



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:

* Friday 29th November ~

Closing date for Parent Governor nominations

* Thursday 12th December ~

General Election. Polling Station in the Children's Centre Building. School is open as normal.

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Another action packed week this week which included our INSET day on developing the curriculum and wellbeing for children across the school. As part of that ongoing curriculum development, I spent time reflecting on the grounds and how we are going to incorporate them into our new curriculum. We have some exciting plans for them and I will be sharing these in the New Year once the designs are completed.

Continuing with the curriculum we have already shared information this year about P.E and Science in our newsletter. This week our focus is **Maths**. Mr Ford is our Maths Lead and has been at the school for four years. He is very excited about the road that we are going on with Mastery Readiness and the involvement of the Boolean Maths Hub at St Martin's Garden Primary School. Next year we will be conducting research into maths learning and we use the White Rose learning resources to support our children's reasoning skills in maths. Over this term children in Key Stage 2 have been logging in to their **Times Table Rock Stars** account. This program aims to help develop children's quick recall of their times tables; something which is vital for your child's Mathematical development. Children will be set times tables by their class teacher and will be able to earn rewards through regular play. Please make sure your child is practising at least 5 times a week; they will also be given time in school to practise as well. Year 2 will be logging into their Times Table Rock Stars accounts over the next few weeks and will bring their login home just before Christmas. **Mr Ford will also be hosting a times table rock stars club next term.** This term we also launched Knowledge Meetings with a Maths focus. These afternoon Maths sessions aim to improve children's mathematical fluency and often involve songs and whole class participation. In a recent assembly, Mr Ford looked at several famous mathematicians and considered their impact on the subject. Over the coming year we will be aiming to show children how Maths relates to all parts of the curriculum. A very exciting maths year ahead.

I know this week across the school Teachers have been catching parents who were unable to attend consultation meetings. These conversations are so important and a real opportunity to discuss: achievements so far, progress and next steps is so important, if you have not managed to make an appointment, please do call or email the School Office to make an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time.

This term as part of our **Difference, Diversity and Tolerance** Learning Enquiry we have been thinking about our values as a whole school. Across this term we have spent time talking about democracy in assemblies. On Monday you will receive a voting form, please could you vote for five values that you would wish our children, parents and the wider community to live by day to day. Our Year 5 and 6 children are really looking forward to counting the votes and having the opportunity to apply for different roles including announcing the results and ensuring that the system is a fair due process.

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Our Year 3's have had a fantastic Rugby fun- filled morning today. They improved their Tag rugby skills with other schools from the Palladian AcademyTrust at the Better Leisure Centre. They had an amazing time despite the variable weather and were a real credit to our school.



A huge thank you for supporting Children in Need last week we **raised £200** pounds which will make a positive difference to so many projects around the country which support children

Have a lovely Weekend. Mrs Parfitt, Head teacher

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 to them. It can be for absolutely anyone in school and for any reason. Please email our office school@stmartinsgarden.org.uk or let me know and I will be sure to pass on your comments. Thank Mrs Parfitt

DON'T FORGET ~ Parents Netball, Wednesdays 2.00 -3.00 pm in the Small Hall please sign in at the office. I will be joining in some of the sessions next week so please come along and join Serena, Hailey and myself. We look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Parfitt.

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 Lympham Green side. Thank you.

Attendance Stars:

This week ~

Silver	100%
Bronze	100%
Gold	98.61%
Oak	97.92%
Orange	97.86%
Walnut	97.12%
Platinum	96.88%
Well Done!	

INSET days for 2019/2020 School closed for all pupils

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

Science Question of the Week

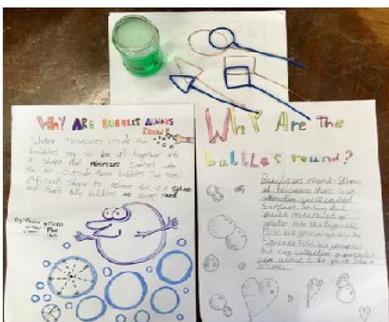
Congratulations to our winners:
Paola & Piero and Mihaela who've made amazing posters and explained the answer so succinctly in assembly;
Sebastian who showed us a practical demonstration with his homemade apparatus.

New question:

Why do we



sweat
or
shiver



Hand your posters to the office or to Mrs Mucunski **by Wednesday 27th Nov** before morning assembly when we will announce the winners.

Choice of great prizes to be won!

Ask any school staff for A3 paper.

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

Do you have some other ideas, which might have puzzled you and which you would like to explore?

KS2? Building a Solar System!

Come and have fun, while finding out and sharing with others, exploring Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) and other worlds.

Workshops delivered by a range of professional volunteers from Ys Enquiring Group.

Saturday 30th November

at The Hub
2:00pm – 4:00

Sign-up at The Hub reception desk or call us on 01225 436869

Working with Curo  

Supported by Curo, The Hub, Graphic Science and STEM Clubs



Quiet Spaces

Bath Central Library drop in sessions for children with additional needs and/or a Disability

During the Christmas Market Bath Central Library are offering a separate relaxed, safe space for families of young people with SEND and/or additional needs who need a break from the 'hustle and bustle'.

Drop in between 11:00am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 30th November

Saturday 7th December

Saturday 14th December



Ask one of the Library staff to point you in the right direction.
Disabled toilets available. Waitrose Café across the hall for refreshments.

Bath Central Library, 19-23 The Podium, Bath BA1 5AN

Library opening times 9:30am – 5:00 pm

We'll have:
∞ sensory toys ∞ bag books
∞ story sacks ∞ black out tent



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