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Around school this week: Reception Class read Jack and the Beanstalk and made their own giant beanstalk, Year 1 read Peace at Last and did paper weaving to make blankets for Daddy Bear, Year 2 have been making and testing paper planes and helicopters, Year 3 designed pollution free vehicles using solar panels and wind turbines, Year 4 have been painting the silhouette of Stonehenge on pebbles, Year 5 designed a bee friendly garden and Year 6 performed The Highwayman to the whole school in assembly.

Congratulations and well done to our Footballers who were narrowly beaten by Chandag Juniors 3-4, on Monday, in a great match - Ruairc was amazing in goal. 1-1 after full time so game went to extra time, it was really close, with a fab penalty goal from Ashton at the end! Everyone played really well and did St Martin's Garden proud.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Comic Relief non-uniform day** today, currently we have raised **£120.00**. Thank you.

- 1) THE BIG PEDAL and SCOOTFIT** ~ We are taking part in the **THE BIG PEDAL**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, scooting and walking challenge, again this year. From **Monday 25th March until Friday 5th April** we will record how many children and adults have managed to **cycle, scoot or walk to school** and enter it onto the BIG PEDAL website so see if we can win the daily prize draw and achieve a position to be proud of on the leaderboard! Please go online to www.sustrans.org.uk to complete the 'M check' for bikes and the 'L check' for scooters to ensure your child's set of wheels are safe to ride. Let's see how much fuel and CO2 emissions we can save (and how many calories the adults can burn!) by choosing 'human power' to get ourselves to school for the next 2 weeks! **ALSO** on **Thursday 21st March 'SCOOTFIT'** will be visiting St Martin's Garden for a fun day of scooting activities and safety advice. Scooters and safety equipment will be provided but if you would like to bring in your own please do (please make sure it is labelled though). Thank you.
- 2) HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME** ~ Please can we remind all parents that, in accordance with our attendance policy, we **can not authorise any 'Holiday' absence in term time** unless in exceptional circumstances. 'Holidays' taken in term time will be recorded as unauthorised and you may be liable for a penalty notice fine. The Education Act 1996 states:

Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 provides that a parent commits an offence if his or her child, being of compulsory school age, fails to attend regularly the school at which he or she is a registered pupil.

Section 444A of the Education Act 1996 allows for a penalty notice to be issued to parents who commit such an offence. The penalty (per parent, per child) is £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days. Failure to pay may result in prosecution where on conviction you would be liable to a fine of up to £1000.

- 3) **HEADLICE** ~ Please can we ask **all** parents to check their **child's hair regularly and treat appropriately**. If all parents do this we can limit the number of instances within school. Thank you.
- 4) **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL** ~ Please can we remind parents to **label all** your child's uniform and belongings so we can reunite them when they get lost. Please can we also request that children **do not bring mobile phones, ipads etc.** into school.
- 5) **GIRLS UNIFORM** ~ Please can we remind parents that **leggings are not part** of the school uniform. Girls should wear black/dark grey trousers, skirts, Dresses and thick tights. Thank you for your support in this matter.
- 6) **BREAKFAST CLUB** ~ We currently have **spaces every day at our Breakfast Club**. If you need to drop off early our Breakfast club starts at **8.00am** and is **only £2 per day**. The children get a breakfast, time to play and a calm start to the school day. Please see the office to book a space!
- 7) **IMPORTANT ~ YEAR 6 SATS** ~ **Year 6 SATS week is w/c Monday 13th May 2019**, it is imperative that all Year 6 children are in school everyday during this week. **Year 6 SATS Information Evening is on MONDAY 25th MARCH at 3.30pm**. Miss Jackish will share information you need to know, along with how you can support your child in the lead up to SATS. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.
- 8) **YEAR 6 CAMP** ~ Deadline for Deanfields 2019 payment is **Friday 5th April**. Thank you.
- 9) **LOST and FOUND** ~ A pair of **gold earrings** have been lost in the Pool area. Has anyone found them? If yes, please bring them to the Office. Thank you. Also we have had a **mobile phone** handed in to the office.

Attendance Stars:

This week ~

Brilliant. Well Done!

Aspen Class **97.74%**



Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st March ~ Scootfit visiting for the day.

Monday 25th March 2019 at 3.30pm ~ **Year 6 SATS information Evening**

Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April 2019 ~ **Big Pedal**

Wednesday 27th March 2019 ~ Year 1, 2 & 3 Dance Umbrella performance at The Forum (actual timings T.B.C)

Thursday 28th March 2019 ~ Year 4, 5 & 6 Dance Umbrella performance at The Forum (actual timings T.B.C)

Friday 5th April ~ Term 4 ends

Easter Holidays: Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April

TUESDAY 23rd April ~ Term 5 begins.

Monday 6th May ~ Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)

Monday 13th May ~ Friday 17th May ~ Year 6 SATS week

Friday 28th June 2019 ~ Palladian Academy Trust INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Monday 22nd July 2019 ~ INSET day (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 ~ INSET day (School closed to pupils)

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