



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

15 September 2023

It has been fantastic welcoming our students back to school after the summer holidays and we extend a special welcome to all our new students in reception, year 7 and in the other years .

I thought it may be helpful to update parents on how to contact school. For parents with a query about their child, the class teacher or tutor is your first port of call via an email or phone call to the school reception. General questions for information can normally be dealt with by accessing our [website](#).

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Ms Faulks	Ms Hughes or Mr Riley	Ms Evans	Mr Edwards	Mr Spellman
	Year 5	Year 6		
	Ms Fiddy	Ms Pritchard		
Year 7	Mr James	Ms Dumayne	Ms Vaughan	Mr Holmes
Year 8	Ms Cunnah Jones	Ms Price	Mr Ward	Ms Herbert
Year 9	Ms Young	Ms Alexander	Mrs Phoenix	Ms Richards
Year 10	Ms Smith	Mr Powell	Ms Tomley	Ms Stevens
Year 11	Mr McKinnon	Ms Crighton Poli	Ms Peterson	Ms Mottershaw

We are working on improving our communications both to parents and the wider community. Our old 'closed group' facebook page will close at the end of September and has already been replaced by a new open page that all members of our wider school community can access. Social media tags are: Facebook: @smartins.oswestry Instagram: @st.martins.school The icons on the bottom of this newsletter will take you straight to our pages!

We continue to roll out the use of the Arbor Parent Portal. Arbor is the school database ; the parent app allows you to update your child/ward's contact information, check attendance, see house points, home learning information and academic reports, as well as being able to give consent for after school activities, trips and see the most up to date information from your child/wards teachers. If you haven't already done so please request a welcome email from us by emailing reception@stm.318education.co.uk and download the Arbor app on your smartphone/device. Information about the Arbor app is on the [website](#)

Primary Meet and Greet will take place on Wednesday 20 September at 3.25pm in classrooms. There is no need to book a place. This will be an opportunity to find out about attendance, classroom routines, the curriculum, trips, behaviour, house points, expectations and home learning. If you are unable to attend, the Powerpoints will be shared on the website afterwards. Other key dates are on the website and will be in the newsletter each week



I hope you all had a fabulous holiday but did anyone return to school with a world championship bronze medal? Our cover Supervisor Ms Collins did! In august Ms Collins travelled to Fukuoka in Japan to compete in the World Master Swimming Championships representing GB but also Wrexham Masters Swimming Club. Fabulous results placing 6th in the 100m and 200m breaststroke, 10th in the 50m free-style and finishing with her best ever performance winning a bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke, breaking her Welsh record in the process! Th etrip and the results will be a huge motivator to keep training over the cold, dark winter months., all in preparation for Singapore 2025 !!!

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



Houses at St Martins School

We have a house pastoral system at St Martins School. The houses help create community cohesion, a feeling of belonging and some healthy competition. Our house activities and competitions break down barriers between year groups and allow older students to work with our younger students.

Our houses choose a charity to collect for and this creates a sense of togetherness and builds compassion for others. All students are allocated a house when they arrive into year 7 or reception. Some students will be elected as house leaders and will help run the houses and represent the school at events. Some of these students will be chosen from the student leadership team. The houses are named after areas around St Martins; Heath, Moors, Rhyn and Ifton. **House points can be collected for some great individual prizes!**



Head of House	Head of House	Head of House	Head of house
Mr Machin	Mr Moore	Mrs Ellis	Mrs Evans
Assistant Head of House	Assistant head of House	Assistant Head of House	Assistant Head of House
Ms Price	Ms Tomley	Mr Edwards	Mr Ward

Reminder about football kit needed for all students in years 7-9. Shin pads, long football long and football boots along with correct PE kit. Our PE kit uniform is available to view on the website and we have tried to keep School branding to a minimum. Parents can chose to purchase NON BRANDED plain black shorts/skortis and sweatshirts. SPORTS BARANDING is not permitted.

After school sport:

Monday- football all years boys and girls- Miss Vaughan and Mr Powell

Tuesday- girls rugby all years with Mrs Hamm-Jones

Wednesday- boys rugby with Mr Powell and netball boys and girls all years with Mrs Hamm-Jones

Huge congratulations to Annabelle Smith who has been selected to play rugby for North Midlands! This is a massive achievement, regional rugby is a very high level of rugby. Safe to say we are very proud of her.



A reminder that **library books borrowed before the summer need to be returned to school** so if students can have a look at home, doesn't matter if they are late returning as we'd much rather have them back! Each year we lose £100's worth of books, we would rather spend the library budget buying more books than replacing ones that have not been returned.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 20–22 September—Silver DofE practice
- 20 September—Meet & Greet primary from 3.25-4.00pm
- 25 September—International day of languages bake off
- 28 September Open day and Evening
- 29 September—non uniform day in aid of brain tumour research £1donation “wear something pink” to show your support
- 29 September - MP Helen Morgan opens food technology room
- 3 –6 October—Malaga Trip
- 17 & 18 October—year 7 review days
- 24-26 October—harvest festivals primary (see separate note)
- 27 October - PD day and half term starts
- 6 November—school returns after half term



We like to celebrate the hobbies, activities and achievement of our students in and out of school , a massive well done to Steven Evans Hughes who has had a very busy summer.

He attended both the Oswestry show and Glyn Ceriog show, where he exhibited his Beltex flock of sheep. This is only the second year showing them at public shows, where he selects the best out of his flock of 20 to take to the show. He was awarded rosettes and money for his award winning sheep.



International Bake Off!

(Secondary phase)

*Bake something with a **world-wide** theme*

(e.g. use a foreign recipe, or decorate it with a flag)

Hand in your bake on the morning of Monday 25th September to the MFL office (opposite French) before form time

Judging will be in MFL1 (French) at break

Points will be awarded to your house
The cakes will then be sliced and sold for the house charities – 50p or £1.00 a slice depending on sizes. You can collect anything left over to take home after school.



So, come enjoy our cake sale and raise money for great causes!

PRIMARY PHOTOS ON MONDAY 18th—if you are a pupil who has PE you will need to come to school in school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

Harvest Festival dates :

Tuesday 24 October, 9.15 for 9.30am in the Arts Centre in School – KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Wednesday 25 October 2pm at the St Martins Parish Church – KS2 (Years 3 – 6)

Thursday 26th October, 9.15 for 9.30am in the Arts Centre in School – Nursery and Reception

Parents/Carers are invited to join us. There will be a produce collection for charity nearer the time.