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Its always a pleasure to open our doors to the wider community and this years open day and evening was no exception. What a fabulous open day and evening yesterday! Over 145 families came to see our lovely school and many of them commented about our confident, engaging and enthusiastic students who were tour guides and subject experts in all the departments. Visitors who toured in the day commented on the quiet concentration they saw in all classes across the school.





Its been a cake week this week with house competition "International bake



off" on Monday and our 'wear it pink' fundraiser for Brain Tumour research. The winner overall for the

Bake Off was Rowan, from year 7 and Ifton House! House points will be awarded to the winners from the other houses and money raised will be split between the house charities. Almost £1000 has been raised today with the 'wear it pink' fundraiser; a huge thankyou to all our parents and students for their sup-



port for this charity that means so much to our staff and families.

We welcomed MP Helen Morgan into school to formally open our new Food Technology classroom. This modern well equipped classroom is a real asset to our technology department and will be used by all years groups upto and including those studying for a Food and Nutrition GCSE. After the opening Helen spoke with me and Mrs Jones about traffic calming and parking issues outside school. This has been highlighted by Helen at other schools across North Shropshire as an area of

concern. I am concerned about the safety of all of our students particularly at the end of the school day





and ask that parents park sensibly and safely. Primary parents should use our sports centre end car park and walk

along the path to fetch their children, please do not park on pavements or across driveways.

Part of this issue is also the use of schools' disabled parking spaces by drivers not displaying their blue badges. These spaces are for blue badge holders only and must be displayed on the dashboard.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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out first Wow Day of the year. The theme for the day is Aspirations and Careers. Further details will be available nearer the time. We would like primary pupils to dress in an outfit that represents their career aspiration. We feel that putting this notice in the newsletter early, it will help parents/ careers to get prepared. There is no need to buy anything especially for this day, homemade outfits would be great. Year 11 Prom 2024 letters have been emailed to parents and sent home with students—copy also on the website. Deposit and consent forms need to be returned by 30 November.

Check out this fabulous evening of all things PROM! We will be showcasing our luxurious prom attire from Chic & Unique who aim to bring an environmentally friendly approach to the prom season. All students deserve to feel special and parents don't have to break the bank! Tickets available from <u>https://</u> <u>runway318.eventbrite.com</u>

Miss Fiddy will be running a 'design an prom outfit' competition. Students can design any style of prom outfit and then the winning designs will be painting on some flats (like at the seaside, with the head holes cut out) so that children can 'model the outfits. Competition entry sheets will be available in school, but a piece of A4 paper with the design and your name is fine to, good luck entries to be in by Monday 23rd October so children have 3 weeks!

Our old 'closed group' on facebook has now been closed, please follow our new page for lots of exciting updates, photos and news items. Social media tags are: Facebook: @stmartins.oswestry Instagram : @st.martins.school The icons on the bottom of this newsletter will take you straight to our pages! Our website has lots of useful information including menus, uniform, letters home, dates of school events.

We are updating our school records; can parents of children with medical conditions please inform school by emailing details to reception@stm.318education.co.uk



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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

8 November—Wow Day 1 (careers & aspirations)

9 November—year 11 review day

17 November—Careers Fair

17 November - Children in Need—wear something spotty non uniform PRIMARY ONLY . £1 suggested donation and whole school cake sale

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



Careers at St Martins School Our "in school" careers fair takes place on 17 November and we have some fantastic companies and organisation who will be giving their time to talk to years 9-11. For parents and carer who need

some information and advice about apprenticeships and vocational pathways there is a parents' version of a digital careers fair which will broadcast on the 20th October. This is a live event focussed on apprenticeships, technical and vocational pathways.

Digital Careers Fair: Exploration of Technical & Vocational Pathways for Parents & Carers

www.stmartins3-16.org