

# NEWSLETTER



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Autumn Issue 04—27th September 2024

## This week .....

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Please see our term diary dates on page 3 to help you plan ahead with events taking place leading up to Christmas. Listed below are Harvest festival suggestions for donations which will be given to a local foodbank centre.

**Next Manner of the Week**  
We say 'please' and 'thank you'.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY .....

- Mon 7th—Wed 9th October**—School photographs (individual and siblings)
- Mon 7th October**—Early Years visit in school from Epsom Fire Station
- Thur 10th October**—PTFA meeting, 8am, school library, all welcome
- Thur 10th October**— EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents, 2.45-3.20pm, Infant Hall
- Fri 11th October**—Harvest assemblies in school, children only.
- Tues 15th-Fri 18th October**—Year 6 residential trip to Marchant's Hill
- Fri 18th October**—Year 4 Roman Workshop

**Monthly prayer meeting for parents** The monthly prayer meeting for the school is happening on Thursday next week, (3rd October), 8pm at St. Martin's Church. Please contact Naomi Ahronson on 07773 346604 for more details and to confirm location.

**Circus fun** Some of our SEN and EHCP children and their families had the opportunity to visit a circus show in Esher on Tuesday after school this week. Arranged by Circus Starr who send us tickets each year, they were able to watch a relaxed and accessible circus show with dancers and circus acts from around the globe. Feedback was that it was amazing!

**FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024**

## HARVEST Festival

This year we will be celebrating Harvest in school as part of our assemblies on Friday 11th October.

We would be grateful for your donations, which help to keep the local foodbank centres and pantries stocked for those in our community experiencing financial hardship.

Donations may be brought into school from Monday 7th October. Please can donations be taken to classrooms and not the school office. **Please ensure all donations are well in date, do not contain alcohol and are sealed.** Refrigerated and frozen items won't be accepted.

Jars of cooking sauces; Pasta sauces	Rice; pasta; instant mash	Instant coffee; tea (bags)	Biscuits; chocolate sweet treats
Ketchup / Brown Sauce / Mayo	Dried noodles (not pot or instant)	UHT semi skimmed or full fat milk; powdered milk	Jam; honey; marmalade
Tinned: tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, potatoes, soup, fish	Pulses (dried / tinned / packaged)	Cereal (not porridge)	Custard
Rice pudding	Long-life sponge puddings	Long-life juice; Squash	Deodorant; shower gel; shampoo; conditioner; toothpaste (adult)



## Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is Leo G in year 4 Poplar class for demonstrating his excellent football skills and teamwork in his PE lessons. Well done Leo!



**Football Tournament** A team of Year 5 pupils participated in a football tournament on Tuesday afternoon, hosted by Glyn school with 11 local primary schools taking part.



The team all demonstrated exceptional teamwork and support for each other, alongside some fantastic football skills and ability. They won their group stage of 5 games without losing a match and confidently progressed to the final. It was an intense, passionate and close-run final in which St Martin's narrowly lost 2-1. Despite the team's disappointment of not achieving the deserved tournament win, St Martin's could not be prouder of how the team represented themselves and our school, both on and off the pitch.

## What has been happening in Early Years this week ...

The children in Early Years have really enjoyed learning our Talk for Writing text, 'The Little Red Hen'. We have been retelling the story with props, role playing the characters and we even made bread this week just like the Little Red Hen.



## School Attendance

Each week in the newsletter we will tell you the school attendance for the previous week and list the classes who had the highest attendance.

**Week 16th-20th September 24**

**Infant Attendance— 97%**

Highest class attendance was:  
**Hedgehog** with 99.7%  
Fantastic!

**Junior Attendance—96.2%**

Highest class was **Holly**—98.7%

Amazing attendance!

### Arriving into school on time

Please drop your children into school on time every day. Children who arrive late and come into school via the office miss important class time when their teacher gives out information for the school day ahead.

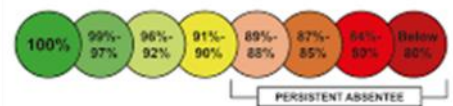
The school gates close at 8:55am every morning. Please ensure that you are inside the school gates by this time every day. Being on time creates positive, life long habits which are vitally important for children to develop.

