

Newsletter

17th July 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the term.

September return to school

I am sure that you are all aware of the government announcement that all children will be expected to return to school in September. Please be reassured that we will be working to minimise the risks to children when they return to us. We will not be operating a rota system, so your child will be in school from Monday to Friday (we will continue to finish at 1.20pm on Fridays.)

With this Newsletter, you will receive a very detailed plan about the reopening of the school. I have included some of the things here that you will need to know, but please refer to the full 'School Reopening Plan.'

	KS2 Playground				KS1 Playground	
Year Group	School Day		Friday	Year Group	School Day	Friday
Year 6	8:30am 3:00pm	_	8.30 -1.00	Year 2	8:30am – 3:00pm	8.30 -1.00
Year 5	8:40am 3:10pm	_	8.40 -1.10	Year 1	8:40am – 3:10pm	8.40 -1.10
Year 4	8:50am 3:20pm	_	8.50 -1.20	EYs	8:50am – 3:20pm	8.50 -1.20
Year 3	9:00am 3:30pm	_	9.00 -1.30			

Care Club

Opening Times: 7.50 -8.50 am

3.00 -5.30pm

(Please note the new opening times. This is to ensure thorough cleaning at the end of the day and because of the changes in time to the school day.)

A registration form and the fee of £15 per family must be paid before using Care Club even if you have previously used it. You must book a place via Parentmail. There will be no 'on the day' booking available.

Numbers will be restricted to a maximum of 20 children both before and after school.

(This will be reviewed after half term and then numbers may increase.)

We will not be able to have any Nursery children for at least the first term. We will only accept booking for children in Reception (Tigers and Bears) if they have an older sibling attending Care Club.

Booking for Care Club will open on Monday 24th August 2020

Friday Activities

There will be no Friday activities available for working parents for at least the first term when we return in September. We need to keep the children in year group bubbles with the same staff and this would not be possible if we were to run Friday Activities.

The school will be closed throughout the summer holidays. There will be no one available to contact by phone. If you have any queries, please email <u>help@smdpluton.co.uk</u>. The help in box will be checked from Monday 24th August, so please do not expect a reply before then.

If you or your child has symptoms of COVID 19, you are now able to book a test by going to the website.

STAY ALERT: Do you have a temperature? A persistent cough? Both? Order a test today: <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test</u> or by calling <u>119</u>

Year 6 Leavers

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have conducted themselves so maturely during this difficult time and have continued to work hard even when they were not in school. We hope they have received a good foundation here at St Martin's and will now go on to have many successes on their secondary school journey.

School Meal Prices

I am waiting for the catering company to let me know what the new price for school meals will be from September. However, I am expecting it to be ± 2.30 per day. This is quite a substantial increase, but unfortunately, this is beyond our control.

Please remember that school closes to children on Thursday 16th July and reopens for Years 1- 6 on Thursday 3rd September. Nursery & Reception on Monday 14th September.

I would just like to end by saying a huge thank you to all of the staff who have done such a fantastic job to make sure that your children have continued to receive a good education. I would also like to thank all of the Office staff, our Family Worker and Learning Mentor, TAs, cleaners, IT support, mid-day supervisors, Care Club staff and our Site Agent, who have been behind the scenes making sure that the school has run smoothly.

Thank you to you as parents for the great job that you have done in supporting your children and for the kind words of encouragement that you have given to all of us here at St Martin's.

I hope that you have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

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