



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

* Thursday 9th January 2020 at
5.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

* **Monday 6th – Friday 10th
January** Physical and
Mental Wellbeing Week

* **Wednesday – 15th January**
~ **History Learning Enquiry
Launch- Which famous
Historical figures can you
spot?**

Coming in February 2020

* **Tuesday 11th February –
Safer Internet Day-**

* **13th February from 3.15 –
4.15pm** - Valentines Day –
PTFA Pop Up Coffee Shop

* **Friday 14th February ~
INSET day** (School closed to
all pupils)

Coming in March 2020 –

* **Monday 2nd March –
Friday 6th March ~ Reading
Matters Week** including
**World Book Day – Dress up
as your favourite Book
character- Thursday 5th
March**

* **Monday 9th March ~
INSET day** (School closed to
all pupils)

* **Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th
March** ~ STEM (Science,
Technology and
Engineering Learning
Enquiry

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Apologies for the slightly delayed newsletter. Technical updates to our computing system after school on the final day of term prevented us from sending it out to you until now.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an action packed week and term it has been! We have certainly celebrated Christmas in style at St Martin's Garden Primary School. Where to even begin with the festive excitement...

I will start with the children in Bronze, Silver, Platinum and Gold classes. They put on an amazing performance of 'The Car that saved Christmas'. It was full of humour and joy. I really enjoyed the singing secret agents, the super hero reindeers (I need a few of these), cheeky elves and the lead performances from Max, George and Gabriel.

Following on from this our Reception and Key Stage 1 performers took to the stage with their performances of 'Everyone Loves a Baby' and how could you not. Each performance was unique and special. A really heartwarming way to start the festive season.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching all of our children during these festive performances. A huge amount of effort goes into making these performances so special for all those involved. I would like to thank all the adults who helped support our children by preparing: scripts, scenary, costumes, music and so much more.

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Message from Mrs Parfitt continued

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA and FOMCU who supported the school by providing the Pop up Festive Coffee Shops at each of the performances. All events raised funds for our new Learning Enquiry Library, which we will open this term.

On Wednesday our amazing catering team and staff supported Christmas Lunch. Having eaten a number of Christmas lunches over the years; I do have to say it was the best one, I have ever eaten. All credit to Mrs Sage and Mrs Whetherly and their additional kitchen elf, Mr Kinver, who supported the Catering team on the day and I do have to say his roast potatoes were exceptional!

Friday was also sprinkled with festive fun. Everyone was wearing non-uniform (raising money for our Oxfam gifts) and enjoying our greatly anticipated first Christmas Quiz (the staff were a little apprehensive). During this the staff completed a series of 'festive challenges' to gain points. I have to say some of the staff could give Olaf a run for his money with their snowman moves. Following all this quiz time excitement a famous visitor appeared in all the classrooms, arranged by the PTFA, with a special gift for all of our children.

We finally finished the week off with our Christmas Carol Concert which I thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to so many of you there and finish the term off with some lovely festive performances.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at St Martin's Garden Primary School and want to thank you all for making me feel so welcome. It is a real privilege to be the Head teacher of this wonderful school community and I am really looking forward to next term and all the exciting events we have planned.

On that note our first week back is a special focused Learning Enquiry '**Physical and Mental Wellbeing**' we have a range of sports providers, growth mindset activities and cooking opportunities planned for all the children. We will also have our first ever St Martin's Garden Potted Sports Event on Wednesday afternoon (weather permitting). **To support this week please make sure your child brings in their P.E kit to school everyday.** We really don't want them to miss out on any of the opportunities to join in with this special learning enquiry week.

Kind regards, Mrs Parfitt, Head teacher

Science Question of the Week

Congratulations to:

Wassim (KS2) and Deva (KS1)

We had such busy end of term, we ran out of time to announce more winners.

Thank you to all the adults who supported the children in their science research. So far this academic year we've had 13 Science Questions and 118 posters were made!



As previously mentioned in one of our newsletters, our school is taking part in an exciting nation-wide science competition **Primary Engineer Leaders Awards 2020**.

IF YOU WERE an **ENGINEER** WHAT WOULD YOU DO?®

The children are asked to **find a problem**, **think of a solution** to it, **draw and annotate their invention** and **write a short explanation** about why it should be manufactured by engineers. In the new term, we will have visits from engineers working for the sponsor companies of this project and local Science and Engineering Ambassadors organised by our local STEM Learning Centre who will be helping us with our entries. **Please support your children making a start on their entry. More information on the website www.leadersaward.com where you can also see last year's winning entries for the South West region and the other UK regions.**