The following link on the NHS website provides useful information in helping parents decide if their child is too unwell to attend school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

This week's house points	
Durdans	239
Hylands	297
Maidstone	210
Woodcote	189



## Autumn Term Diary Dates 2024

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and sibling photos
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Meeting (in school), 8am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Phonics Workshop, 2.45pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest assemblies in school. See poster on p1 for donations
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 residential – Marchant's Hill
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Roman Day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parenting Workshop: Fostering a Positive Mindset, 3.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 5 Butser Farm trip
<b>Half term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET day – children not in school</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Afternoon, doors open from 3pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Fireworks event, 4.45-7.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Scholastic Book Fair (after school)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Class 'Spotlight on Learning Assembly', 9am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	EAL Coffee Morning and Workshop
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop: Effective, Positive Daily Routines, 9am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Hazel Class 'Spotlight on Learning Assembly', 9am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov to Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 Walking Training
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Plum Class 'Spotlight on Learning Assembly', 9am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Class 'Spotlight on Learning Assembly', 9am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut Class 'Spotlight on Learning Assembly', 9am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 2 – 6 - Christmas service at St Martin's Church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term, early finish EYFS and KS1—1.15pm, KS2—1.20pm



## PTFA news .....

[ptfaepsom@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaepsom@gmail.com)

We are on Facebook and Instagram  

Next PTFA meeting is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 8am, in the school library. We plan to accommodate children in the adjoining room, with pastries and drinks. Please come if you are able to. Can you email the PTFA to let them know that you are coming and how many children so we can cater accordingly. Thank you

## Dates and Information .....

### Non-Uniform Days for donations

We have two non-uniform days planned this term. In return, please could we ask for donations on these days to be delivered under the wooden gazebo in the junior playground.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Donations requested (to be confirmed)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Hamper donations (more details to follow)

### Fireworks Night – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 4.45-7.30pm

Plans are underway for our Fireworks night. Please keep the date free in your diary. We will be selling tickets and tokens very soon.

If you are a class rep, please can you begin recruiting for your slots on your stalls.

We will need help to:

Set up at 8.40-10am

Set up at 2.30-4.45pm (time change)

Stall slots from 4.45-7pm

Marshals 4.45-7.40pm

Clear up

All stalls will be closed in time for the fireworks at 7.15pm (so all parents will be able to see the fireworks). The gates will close at 7pm.

### Christmas Discos – All years – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We will be running Christmas Discos from 4.45-7.30pm on this date for all year groups.

More details to follow but keep a note of this in your diary.

**100**Club

### Join the PTFA 100 Club - Raise funds and win money!

Each year the PTFA runs a private lottery called "the 100 Club" giving you the opportunity to win cash prizes as well as raising funds for the school. This month's draw took place today and the winning ticket was Charlie Bedford-Forde with a winning prize of £45.90. Congratulations!

**How it works** - £2 per month buys you one ticket, which enters you into the monthly draw. The prize pool is 45% of the money raised each month, with the rest donated to PTFA. A draw takes place on or around the last Friday of each month and if you win, a bank transfer will be made to your account.

**NEW** - You can now buy tickets online, just click [this link](#) or scan the QR code.

If you have any questions, please contact: Alan Becken at [stmartins100club@gmail.com](mailto:stmartins100club@gmail.com)



# Values Tie and Stars of the Week



**Badger- Values Tie: Marion. Superstar: Annabel**

**Star of the week: Nelly** for being a Thinking Thedrick, really working hard on her letter formation and always contributing her ideas in phonics. Keep up the great work Nelly!

**Dormouse– Values Tie: Ethan. Superstar: Rory**

**Star of the week: Ted** has been a real Curious Cully this week, he has asked and answered many questions around the topics we have covered in our lessons. Well done Ted, keep up the super work!

**Fox - Values Tie: Joshua B. Superstar: Betty**

**Star of the week:** I have seen **Freya's** confidence continuously grow since joining us and it is wonderful to see. Because of this, she is creating new friendships and behaves accordingly. A very well done for your hard work so far.

**Hedgehog- Values Tie: Kamila. Superstar: Suviru**

**Star of the week: Logan** showed courage and persevered with his handwriting to write a whole sentence sitting perfectly on the line in English. Well done, Logan!

