



Dear all,

Around the school this week: *This week has been 'Lesson Observation' week at St Martin's Garden. This has been a fantastic time when we reflect as a school on the quality of learning around school. It has been a pleasure to see the children in all classes being kind, friendly, polite and doing their very best. Displays are colourful and celebrate new topics, the school environment is calm, purposeful and friendly.*

We have also re-furbished our conservation area and memorial gardens, opened by Attendance Award winners of the week Aspen class. It has been a super start to the year. Our Year 6's are acting as ambassadors and role models to the younger children, and a special congratulations to the school choir who performed by invitation a short singing event at Sainsbury's Odd Down to celebrate Harvest this morning (they only had one practice for this- Wow!). Thanks also to the staff involved in making this happen in such a short period of time. We even raised some money for the PTFA and our chosen charity (selected by School Council and House Captains), Julian House.

Our school continues to focus on 'oracy' (speaking and listening skills). Perhaps play a game this week of 'spoken dictionary' or 'just a minute' with your children. We modelled these in celebration assembly today. We have also begun to make plans for each class to have at the end of the school day, where families can hear from the children about what they have been learning- more details to follow in coming weeks.

And how can you help us?! Please continue to enjoy books with your children- reading is SO, SO, SO, SO IMPORTANT! Also, next week, Thursday 4th is National Poetry Day. Why not search out, learn and perform a poem with your child?! And most of all, support us in our school values: Be kind, try hard and do your best!

- 1) **GREAT NEWS!** From **Monday 1st October** the cost of **SCHOOL MEALS** will be **reduced** to **£2.30** per day (**£11.50** per week). If you have paid in advance any overpayment will be rolled over. Thank you.
- 2) **PHOTOGRAPH & DIGITAL IMAGES CONSENT** ~ All pupils will receive a purple '**EXPRESSION OF PARENTAL/CARER PREFERENCE FORM**' next week. Please only tick what you wish to **OPT OUT** of. If you are happy for the School and the Trust to use your child's photograph in accordance with the Palladian Academy Trust Photography & Digital Images Policy (Copy on our website) **do not** tick any of the boxes, just sign and return to the school office. You can change your preferences at anytime by notifying us in writing. Thank you.
- 3) **PARENT VIEW:** ST Martin's Garden Primary has **no parent views online for 2018-19** - please do go on to the link below and tell us about how you feel we are doing. As ever, if you have suggestions about how we can improve as a school, please let us know.
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/141809/all>
- 4) **DATA AUDIT:** We are required, by law, to check the personal data that we hold for you and your child(ren). Lilac Data Collection Sheets will be coming home, for each child, in the coming weeks. Please **double check, amend if necessary, sign and return** them to the school office. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

- 5) **OPEN MORNING FOR RECEPTION 2019~** Do you have or do you know a child due to start school in September 2019? Come along to our **OPEN MORNING on TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER** and see our amazing school in action. Please pass this information onto anyone who maybe interested. Thank you.



**St Martin's Garden
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Open Morning

Tuesday 16th October 2018 | 9.00am to 12 noon
For Pupils due to start School in September 2019

A great opportunity to enjoy an insight into life at our school, see our improvements and experience our facilities including:

- 8 acres of fabulous Outside Play & Learning Spaces
- New ICT suite
- Our refurbished Swimming Pool
- Cookery Room
- Learning across the school

Talk by our Head Teacher followed by pupil led tour at 9am and 11am.
For further details please ring: 01225-832112

Individual tours available by request

- 6) **PTFA Halloween Disco will be held on Thursday 25th October**, more details to follow. Children must be accompanied by an adult. PTFA will be selling tickets from w/c 8th October.
- 7) **HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT:** We will be issuing our updated Home School agreement at parents evening soon- if you have any suggestions as to what you would like included, please let us know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 1st October ~ Firework Safety Poster** Competition entries to be returned to school office.
- **Tuesday 2nd October ~ School Photographer** in to do Individual photos. Younger/older siblings (not at SMGPS) photo's from 8.00am in Keystage Two Hall.
- **Thursday 25th October ~ PTFA Halloween Disco.**
- **31st October 2018 ~ IMPORTANT: YEAR 6 PARENTS ~ Closing date for Secondary applications for 2019/2020.**

Wishing you all a lovely weekend from all the staff at St Martin's Garden Primary.




An Invitation to our 2018 Open Events

Open Evening
Thursday 27 September
6-8.30pm

Presentations by Andy Greenhough, Headteacher and senior staff in the hall at 6.15 and 7.15pm

Live displays by students

Interactive hands-on events

A chance to meet teachers in curriculum areas

Tours with student guides

Admissions and transport information

We generally take 180 pupils into Year 7 each September, and have recently raised this number following parental requests for more places. If you would like a place at Ralph Allen School for your child, please make sure you list us as your highest preference school on the B&NES common application form. If a student qualifies for more than one school they will be offered their highest preference as stated on their application form.

For admissions enquiries please contact Mrs H Baker on admissions@ralphallenschool.com or 01225 838907

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 Palladian ACADEMY TRUST

Open Morning
Tuesday 2 October
9-10.30am

A chance to meet Andy Greenhough, Headteacher and senior staff, and to see the school in action on a normal school day while you have a tour with a student guide.

Top 10% of UK schools for A Level results 2018 – 44% A*-A grades

Ralph Allen School, Claverton Down Road, Bath BA2 7AD. enquiries@ralphallenschool.com 01225 832936

The NAHT school funding meeting is organised by the NAHT and is open to **all parents of pupils in Bath Schools**. Please go along and have your say.




Parents' Meeting to highlight the impact of School Funding Cuts

Tuesday 2 October, 7pm-9pm
Ralph Allen School, Bath, BA2 7AD

Come and discuss school funding cuts with:

- > Wera Hobhouse - MP for Bath
- > Rob Kelsall - NAHT National Secretary (Organising & Campaigns)
- > Andrew Baisley - National Education Union
- > Local headteachers

This is a FREE event, open to all parents in Bath schools.

To register your place, please email organising@naht.org.uk





The Orchestra of Everything are a local orchestra, consisting mainly of parents from Widcombe schools and pre-schools, but also an increasing number of staff, secondary school students, and parents from Moorlands, St Philips, Hayesfield, Ralph Allen and other local schools. We started last year, are now up to 30 and are still growing. We play a wide range of film/TV themes (Pink Panther, Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter, Bond themes), jazz (Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James), pop/rock (Bowie, Led Zeppelin, Queen) alongside a smattering of classical, and mainly arrange the music ourselves, so we can tailor it to the individual members of the band. That means we have a mix of experienced musicians, beginners and lapsed musicians who haven't picked up their instrument for 10 years. We rehearse once a month in the Widcombe Junior school hall and gig every couple of months, and we're very chilled out - people turn up whenever they can, often with various children and other family members in tow.

Next month is our Wrong Notes rehearsal, on Sat 13th October, especially for those musicians who haven't played for so long they've forgotten how to play the Right Notes. So if you are, or once were, a musician - whatever instrument, whatever level, and however long it's been since you last played - please do get in contact at JonLGore@gmail.com, or via our website at www.orchestraofeverything.com. We hope to see you at a rehearsal soon! Thank you, Jon Gore, The Orchestra of Everything.