



# ST MARTIN'S NEWS

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Martin's, and we will help it  
shine!



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Dear School Families,



Can you believe it is only two weeks until half term? Next Friday is our Harvest Festival Service (see overleaf). We are considering holding it outside if it is dry so that you can join us. The Friday after that, we are holding a parent afternoon where you can come into school from 2 pm to look at your children's work and achievements so far this year. Hope you can make it!

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Shelley England [sengland@stbarnabasmat.com](mailto:sengland@stbarnabasmat.com) FAITH . ADVENTURE . TOGETHERNESS

## Parent Steering Group - NEXT Wednesday 13th October

Our next parent steering group is on Wednesday, 13th October at 2:15pm. This informal group is a way of having a chat about our school: what's working well and what needs improving. At the next meeting, we would like to discuss homework as we are in the process of reviewing it. Please bear with us this term as we seek to improve how it works for you and our children. We're also looking to re-start our PTA in order to raise funds for the school community. It would be lovely to see you and we'll even promise you tea and cake.

**Please dojo your class teacher if you are intending on coming.**



## Food Bank Harvest Appeal

Our Harvest Service is on Friday 15th October at 2pm. If it is dry, we would love it if you could join us on the field to say thank you for the food that we have.

As a way of giving back, we are asking for donations of food for the Liskeard and Looe Foodbank.

Requested items are:

**Long life milk, toilet rolls, biscuits, tinned fruit, instant coffee, snacks for children's lunchboxes, tinned fish (tuna), sponge puddings, crumble mix, toiletries, sugar**

Thank you for your support.

## Playground Bagels

From Tuesday next week, there will be free, hot buttered bagels on the playground every day as part of a government initiative (order pending!) These are for anyone and will be served around 8:30am - first come, first served!

## Contacting School

We have several methods in which parents can contact school: telephone, email, text and class dojo. Class dojo is the best way to make contact with your teacher.

If you need to contact Mrs England and it is urgent, please use the email address:

[sengland@stbarnabasmat.com](mailto:sengland@stbarnabasmat.com)  
and not Class Dojo

Although Mrs England is on ClassDojo and loves to hear from you, her access is not the same as the class teacher, and messages may not get read immediately or missed..

Thank you.

## Mr Barker's Rocky Award

Kacy-May in Pathfinders for her excellent Hockey skills last week in PE



## Collective Worship and Values

Our overarching Christian value this term is

# **COURAGE**

In assembly this week, we listened to the miracle where Jesus calms the storm. The story reminds us that, although things can get stormy, we can trust that Jesus will calm everything down. For some, this takes courage. There are others too, that we know we can trust to help us. Sometimes it is about asking for help when we need it.

Let's *bring courage* by:

- Asking someone you trust for help when you need it
- Being there for someone else when they need it



Look after yourself and others

## Dates for Your Diary!

## Learners of the Week

**12th October - Year 6 Drake's Trail Cycle Challenge**

**13th October - Parent Steering Group - 2:15pm**

**15th October - Harvest Festival Service (if dry, parents can join us from 2pm on the field. We will confirm by lunchtime on the day.)**

**19th October - Individual School Photos ready for Christmas presents!**

**(If you want sibling photos, bring the family into school from 8 am, observing social distancing rules, please.)**

**21st October - Year 3 Mountain Bike Challenge at Lanhydrock**

**22nd October - Parent Open Afternoon**

**23rd October - Half term begins**

**1st November - INSET Day**

**2nd November - Back to School**

### EYFS: Adventurers

#### Teddy

This week Teddy has been working so hard in phonics and reading. He has also shown his knowledge of planets in space week. Teddy brings a great learning attitude, always follows instructions with thought and care and impresses me every day. I am so proud of you Teddy!

#bringyourknowledge

### Year 1 & 2 Explorers

#### Tyler

For always shining and following instructions with thought and care. Tyler has worked really hard this week on his Talk for Writing, including some great adjectives in his story!

Well done Tyler!



### Year 2 Voyagers

#### Aston

Aston has had an amazing start since recently joining us at St Martin's. He is an amazing role model, tries hard in every lesson and always produces high quality work. On top of all of this, Aston has already made great progress in his phonics and reading - moving up RWI groups after his latest assessment!

### Year 3 Pioneers

#### Max

For always showing a readiness to learn. He brings a positive attitude with him every day, and always endeavours to follow our school rules.

Keep on shining Max!

### Year 3 & 4 Wanderers

#### Indie

This week Indie has worked really hard to create an amazing piece of writing in Talk for Writing. She has also made really good progress in history and was able to debate with others about who should have been made King after Edward the Confessor died.

### Year 4 & 5 Globetrotters

#### Rocco

For shining like a true St. Martin's star this week. He has followed instructions with thought and care and been a very helpful and supportive peer this week!

Awesome work Rocco!

### Year 5 Buccaneers

#### Angel

For the incredible courage she showed when presenting her 'Member of Parliament' speech!

### Year 6 Pathfinders

#### Thomas O

Thomas has made a fantastic start to his science this week. His research on Carl Linnaeus was done to a really high standard! Keep working like this Tom!

Well done!





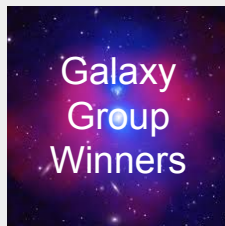
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## Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
6th September - INSET Day 7th September - Start of Term 1 22nd October - End of Term 1	4th January - INSET Day 5th January - Start of Term 3 18th February - End of Term 3	25th April - Start of Term 5 27th May - End of Term 5
25th October - 29th October - Half Term	21st February - 25th February- Half Term	30th May - 3rd June - Half Term
1st November - INSET Day 2nd November - Start of Term 2 17th December - End of Term 2	28th February - Start of Term 4 8th April - End of Term 4	6th June - Start of Term 6 22nd July - End of Term 6 25th & 26th July - INSET Days
Christmas Holiday	Easter Holiday	Summer Holiday

## EYFS Outdoor Area

We have a very tempting outdoor learning area for our youngest children. This is set up each morning before school. Please try to keep your children away from the activities and equipment before school so that the learning is ready for the start of the day. Thank you.



This week's winners:

- 1st Comets with 2717**
- 2nd Asteroids with 2617**
- 3rd Pulsars with 2566**
- 4th Meteors with 2429**

The group that wins the most weeks in a term win a mufti day on the last day.



Attendance Matters

Every lesson, every day is important and attendance of 96% and over is linked to good progress in school.

<i>Adventurers</i>	<b>87%</b>
<i>Explorers</i>	<b>84%</b>
<i>Voyagers</i>	<b>93%</b>
<i>Pioneers</i>	<b>92%</b>
<i>Wanderers</i>	<b>92%</b>
<i>Globetrotters</i>	<b>96%</b>
<i>Buccaneers</i>	<b>91%</b>
<i>Pathfinders</i>	<b>90%</b>

This week's winners are the Globetrotters with 96% attendance despite lots of people being off poorly!