

NEWSLETTER



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In school this week

Thank you for all the generous harvest donations which the children brought in this morning. These will be collated on Monday and given to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the autumn sunshine.

In the last week, we have received a much higher than usual number of complaints about parking around the schools. This included feedback about very verbally abusive behaviour which does not reflect our school values. We are aware that it is only a small minority of parents, however the photos received are extremely concerning. Where members of our school community have been identified in photos, the school has contacted them this week. Whilst we are not currently publishing these photos in the newsletter, this may be something we consider in the future, especially for repeat offenders. These pictures show cars:

- Parking in front of and over driveways,
- Parking on corners and double yellow lines,
- Completely blocking paths; so that pedestrians have to come out into the road in order to get past,
- Cars stopping right outside the gates and holding up all traffic.

Local residents are fed up with this inconsiderate and dangerous parking. They have now started to report these issues to the local Police Traffic Enforcement Team and the local council, in the hope that they will arrange a routine patrol at key times. This will inevitably lead to parking fines, and/or parents being asked to move. A few of the surrounding roads are even looking at the possibility of privatising their roads, in which case there would be no access for non-residents.

As schools we are active in supporting the 'Travel Plan Scheme', whereby we are eager to support children and parents cycling, walking and using other forms of sustainable and active travel. These are all excellent for health and the environment. Whilst we understand this might not be possible for everyone, we would then encourage parents to park slightly further away and walk, cycle, scoot the remainder of the journey.

The schools will be working together with local residents and local Traffic Enforcement to ensure that the roads surrounding the schools are safe for everyone. We hope every member of our school community will support us with this challenge.

To try and reduce parking congestion first thing in the mornings, we are trialling for the next 2 weeks up to half term, an early drop-off from Monday 9th October, every morning 8.30-8.45am for Year 2 and above. You can drop your child to the large hall off the Junior playground where they will be able to read/chat with other children and will be supervised by a member of the staff team. At 8.45am the children will go to their classrooms. Please note you will be not be able to speak to your child's teacher if you are dropping off at this earlier time.

Next Manner of the Week

We look after our own and school property.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 9th-Wed 11th Oct—School Photographs

Tues 10th Oct—PTFA Meeting, 8pm, Barley Mow pub in Epsom

Wed 11th Oct—Epsom and Ewell Schools Cross Country Tournament, 3.30-5pm, Sutton Grammar Sports Ground

Fri 13th Oct—Year 5 Butser Farm Trip

Mon 16th-Fri 20th—Year 6 Grosvenor Hall Residential Trip

Tues 17th Oct—Family Support Worker drop-in clinic in school, 2-4pm

Fri 20th Oct—Year 4 Roman Workshop

Mon 23rd—Fri 27th Oct—Half Term

Mon 30th Oct—Inset Day



Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Austin W** in Year 3 for demonstrating his fantastic coordination when completing his throwing and catching exercises brilliantly in PE.

Secondary school application reminder If you have not yet applied for a secondary school place if your child is in Year 6, please ensure that you do so before the closing date, **the deadline for applications is Tuesday 31st October.**

To apply, please go to <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

Family Support Worker drop-in clinic On Tuesday 17th October, from 2-4pm, our school's Family Support Worker will be in school for a drop-in clinic. If you have any worries you'd like to chat through, advice needed or support around your children's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, housing, finances, your own emotional health or anything else that is impacting family life please get in touch. To book an appointment in advance, please email me directly on howens@schoolsoutreachservice.org with your name and preference of appointment. You will be allocated a set time from there.



Heather Owens-Leather—Family Support Worker

Sanding pallets Any parents / carers who would be willing to sand some pallets so that the children can use them at lunchtimes please let Mrs MacKinnon know via the school office.

Dogs on site For those parents who bring a dog into the playground at drop-off/pick-up—thank you for waiting with your dog in the designated areas (signed area in the KS1 playground and at any point along the fence on the KS2 playground). This seems to be working well. Dogs can be walked across the playground as long as they remain on their leads at all times.



Thank you for your harvest donations. Both KS1 and KS2 had their harvest assemblies in school this morning. The children sang their hearts out (the staff in the school office can testify to this!)

School Tel No: 01372 846930
Email: office@stmartinsepsom.school

School photographs Individual and sibling photos will be happening between Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th October. Please be aware that your children will need to be in **clean, full school uniform** so they look smart for their photos. The individual photos will be taken on the first two days and sibling photos will be on the Wednesday.

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. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance, please email the school office.

A reminder that if you are requesting leave of absence from school for your child, a form must be completed at least 2 weeks before the requested absence, as per our Attendance Policy.

Last week's attendance :
25th-29th Sept

Infants— 95.3%
Juniors— 95.1%

Highest class attendance —
Badger—98.6% Well done!

**EVERY
DAY IN SCHOOL
MATTERS!**

This week's house points

Durdans	117
Hylands	211
Maidstone	89
Woodcote	130



PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

Next PTFA meeting is Tuesday 10th October, 8pm.