**Mole– Values Tie: Esmee. Superstar: Jamie**

**Star of the week:** This week **Rosie** has been an extremely hard working member of Mole class. She is constantly trying her hardest in every lesson! This meant she wrote some amazing sentences in English with her full stops and capital letters as well as focusing on her beautiful handwriting. Well done Rosie, I am very proud!

**Otter– Values Tie: Max. Superstar: Havin**

**Star of the week: Narinthorn** showed fantastic scientific enquiry during our 'Senses Fair'. She was able to link her knowledge of mixing primary colours to make secondary colours when looking through the coloured cellophane. Well done, Narinthorn!

**Rabbit– Values Tie: Alice. Superstar: Phoebe**

**Star of the week:** Christian's courage in tackling challenging tasks has been nothing short of inspiring. Christian, you've faced every question with determination and a positive attitude, which is commendable! Keep it up!

**Squirrel– Values Tie: Arya. Superstar: Max**

**Star of the week: Asadullah** has been trying hard this week in our English and maths lessons. He has shown great courage to give things a go, always with a smile on his face! Well done.

**Vole – Values Tie: Isla. Superstar: Jude**

**Star of the week: Josh** had brilliant and adventurous ideas when innovating our 'Lost and Found' story. Well done, Josh!

**Holly– Values Tie: Freya. Superstar: Stanley**

**Star of the week: Emily** has tried really hard in English this week when learning about fronted adverbials. She creatively improved the story opening of 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. Well done Emily!

**Juniper– Values Tie: Saoirse. Superstar: Kasper**

**Star of the week: Benjamin** for his excellent work on fronted adverbials.

**Willow– Values Tie: Florence. Superstar: Annie**

**Star of the week:** Well done **Harrison** for being an absolute whizz at school and for blowing us away with your amazing problem solving in maths and your mapwork skills in Geography. I am very proud of your dedication, as well as your super attitude to learning and participation. Keep up the amazing work!

**Maple– Values Tie: Austin. Superstar: Isaac**

**Star of the week: Myla** I have loved reading your very detailed passages this week. You have really thought hard about how to describe your artefact. Keep up the good work!

**Poplar– Values Tie: Zane. Superstar: Ezra**

**Star of the week: Aya** - for your excellent Roman soldier description, even using expanded noun phrases! Well done!

**Plum– Values Tie: Mirabella. Superstar: Lilia**

**Star of the week: Jack** for his wonderful descriptive paragraphs which made his writing a joy to read. Well done Jack!

**Hawthorn– Values Tie: Lettie. Superstar: Liv**

**Star of the week: Will** for his infectious passion for learning in our History lesson, exploring the Viking invasion. Plus, sharing his super subject knowledge with the class.

**Hazel- Values Tie: Maika. Superstar: Nia**

**Star of the week:** Since starting Year 5, **Dhahwit** has shown high levels of concentration and has been able to produce work of a high quality. It has been wonderful to see Dhahwit take ownership of his learning and fully apply himself. Well done!

**Beech– Values Tie: Anouk. Superstar: Dale**

**Star of the week: Umeyir**, well done for demonstrating good science skills while investigating this week.

**Pine– Values Tie: Harry B. Superstar: Jessie**

**Star of the week: Charlotte P** for settling so well into Year 6 and participating thoughtfully during our lessons - especially in English when looking at different viewpoints.



**Oak– Values Tie: Darcey. Superstar: Elliot**

**Star of the week: Rhys** for his positivity towards all learning areas and for being an excellent co-PE teacher.

**Chestnut– Values Tie: Leonardo. Superstar: Elodie**

**Star of the week: Adrian** for his thoughtful and well-considered contributions to discussion, particularly in English and history.





## U11 outfield player wanted!

**ALEXANDRA UNITED COBRAS**

Current school year 6

OUR COBRAS TEAM IS LOOKING FOR AN  
OUTFIELD PLAYER TO JOIN THEM FOR THE  
CURRENT SEASON

**INTERESTED?**  
WHATSAPP ALEX ON: 07833225470

training: Mondays  
matches: Saturdays  
league: Epsom & Ewell Youth



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