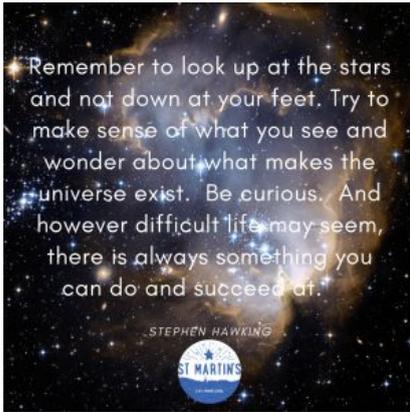




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Bring your light to St Martin's and we will help it shine!

St Martin's Stars



The following children are our Lockdown Learners this week!:

Darcie H for working really hard at home. Even with a few technical issues, she hasn't let that prevent her from doing her learning. Miss Drury is very proud of her commitment; Reuben for working really hard, especially in his maths. We are very proud of him! Morgan for working so hard every day to get all his work completed and submitted on time to the best standard; Jess N and Lily N for always producing high-quality work in all areas. Well done girls you are working so well together! Summer-Rose for doing all of her home learning every day and writing super sentences, using capital letters, full stops and WOW words! Harris for being a super mathematician! Summer for her

carefully drawn elves! Miles for working super hard all week with our learning and creating some great bird drawings!

Congratulations to all of them!

Mr Barker's Sports Personality this week is Finley J! He has been working hard and taking part in all the daily challenges at home. Well done, Finley!

Keep an eye on your Google Classrooms for physical challenges you can do at home. Mr Barker has organised an inter-MAT competition during lockdown...let's make sure St Martin's are the winners!

Dates for your Diary



- 17th Jan - World Religion Day
- 22nd Jan - National Handwriting day
- 25th Jan - Burns Night
- 8th Feb - National Kite flying Day
- 12th Feb - Chinese New Year (OX)
- 13th Feb - Half term
- 22nd Feb - Back to school
- 22nd Feb - Fairtrade fortnight
- 4th Mar - World Book Day
- 5th Mar - St Piran's Day
- 8th Mar - Science and Engineering Week
- 12th Mar - Mothers Day
- 17th Mar - St Patrick's Day
- 19th Mar - Red Nose Day

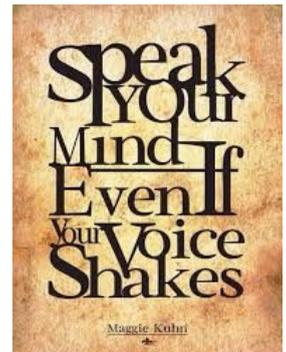
Collective Worship

#Bring Service!

This term's Christian value is service. During the lockdown, we will be sharing our morning worship

each week. Your child will be able to watch online via Google Classroom or with you on social media.

This week we looked at Democracy and how to use our voice to make a difference in the world. Thank you so much to the wonderful Mr Bennett who agreed to talk about his first days at St Martin's. When he was made headteacher of our school, the building didn't even exist and it was just fields!



Are you eligible for a free increase in data?

To help people access online learning, the government is working with network providers to give users a temporary increase in data allowance during the lockdown. Follow the link to check if you are eligible.

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>

Fridays in Lockdown: 1 pm closing

Thank you all for your overwhelming support for closing from 1 pm on a Friday. If you are a critical worker and still need us, we can, of course, look after your little ones until 3:15 pm. Closing early will allow us to clean as well as give teachers time to plan and prepare the next week's learning.

World Religion Day!

17th January 2021

If you can, please get involved with this Nationwide Competition. Your children's class teacher will share more information with the children online.

Lockdown Days!

To help bring more fun to online learning each day we will set a challenge every day next week!

Monday	Bring a silly face!
Tuesday	Wear something red!
Wednesday	Bring a light!
Thursday	Bring something sporty!
Friday	Bring your favourite book!

Going Live at St Barnabas MAT

Going live at St Barnabas Mat!

What measures have we put in place?

- At St Barnabas MAT we have put these measures in place to keep your children safe during morning and afternoon live meetings.
- We will only be using Google Meet via the child's Google Classroom.
- There will be at least two adults from school attending each live meeting.
- Adults will wait for all children to leave the meeting to ensure the meeting room is empty.
- The adults to comment and share screens have been turned off.
- The link for the classroom meetings will only be made available before the scheduled live meeting and will be removed after both adults have made sure all children have left the meeting room.
- We will ensure that all children are ready to listen and are following school behavioural expectations.
- We want children to enjoy this time to engage with peers in a safe and friendly environment.

What are our expectations?

- As part of our continued partnership with you in keeping our children safe online, we ask that you support us by:
- Ensuring children are well behaved and following our school rules when on live meetings.
- Ensure children are listening to the instructions of their teacher online. Anyone being disruptive can and will be removed from the live meeting.
- Please ensure children are dressed appropriately when joining their meet.
- Please do not screenshot or take photos of the live meet.
- If you wish to change your background, you can do this via Google Meet when you join in the system.
- Enjoy this time with your friends and teachers and have fun!

Online learning started in full force last Wednesday with an incredible presence in Google Classrooms. There is nothing better than seeing your mates and your teacher online in real time.

We have been using Google Classroom in school now for more than a term and our eldest children, especially, have taken to it like ducks to water. We had very little notice to prepare for the lockdown this time around and so we have had a few teething problems, but

these are gradually being sorted with more of your children joining us each day. The quality and standard of the learning they are turning in is great - so well done.



Each of us faces different home life challenges. Whatever you are dealing with, please be kind to yourself and do your best. That is all anyone can ask of you. Remember we're here if you need us!

We have created a Guide to Lockdown Learning that we will be sharing with you on Monday. In it, we have described the best way to help your children learn. For example, we do not value neat, perfect work over the actual learning. Mistakes are necessary to make progress and your child's teacher needs to see where your child might be going wrong. Please don't feel pressured to hand in perfect work.



We have also set up a resource and equipment base in our reception area. The office is closed to visitors, but you can access books, pencils and worksheets etc during school hours. Please pop up and help yourselves.

Remember worksheets do not replace online learning. Online learning is the gold standard that our children deserve. We are working hard to make ongoing improvements to our offer and



there is no substitute for teacher support and feedback. Children have missed a lot of learning this year and we are eager that any further disruption is minimised. Remember we can loan Chromebooks for your child to use at home and are here to help you set it up. Please speak to Mrs Soady or your class teacher who can offer lots of support.

Our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Soady.

Free School Meals



Next week, food hampers will be replaced with the voucher scheme. Please check your emails as you would have been asked for your store preference. If you need ANY help at all in downloading them, please contact Mrs Soady by calling the school. She is there, on hand, to help and support you.

Have a great week,

Mrs Shelley England
Headteacher