Location: Barley Mow pub in Epsom

We are on Facebook
and Instagram.



Dates and Information

Christmas Card Designs

Please return your child's Christmas designs to the school office with your details filled in. If you purchase any item, proceeds from this go directly to the PTFA. We are grateful for any support.

Fireworks night, Friday 3rd November

We are looking for volunteers to form a committee for this event. Please get in touch if you are able to help. All stalls have been allocated to all classes so we will send this out next week so you can get planning. Please keep it free in your diaries. The event will run from (time change) 4.45-7.30pm but the set up will be for the day of Friday 3rd November if you are able to help. We will be giving out handouts for each stall at the PTFA Meeting on Tuesday, where we will be able to address any questions. See below for details.

Christmas Hamper help

We are looking for coordinators for the Christmas Hamper raffle. If you can help with this we would be grateful. We are also looking for help compiling the hampers. If you would like to do this, please let us know.

Next PTFA meeting is Tuesday 10th October, 8pm, Barley Mow Pub, Epsom We will be discussing Fireworks night and will address any questions your classes have around set up, organisation and preparation for Fireworks night. We will circulate 'To-do' lists for each section.

Dates for your diary On the next page you will find the set dates for the coming year. We'd love to see you at our events and meetings.

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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.

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 smartins100club@gmail.com





A new section in our weekly newsletter—'Parent to parent'... where parents can make suggestions and recommendations to other parents, anything from books to possible autumn activities or clubs. The following points must be adhered to:

Name of contributor will need to be listed with their suggestions.

- *Suggestions are from parents and are not necessarily endorsed by the school.*
- *Should a parent wish to suggest something the school deems in appropriate then we reserve the right to decline/not include.*
- *Parents will not be able to use this as advertising for their own businesses.*

Any requests can be sent to office@stmartinsepsom.school
FAO the Communications Officer

This week

Check out **The Horton** for a great range of activities and events locally. During half term there is a Halloween Clay Workshop for children. Click on the link for further information—well worth a visit.

<https://thehortonepsom.org>

"A vibrant arts centre in the heart of Epsom, hosting arts activities, classes, workshops, live performances, exhibitions, art fairs, and more."

Recommended by Matt H in Hawthorn Class.



Follow us on Instagram:
[@stmartins_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/stmartins_ptfa)

Follow us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/PTFA-St-Martins-C-of-E-School-Epsom-103220342396325>



PTFA MEETINGS:

- Tuesday 12th September 2023 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 10th October 2023 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 16th January 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 13th February 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 12th March 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 16th April 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 11th June 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun
- Tuesday 16th July 2024 - 8pm Rising Sun

PTFA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Friday 22nd September 2023 - 3.30pm Welcome Back Picnic (all)
- Friday 3rd November 2023 - 4.45pm Fireworks Night
- Friday 1st December 2023 - Christmas Party (all)
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Christmas at ASK (Parents)
- Friday 2nd February 2024 - Quiz Night (parents/guardians)
- Friday 9th February 2024 - Love our school: wear red mufti £1
- Friday 15th March 2024 - 3.30-5pm Spring Fair
- Sunday 21st April 2024 - Spring Hike/Picnic (families/teachers)
- Friday 5th July 2024 - 4-7.30pm Summer Celebration Evening
- Friday 12th July 2024 - Leavers' Party (Year 6)

THE PTFA...



The PTFA (Parents Teachers and Friends Association) is a registered charity run by parents to raise money for the little (and big) extras provided at school. We fund requests from the children, teachers and parents and would also like to start putting money aside for larger projects, including an all-weather pitch.



Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Esmee and Evelyn D. Superstar: Chloe
Star of the week: Adam for being a Resourceful Reggie recycling a range of materials to create very creative pieces of art. Well done eco warrior Adam!

Dormouse- Values Tie: Jacob and Maddie. Superstar: Roxi
Star of the week: Lottie has been such a Resourceful Reggie this week. She carefully selected the resources she needed to help her make a very impressive mask of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Well done Lottie!

Fox - Values Tie: Rose and Amelia. Superstar: Tyler
Star of the week: Grace for working really hard on coming into school with a smile! She is a 'Brave Branley' and is doing really well in her new class. Great work!

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Amelie and Kayden. Superstar: Kimmy
Star of the week: Christian - For working hard to make amazing progress with his handwriting and in his spelling quiz. Keep up the great work, Christian!

Mole- Values Tie: Everley and Milo. Superstar: Arya
Star of the week: This week I was very impressed with **Louis'** work in English. He tried extremely hard in his cold task in English and wrote a very good set of instructions. Not only did he impress me with his cold task he has been continuously being a real Thinking Thedrick sharing lots of ideas with the class in all lessons. Well done, Louis! Keep it up!

Otter- Values Tie: Clara and Isla B. Superstar: Zion
Star of the week: Since the beginning of the week, **Lucas** has been working really hard, especially in maths where he knew the correct vocabulary for 'subitising'. - AMAZING! Lucas has a strong sense of number and it has been wonderful to watch him work like a real Thinking Thedrick to work out the answer. Well done Lucas!

