



Dear all,



Around the school this week: Choir raised £100 'Harvest' singing last week at Sainsbury's for the PTA and Julian House- what a great effort! Cross Country on Wednesday: thank you to adults and children involved- well done all, and we are proud to announce the names of our New Houses ~ DAHL (was Allen), DONALDSON (was Nash- our first winners also...), ROSEN (was Palmer) and ROWLING (was Wood). These have been named by the children, adults and community, representing 4 fantastic authors (also encouraging the children to read, read, READ!).

- 1) HELP NEEDED THIS MONDAY!** Please, please could we have helpers on Monday after drop off to bring a **SHOVEL** and **WHEELBARROW** to help us move the old sand in the Reception Sandpit. It is quite a big area and Mr Kinver and I would really appreciate 5 or 10 helpers. We could then make sure that Reception Class can use the outside space even more. Rachel and our amazing kitchen staff have also kindly agreed that any helpers will get a free **BACON SANDWICH AND COFFEE!!!**

Where does the sky start?



- 2) PTFA/SAINSBURY'S QUIZ NIGHT** to raise funds for our outside areas. **NEW DATE: TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2018.** **PLEASE** support us by putting a team together (5 members). Only £5 per team. Please let the PTFA know who is in your team. Thank you for your support. Also, a message from the store~ *when parents are using the colleague car park, they must park in marked bays. Thank you for your cooperation.*
- 3) Oracy skills:** As part of our speaking and listening focus, we are asking the children to think and discuss interesting questions... to the top right is our question of the day for you to discuss with your children!
- 4) 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.
- 5) PHOTOGRAPH & DIGITAL IMAGES CONSENT ~** All pupils will receive a purple '**EXPRESSION OF PARENTAL/CARER PREFERENCE FORM**' from the Palladian Academy Trust. 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.

6)

PARENT VIEW: St Martin's Garden Primary currently has **ONE parent view online for 2018-2019** - please do go on to the link below and tell us about how you feel we are doing. As ever, if you have



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

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>

- 7) **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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **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.

And celebrating National Poetry Week, a poem from us about nurture and growth from Paul Laurence Dunbar, which makes us think of our school's value:



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QUIZ NIGHT

St Martin's Garden Primary PTFA, are working with Sainsbury's Odd Down, to raise funds to purchase, replace or refurbish our outside play equipment to make the most of our fabulous 8 acres of play space.

Together we are holding a

QUIZ NIGHT on
TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2018 from 7.00pm at
WHITE HORSE PUB, TWERTON, BATH ~ Teams of 5, £5 per team

COME ALONG AND ENJOY
Call 01225 832112 to register your team
St Martin's Garden PTFA Charity No: 150322



The Seeding

*As a quiet little seedling
Lay within its darksome bed,
To itself it fell a-talking,
And this is what it said:
"I am not so very robust,
But I 'll do the best I can;"*

*And the seedling from that moment
Its work of life began.
So it pushed a little leaflet
Up into the light of day,
To examine the surroundings
And show the rest the way.
The leaflet liked the prospect,
So it called its brother, Stem;
Then two other leaflets heard it,
And quickly followed them.
To be sure, the haste and hurry
Made the seedling sweat and pant;
But almost before it knew it
It found itself a plant.
The sunshine poured upon it,
And the clouds they gave a shower;
And the little plant kept growing
Till it found itself a flower.
Little folks, be like the seedling,
Always do the best you can;
Every child must share life's labor
Just as well as every man.
And the sun and showers will help you
Through the lonesome, struggling hours,
Till you raise to light and beauty
Virtue's fair, unfading flowers.*