



ST MARTINS SCHOOL



Dear Parents/ Carers and students

Thank you for a truly fantastic start back to school. The car park has never been safer thanks to all parents for embracing the new rules and students you are all looking fabulously smart in your uniforms!

Covid19 is continuing to concern us and keep us all very busy but we are trying not to let it interfere with our normal school life. Below is a quick update on Covid19 guidance

School is truly getting back to normal as much as possible and you will see from this newsletter many exciting things are happening in school and after school.

Just a reminder that I have an open surgery on a Monday from 2pm – 3pm if anyone wishes to pop in and see me.

Keep up the great work everyone

Sue Lovocy

Covid19

Thank you to all parents for your patience and understanding with the Covid19 procedures. I have to thank my Admin team, who have been amazing in their organisation and support for parents.

Please continue to keep your child at home if they are displaying Covid19 symptoms and secondary students should continue to flow test twice weekly.

If your child has symptoms or a positive, flow test please keep them at home and get a PCR test done.

If your child is a close contact with a positive case, please do a daily flow test before sending them to school for 10 days and if they develop symptoms get a PCR test

If someone in the household has a positive PCR then students should be taken for a PCR test before they can return to school and it is now recommended by Shropshire Health that they have a second PCR test on day 5.

Wow day 22nd October

On the last Friday of the half term, we will be holding our first WOW day. We will be collapsing the timetable and taking part in a careers and aspirations day. Every year group will be following a bespoke programme of activities and some year groups will go on a trip out of school. Students will not be required to wear uniform and more information will be sent home shortly. Below is a snapshot of the activities

Year 11	Interviews, preparing for work/college / writing a CV
Year 10	University trip
Year 9	Uniformed services day
Year 8	Technique, maths , science and technology, STEM day
Year 7	Cadbury's world
Key stage 2	Jobs / careers – students to come dressed up for the world of work, pop up French shop
Key stage 1	Jobs / careers – students to come dressed up for the world of work, pop up French shop

Oscars 2020-21

We will be holding our Oscars 2020-21 on Thursday 4th of November. At this event, we hope to celebrate the achievements of students over the lockdown period. At this point in time we are not sure whether this will be a live event or teams. Staff are nominating students and the invitations will come out to the winners before half term





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We are starting to collect vouchers from Morrisons for the 'It's Good to Grow' initiative

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help the school get everything they need to get growing.



Year 2 are learning about amenities in our local area. They went for a walk around the village to see what they could find. The pupils drew pictures of the amenities and collected images of signs and symbols ready to use in our next lesson.



School band practise is going to start. For Secondary it's on a Tuesday after-school from next week and for Primary years 5/6 it's on Wednesdays



On Wednesday Year 6 has a virtual visit from Nicola from the National Holocaust museum. We learnt about the journey of a little boy called Leo, who was a Jew during WW2 and lived in Berlin. We explored sources and artefacts in order to find out what happened to the Jews during the Nazi occupation. We were so shocked by what happened to them especially the way that Hitler used teachers and newspapers to bully the Jewish people. We had a fantastic morning and it really helped us with our English work.

Anna and Imogen



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Congratulations to Dan Evans, Fenn Jones and George Owen (all year 9) who play for Chirk FC U14. They beat Ruthin FC 18-1 on Saturday 25th September with Fenn Jones scoring 5 goals and Dan Evans assisting many goals from left midfield. George had a brilliant game in defence, making some great tackles and moving the ball on to his midfield players.



Well done to the year 7 and 8 girls football team on their first training session, the girls had a great time!

Please feel free to attend every Wednesday after school. No need to sign up, simply turn up.



On Monday after school, the year 7 boys football team played the year 8 boys football with the final score being 5-5. The year 7's held a two goal lead for the majority of the match but the year 8 team showed great determination to score two goals in the final two minutes.

On Tuesday the year 10 boys team beat the year 11 boys team 7-2. Both teams featured a few year 9 players. There was some great football played but most importantly the sportsmanship between the students was exceptional. With the year 11 winning last week it's 1-1 on games.

Good luck to Harry Nunnerley in year 7 who plays for TNS who has been invited to trial for Welsh school boys very soon. Although Harry attends a school in England he represents a Welsh club allowing him the chance to compete for a place.

Good luck to Dan Evans in year 9 who has made it through to the final stage of the Shropshire football trials.

Reminder of after school clubs:

Monday - Year 7 and 8 boys football with JPO

Badminton/ Volleyball all years boys and girls with CV

Tuesday - Year 9, 10 and 11 boys football with JPO

Netball all years (some y7/8 boys have started to join) with ZHJ

Wednesday- Rugby all years boys and girls with JPO/ZHJ

Girls football all years with CV/ ZHJ



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FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens

Free Meal Voucher

Welcome back from Aspens. In these unsettling times, we want to take this opportunity let you know that

we are doing everything we can to make the school meal service as normal and safe as possible. Our goal continues to make eating at school a pleasurable experience and offer healthy and nutritious meals in line with Government guidelines. Over the last few weeks, we have introduced changes in line with the latest guidance by introducing new procedures and training in areas such as social distancing, food safety and enhanced cleaning regimes. This means that we can continue to produce and serve food safely for your children.

To help give you and your child confidence in our food service, we want to offer you a Free Meal everyday for 1 week commencing 11th October



PUMPKIN PROMOTION



Pumpkin

Fact 1 Like tomatoes, a pumpkin has seeds and it is classed as a fruit not a vegetable.

Fact 2 Pumpkins might seem substantial, but they're actually 90 percent water.

Fact 3 Pumpkins are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants that may boost your immune system.

Fact 4 The British pumpkin season runs from October to December.

Fact 5 Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites!

International Fact In Bangladesh, people can grow pumpkins in the sand that is left after floods. The pumpkins provide a long lasting food for families and can also be sold to give an income to help pay for animals and schooling for children.

Did you know?

Pumpkin Activity Sheet

Can you complete the sum?

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ + 30 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Help me find my way to the pumpkin

Design your own pumpkin

Recipe for Home

Tell us your favourite recipe from home and hand it to a member of the Aspens team. Make sure it includes Pumpkin! The winning dish will feature on our menu.

NAME OF DISH

INGREDIENTS

METHOD

Name: _____
Class: _____ School Name: _____

