



IMPORTANT DATES:

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

* **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020

* **Wednesday 29th April ~ rags2riches4schools clothes collection day**

* **Year 6 Residential** 15th to 17th June 2020. Please Pay deposit by **6th March.**

Parents Consultations for Year 5 & 6 only on **Tuesday 10th March 4.30 pm to 6.30pm** and **Thursday 12th March 3.30pm to 5.00pm.** Sign up sheets available next week

All other Year groups will in Term 5. Thank you.

INSET days for 2019/2020
School closed for all pupils
Monday 9th March 2020
Friday 10th July 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term (Term 4) which at times has felt like Spring has finally sprung and then not. The children have certainly enjoyed the sunshine at break and lunch times when it has appeared; I trust you all had an enjoyable break over the half term and that you took some time out to relax ready for the term ahead. This term is certainly action packed with our **Reading Matters** and **S.T.E.M Learning Enquiry Weeks** from the 2nd -13th March.

Our Random Acts of Kindness Day during half-term was a huge success. We now have a number of newly created learning spaces across the school. One of the acts of kindness completed on that day was the building of a **'Living Willow Den'**. Mrs Dodge's family kindly donated the den to the school in memory of her mother Angela. Mrs Dodge (Silver Class Teacher) explained that her mother loved the outdoors and reading. The children will be using **'Angela's Reading Den'** later in the year to read books from our new Learning Enquiry Library.



If you would like to view the results of our Random Acts of Kindness Day, the new Learning Enquiry Library, outside spaces and learn more about the curriculum changes at St Martin's Garden please join us for our final coffee event on **Thursday 5th March at 5pm.** Please do let the office know if you will be attending.

Today, **Jeremy Strong** launched our **Reading Matters Learning Enquiry Week.** He talked to the whole school about World Book Day and also spent time discussing his books and writing with Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Next week will be an action packed week of Reading events including: Mystery Readers who will share stories with each class, hot chocolate and reading time, the Big Read (How many people can be reading in one space at one time?), a 'Buddy Read', the Sharing Stories Challenge and so much more including celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.** I still have not decided who to come as so some costume making will be needed over the weekend.



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Message from Mrs Parfitt continued

If you **share any stories** at home with your child please write them in your child's reading diary so we can add them to our school total. If you have some free time over the weekend remember to take that '**Reading selfie**' or creatively create your '**Fruit or Vegetable Book Character**'. I am really looking forward to seeing all your creative efforts next week.



The week beginning the **10th March** (**Remember the 9th March is Inset day children back in school on Tuesday 10th March**) will be our S.T.E.M Learning Enquiry week at St Martin's Garden Primary School. **Your child will be bringing home a letter today** explaining about the exciting Explorer Dome opportunity we have as a school during that week. **Please complete the reply slip and return to school by Friday 6th March.**

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Parfitt, Head teacher



Congratulations to the **88** pupils who collected all six H.E.R.O cards for Term 3. Brilliant! Well done!

Can you collect all six for Term 4?

Be here every day, on time to collect your card.

Attendance stars this week:

Bronze ~ 100%

Oak ~ 99.52%

Plum ~ 98.63%

Orange ~ 98.04%

Silver ~ 96.30%

Amazing. Well Done!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ~ Are you having a Spring clean/Clearout? We have signed up to the [rags2riches4schools](#) recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our **good quality unwanted clothes and shoes**. We will get 50p for every kilo we collect of reusable items and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge.

Our collection day is Wednesday 29th April so please keep good clothing to donate to us on this date. (We can not store items before this date).

A [rags2riches4schools bag](#) will be given to every child for you to recycle as a family just before our collection day. Additional bags may also be used if needed.

Clean and reusable items that [can be](#) donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults, children's and babies clothing such as Jackets, Jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

They [cannot](#) reuse the following items:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.

Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.

Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit. Thank you

St Martin's Garden Primary has agreed to be a collection hub for Crisp Packet recycling. Please bring your empty crisp packets into school for recycling. Pass this information on to all your family, friends, neighbours and the local community. Thank you.

THE CRISP PACKET RECYCLING SCHEME

ACCEPTED WASTE



Any brand of crisp packets

Waste that is NOT accepted:

- Popcorn bags
- Crisp tubes
- Pretzel bags
- Meat snack bags

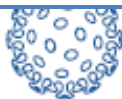
Waste that is accepted:

- Any brand of crisp packets





Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Rinse it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC. On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

