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Dear all,

It has been a really good week at SMGP with excellent learning in all classes. Reception were using their 'ice garden', Year 1 making fruit and vegetable portraits, Y2 painting snowy scenes, Y3 learning about animal diets, Y4 made nan bread (great smells down the corridor!), Y5 had a fantastic topic trip to the SS Great Britain (and their role model behaviour was commented on), and Y6 painted brilliant Tudor watercolours. Other highlights:

- New football goals very popular with KS2.
- Well done Luke and Cass on their amazing WW1 remembrance pictures they made- great respect.
- Well done to role model footballers on Monday at the Odd Down tournament- they played brilliantly as a team and had good successes.
- Music around the school is really developing- lovely to hear classes learning a variety of instruments.
- We recently had a really positive visit from an educational consultant, who was very impressed by teachers throughout the school, and also by children's focus and work ethic. He also thought there was a real atmosphere of kindness in school. Great to hear!



THUNK Also, we will sometimes be putting questions (called 'thunks') on the newsletter that it'd be great if you could talk through with your children- it will help them develop their speaking and listening skills, and hopefully be a bit of fun... So:

Which is better- doing something kind, or someone doing something kind for you?

News items- contains important information so please read carefully:

1. Christmas Nativity: This year, staff have agreed an infant Nativity with Years R, 1 and 2. The dress rehearsal will be 17th December, and performances will be 9:30 on 18th December and 2pm on 19th December. Tickets will be on sale from 3rd December from the school office.
2. Opportunities for celebrations: A reminder that given this year's Christmas performance is KS1, there are and will be many more opportunities to see all year groups shining, e.g. through family assemblies regularly through the year, opportunities to help with cooking, class performances later in the year etc. The children are really building in confidence- it's lovely to see.
3. Christmas carols: All children will be singing carols at 2:15 on 21st December- please come along!
4. Best wishes! To Mrs Simmonds who begins maternity leave today. Mrs Horn will be taking on the SENCO role while she is away.
5. Hats and gloves: Please ensure these are named so they don't get lost. Thank you.
6. Mrs Barrow our school librarian would like to remind families to return any overdue library books and pay for any lost ones. Many thanks.
7. Nits- again, please check and treat accordingly if found. Thank you.
8. Safe cycling: Please ensure that cycles/ scooters are wheeled through the playground, not ridden, and please talk to children about safely crossing any roads if they are cycling to school, especially at the Lympsham green entrance.
9. Doodle Maths: Doodle maths is a nationally proven and fun way of developing children's maths. Please encourage your children to play



at home- it's great! You may require an update to the software, so the icons should look like the picture to the right. I have also attached a helpful update document with this newsletter. Miss Jones says: Keep doodling!

10. MCC Christmas fair: Will be 1st December in the KS2 Hall, from 11am to 1pm. Please do come along and support if you can.
11. Ice/ cold weather: Please be careful when walking to school. We are very fortunate that Mr Kinver is on site to grit icy areas, but with such a vast site, please do take care when the weather is cold.
12. Quiz night! Do come along this Monday at 6 if you can- there will be 2 teacher teams there as well- families, a great opportunity to compete against the staff!!! Thanks PTA for organising and Sainsbury's for support.
13. Open Morning: A reminder this is next Tuesday. Please let anyone know who may be interested.



St Martin's Garden
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Morning

Tuesday 27th November 2018 | 10.30am 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 at 10.30am followed by pupil led tours at 11am.
For further details please ring: 01225-832112

Individual tours available by request

Wishing you all a lovely weekend from Mr Stone and all at St Martin's Garden Primary.