Rabbit- Values Tie: Kaylie and Sidhiksha. Superstar: Cade
Star of the week: Isla for her resilience and effort in maths this week. You've been working so hard and haven't given up even when it's been tricky - keep up the amazing attitude!

Squirrel- Values Tie: Sam and Arthur. Superstar: Aubrey
Star of the week: Rose amazes me with her positive attitude towards learning every day. She is a great Curious Cully, always sharing her ideas and inquisitive questions with Squirrel Class. Well done, Rose!

Vole - Values Tie: Jack and Jude. Superstar: Millie
Star of the week: Celine has wowed me with her writing these past few weeks. Not only has she wrote a brilliant innovated version of 'Lost and Found' but she has been challenging herself to use adventurous vocabulary in all English lessons. A real Thinking Thedrick. Well done, Celine.

Holly- Values Tie: Mimi and Maxwell. Superstar: Eunice
Star of the week: Zeyd has made lots of progress in maths already! He is showing great engagement in our place value lessons and working hard in his maths book. Well done!

Juniper- Values Tie: Jessica and Eli. Superstar: Leandra
Star of the week: A big well done to **Isaac** for his excellent map work and focus in Geography this week. I was really impressed with how he worked so well with his table partner and how engaged he was in his learning. Keep up the amazing attitude!

Willow- Values Tie: Zane and Isaac. Superstar:
Star of the week: Well done to **Jason** for being an absolute star in Willow Class. I am so proud of the way in which he arrives in class each day and settles down to do his work. Keep up the great work, Jason. Well done!

Maple- Values Tie: Destiny & Madison. Superstar: Oliver
Star of the week: Poppy for her amazing effort and focus throughout all of her learning, displaying great determination and perseverance. Well done Poppy, keep it up!

Poplar- Values Tie: Henrietta and Mason. Superstar: Leo
Star of the week: Penny for identifying and using rhyming words in her reading.

Plum- Values Tie: Matilda and Danny. Superstar: Jeslin
Star of the week: Matei for using lots of exciting vocabulary in his portal story hot task which was a pleasure to read. Keep it up Matei!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Henry and Arjan. Superstar: Aiden
Star of the week: Teddy for consistently giving 100% effort and enthusiasm across all subjects. Teddy always tries his best and contributes regularly to our class discussions. Keep it up Teddy!

Hazel- Values Tie: Louie and Olivia. Superstar: Orla
Star of the week: Elliot for his focus and effort during our line drawing lesson.

Beech- Values Tie: Ben and Lyra. Superstar: Charlotte
Star of the week: Josh for your great attitude and contribution in every lesson. Especially in maths, your explanations are very well considered and really clear.

Pine- Values Tie: Jamie and Amelia. Superstar: Meryem
Star of the week: Yan Tung for her fantastic 'hot task' in English when writing a diary entry as an evacuee during WW2. Lots of fantastic vocabulary included and you really listened to our instructions - well done.

Oak- Values Tie: Laila and Elizabeth. Superstar: Nathan
Star of the week: Charlotte H for including some fantastic description in her recent diary entry.

Chestnut- Values Tie: Gabe and Polly. Superstar: Carys
Star of the week: Jaden for showing a responsible attitude, choosing to come to homework club to complete his maths home learning.





Thinking of a career in teaching?



Secondary



Primary



QTS only £8250 QTS with PGCE £9250

Would you like to train in a school in **your** local community?
Do you want to find out more?

Come and chat one of the team at:

St Martin's C of E School (Ashley Road, Epsom, KT18 7AD)
on Tuesday 17th October, any time between 11am to 4pm

How do I apply?

How do I find a school?

Can I train close to home?

What programme is right for me?

Do I need experience?

Am I eligible?

What finance options are available?

visit www.ssfscitt.org.uk ('information events') or email scitt@sfet.org.uk



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HALF TERM: 23rd – 26th OCTOBER

- STAMFORD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, EPSOM (KT19 8LU)

4-11

Year old
Boys & Girls

8.45am

Start time

4.00pm

Finish time

5.30pm

Extended Day
Finish

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Epsom Methodist Ranger, Guide and Brownie
Supporters Association

Jumble Sale

Saturday 14th October 2023

1.30 pm – 3.00pm

Admission £1.00 (under 12 free)

at

Epsom Methodist Church,

**Dealers/ Earlybirds 10.30–11.30am prior to
the sale £5**

**Stalls include: Adult clothes and shoes, Children's clothes and shoes, Linens,
Soft furnishings, Handbags, Jewellery, Children's Toys and Games, CDs, Bric-
a-brac, China, Glassware, Good-as-New and Refreshments.**

Donations of jumble welcome

**No electrical goods, no books, no large items
of furniture please**

For donations of jumble, there will be Guides helping to
unload cars in the Church Car Park from **6.30pm** on
Friday 13th October.

We regret there is no facility to store donations of Jumble
prior to that date.

For further information: Please email:
7thepsomguides@gmail.com