

ST MARTINS SCHOOL

22 November 2024

Thank you to all the staff students and parents that supported school this week with the adverse weather conditions. I special thankyou to our very short staffed site team who worked tirelessly to help keep the school site open. There have been a couple of re-organised events details of which are in the news-letter.

We are currently working on a accreditation to gain a Safer Schools Award with Shropshire Council. This involves completed pupils and parent/carer surveys and assessing the safety of our school site.

Thank you to all those who completed the survey. We will be creating an Action Plan and involving students, parents/carers and staff.

Last week the nursery children visited Cedar Court to deliver their harvest donations. They were very excited to have Mrs Jones take them in the school minibus. Thank you for your donations.

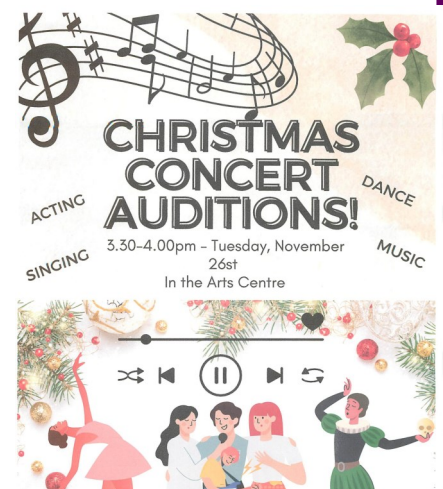


Well done to Eden in year 8 who recently attended the North Wales Region swimming gala. An early 5am morning didn't knock Eden off her best having competed in 5 races: 200 Individual Medley, 100m breaststroke, 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke & finally 100m freestyle achieving a PB in all 5!!!



Year 2 had a visit from a Christian Support Worker who deliver a practical session called 'Christmas in a box' where students were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. The children learnt about the Christmas story.

Don't forget to come to the auditions for our Christmas Extravaganza, it promises to be the highlight of the year!!!



Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



REMINDER THAT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING BOTH TRAINERS AND FOOTBALL BOOTS for PE lessons as the unpredictable weather could mean in door or outdoor PE. A REMINDER TO LABEL EVERY ITEM OF PE

Students in KS3 will all participate in swimming after Christmas until Easter and KS4 students will have the options from Christmas to Easter.

With this in mind, please ensure that your child has appropriate swimwear, goggles, a swimming ate, a towel and any addition lightweight clothes they may want to wear to make themselves feel comfortable. Our PE department will offer additional changing areas to students.

Weather pending, girls football will be on Monday 25th Nov with CV- if we have poor weather it will be in the sports hall.

There will be no boys football on Tuesday 26th November as we are hosting a KS3 badminton tournament.

Netball will be on Tuesday 26th Nov if weather allows- it will not be on if weather is poor due to hosting the badminton tournament.

Finally, injury/ sick notes to excuse a student from PE now must be sent via email AND NOT A WRITTEN NOTE. The email must include the reason for not participating in PE lessons and an expected date of returning to PE. Students not doing PE may still have to change for PE in order to complete umpiring or coaching duties where appropriate.

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PINS PROJECT

The input of parent carer experience and views are a vital element of the PINS project. Input from Parent Carers will help improve support for children with additional needs within your school, alongside the training package being offered to school staff. The Parent Carer Participation Group is for all parent carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND); no diagnosis or EHCP is required.

We hold termly meetings to, work co-operatively with the school, ensure that parent carers have their voices heard by the school, bring parent carers together to share experiences, introduce a closed Facebook Group, hosted by PACC specifically for Parent Carers at your school

The meeting will be held on Thursday 28th November from 2-3pm.

If you have any further questions, please simo@paccshropshire.org.uk or info@paccshropshire.org.uk

This is your chance to showcase your artistic talents.

We are on the lookout for the most creative and imaginative designs that capture the spirit of the holiday season



This competition is open to all students across the school

Christmas Performances—Primary

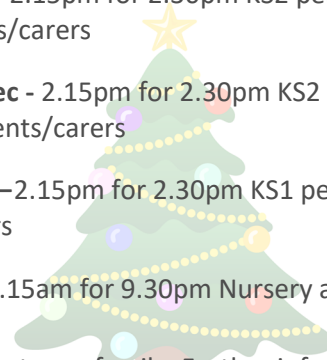
Tuesday 10 Dec— 2.15pm for 2.30pm KS2 performance for Year 3 & 4 parents/carers

Wednesday 11 Dec - 2.15pm for 2.30pm KS2 performance for Year 5 & 6 parents/carers

Thursday 12 Dec—2.15pm for 2.30pm KS1 performance for KS1 parents/carers

Friday 13 Dec— 9.15am for 9.30pm Nursery and Reception Performance

Arts centre. 2 tickets per family. Further information soon!



Parenting help & support and classes through

Shropshire Council—use [this link on the website](#) to find out more!!!

'Peter Pan' at the William Aston Hall, Wrexham University on Friday 13th December 2024 – Years 1 – 4

The coaches will leave school at 9:00am and be back before the usual end of day. All children will need a packed lunch (please no glass bottles or fizzy drinks). If your child is in receipt of free school meals and would like a school packed lunch please contact reception and say whether your child would like a ham or a cheese sandwich. The children will need to be dressed in school uniform.

The cost of the trip is £14, which you'll find on parent pay. Please note that the cost is non refundable if your child does not attend on the day, as tickets will have been purchased in advance.

'Sleeping Beauty' at the Chester Storyhouse on Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Year 5 and 6

The coach will leave school at 12.30 and be back at around 17.00 (depending on the traffic), you will be informed via email if there is a delay. They will have lunch before they go. The children will need to be dressed in school uniform for the trip.

The cost of the trip is £16, which you'll find on parent pay. Please note that the cost is non refundable if your child does not attend on the day, as tickets will have been purchased in advance.

Dates for the diary

26 & 27 November—Activate & Advance learning review meetings (re scheduled)

29 November—Year 11 trip to post 16 providers

17 December—Christmas Lunch

18 December—"Extravaganza" and staff panto 6.30pm

19 December—LAST DAY FOR NURSERY

20 December—last day

6 January—back to school

Coffee & Chat

How can we help you?

Come along to:

St Martins School, Moors Bank, St Martin's, Oswestry SY10 7BD

Every 3rd Thursday of the Month. Starting 21st Nov 24. 9:30am - 11:30am.

Free information, advice and support around;

- Family Life
- Domestic Abuse support
- Housing and Finance support
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) support
- Parenting support
- Little Stars - Baby Bank/ school uniforms
- Training and Employment support and much more

Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)
We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.

