8.20 am

Attendance Stars:

This week ~

Platinum	100%
Bronze	100%
Silver	100%
Oak	98.33%
Walnut	97.31%
Well Done!	

Whole School was **95.56%** (very nearly our target of 96%)
Please continue to support our attendance target by being in school everyday!

Science Question of the Week

Congratulations to our winners:

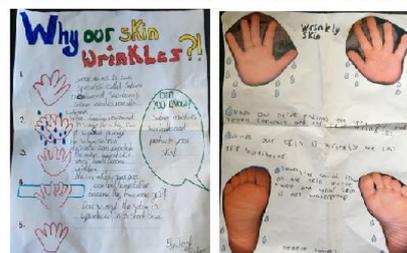
Josh for not only making a great poster but for understanding the answer to the question so well, he explained it in assembly;
Alfie for illustrating with photos how he conducted the experiment at home and found out the answer.

New question:

Why are bubbles round and not any other shape?



Hand your posters to the office or to Mrs Mucunska by **Wednesday 20th November** for morning assembly.



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