



IMPORTANT DATES:

**No NETBALL CLUB on
MONDAY 27th JANUARY
2020.**

* **Monday 10th February –
Learning Enquiry Launch
day and Author visit.** Further
details to follow.

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

* **Thursday 13th February
from 3.15 – 4.15pm -**

Valentines Day – PTFA Pop
Up Coffee Shop

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

* **HALF-TERM 17th to 21st
February**

* **Monday 17th February ~
Random Acts of Kindness
Day**

* **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**

* **17th March ~ Silly Potted
Sports afternoon for Sports
Relief**

* **Tuesday 24th March ~
DANCE UMBRELLA for MCC
& Yrs 4,5 & 6**

* **Wednesday 25th March ~
DANCE UMBRELLA for Yrs 1,2
& 3. Further details to follow**

**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

A positive difference, everyday, everyone

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our **History Learning Enquiries** for Term 3 and Term 4 are well underway. Across the school, I have seen some amazing Stone Age Art, heard lots of discussion about Mayan Gods as well as the artefacts Explorers will use on their travels this week. Our **Learning Week Newsletter** contains more information about each classes learning which we hope you are enjoying reading. As a school we are always looking at ways we can communicate your child/children's learning with you. If you have any suggestions please email the school, talk to your child's class teacher or let me know.

Over the year so far we have shared information about our **P.E, Science, Maths and Reading** curriculum at St Martin's Garden Primary School. This week the focus is **Writing** and **Mrs Horn is our Writing Lead**. At St Martin's Garden we want our children to become confident, happy and enthusiastic readers and writers. To achieve this we use **high quality books as part of the Power of Reading approach to developing writing**. This creative approach uses **art and drama** to engage our children in their literacy learning. They then use these experiences to write letters, stories, newspaper articles, diary entries, instructions, reports and descriptions.

Spelling is also an important aspect of a writers craft and as a school we are always looking for ways we can support our children's knowledge and understanding. On Monday **Sir Linkalot** is in school running workshops for all our children to support the teaching of **spelling. Please do pop along and join in the workshops** if you can. A reminder of the **workshop timings** can be found on the back of the newsletter.

Our **School Councillors** met this week with **Miss Warren, our School Council Leader**. They thought carefully about their roles and created a School Council Leader Charter. They stated they would lead with **kindness, communicate well, be welcoming to all ideas, make decisions based on the needs of everyone as well as holding me to account**. In our future newsletters, I will share some of their ideas and how as a school we ensure that our Pupils lead change.

The School Council asked the School Leadership Team to increase the number of non-fiction books in the school. This is something we have already started and over the next few weeks a large number of new books will be added to our **new non-fiction Learning Enquiry Room**.

I am very excited to announce that **Justin Anderson, a zoologist and film-maker** will be opening our Learning Enquiry room on **Monday 10th February**.

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Message from Mrs Parfitt continued

He spent three years in Ladakh leading a **BBC crew** filming snow leopards for **Planet Earth II**. He has also written a book about them which he will be sharing on the day. This will be our **first author visit** of 2020 and we are all very excited.

This week in one of our assemblies we discussed the **RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)** charity as it is their **Big Garden Birdwatch** weekend. Our school is very lucky to have such large grounds and we certainly have a wide range of birds in our gardens. Our **Year 3** and **Year 4** children have been bird watching today and they spotted blue tits, sparrows and green finches. The RSPB website is full of information about birds and how you can identify them if you are unsure. Make sure you keep your eyes peeled this weekend and I look forward to hearing from the children on Monday about the birds they spotted.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Claire Parfitt, Head teacher

Attendance Star this week.

Bronze ~ 100%

Platinum ~ 100%

Orange ~ 98.33%

Peach ~ 98.00

Well Done

Sir Linkalot visit on MONDAY 27th JANUARY.

On **Monday 27th January**, **Sir Linkalot** (aka Andy Salmon) will be introducing all the children (Reception to Year 6) and teachers to the world of 'Linking' which is a fun and easy way to remember any fact with the focus being Spelling plus a bit of Maths to show its diversity. We will be using linking to **help improve our Spelling**.

Their
There



Their & There.....The i is a person The r is a signpost

You are invited to come in and see **your child's whole year presentation** and assembly to enable you to pick up some extremely handy tips which you will be able to implement at home.

Workshop Timings:	9.05am	Assembly
	9.25am	Reception
	9.50am	Yrs 1 & 2
	11.00am	Yrs 5 & 6
	2.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4

N.B There will also be a **15 minute parents presentation at 3.15pm** for those that can't make their child's workshop earlier in the day (all children are welcome).

To find out what it's all about, please type in a browser vimeo.com/376397859 to view an extremely powerful video for the "Sir Linkalot" app to show that it works.

Sir Linkalot engages the audience in a fun way to help them learn Spellings they may find difficult. If you can join us at a workshop you are in for a real treat aswell. We hope to see you there!

PE Timetable for Term 3

Yr 5/6 ~ Monday afternoon ~ Swimming ~ **DON'T FORGET YOUR KIT!**

Yr 5/6 ~ Thursday afternoon ~ Dance

Yr 1 ~ Monday afternoon ~ Indoor Tennis and Tuesday afternoon ~ Multi Skills

Yr 2 ~ Monday afternoon ~ Indoor Tennis and Tuesday afternoon ~ Multi Skills

Yr 3&4 ~ Monday afternoon Gymnastics and Thursday afternoon ~ Netball

Bronze, Silver, Platinum and Gold ~ Thursday afternoon ~ Dance

Please make sure that your child has suitable **PE kit in school, everyday**, as we do love to take advantage of our amazing grounds, whenever we can. Thank you.

H.E.R.O Cards ~ At St Martin's Garden we ensure that every child gets the very best education, maximising opportunities for each pupil to achieve their full potential. This can only be accomplished if **children attend school every day**. On Monday the children will receive their next H.E.R.O card of the term if they were **Here Every day and Right on Time**. There are six to collect and anyone who collects all six will automatically be entered into our raffle prize draw with the opportunity to attend a special tea party at the beginning of next term with Mrs Parfitt, Mrs Horn and Mr Boag.

COFFEE EVENTS ~ I will be holding a coffee morning (**Monday 24th February at 9am.**) afternoon (**Wednesday 26th February at 2.30pm**) and evening (**Thursday 5th March at 5.00pm**). These will be focusing on the development of the school's Curriculum and an opportunity to tour the school. Please do let the office know if you will be attending one of these events.

Community News

Team Bath Tennis YEARS 1 AND 2 FUN DAY



We are delighted to announce that Team Bath tennis will be holding our annual tennis fun day at the University of Bath's Sports Training Village. The aim of the day is to offer Years 1 and 2 pupils in the Bath and North East Somerset and Wiltshire catchment areas a chance to play tennis at our LTA Local Player Development Centre in a fun & friendly environment!

Date
Saturday 28th March 2020

Times
First session is 1.00-2.00pm
Second session is 2.00-3.00pm

Content
The courts will be split up into four stations. The stations will be as follows:

- Agility, Balance and Coordination Drills
- Reception Skills and Spatial Awareness Exercises
- Racket Skills
- Overarm Throwing

Who is it for?
Any child who is in Year 1 or 2 who wants to find out more information about tennis in their local area.

Cost
The cost for your 1 hour slot is FREE.

Booking
Use the following link to make your booking
<https://clubsport.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/UniversityofBathTennisCentre/>

Venue
THE SPORTS TRAINING VILLAGE, UNIVERSITY OF BATH, BA2 7AY
For directions, car parking information and facilities at the venue please see our website at: www.teambath.com/about/getting-here/

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