## ST MARTINS SCHOOL



23 May 2025

As you will now be aware I will retire at the end of the summer term. Our Trust, The 318 Education Trust have now appointed Alison Pope as the Headteacher from September on a one year secondment. Alison is the current head teacher at the Priory School in Shrewsbury.

Alison will be meeting with me and staff on **Friday 20th June** and I would like to invite parents and carers to meet her. This parent meeting will take place at **4pm**, in the Hub. Please do come along.

This is also an opportune time to confirm some other staff changes for September. In year 3 Ms Chestnutt will be leaving us at the end of term and starting a new chapter on the Isle of Angelsey. We wish her all the best and know that she will keep in touch. The classes next year will be as follows:

**Reception** – Ms Faulks & Ms Berry,

**Year 1** – Mr Riley,

Year 2 - Mrs Evans & Ms Berry,

**Year 3** – Ms Sayers, **Year 3/4** - Ms Richardson (Ms Richardson has been teaching in the secondary English phase and has worked with Year 6 on SATs Boosters).

Year 4/5 – Mr Spelman,

Year 6 - Mrs Pritchard

Angie Herbert our Inclusion manager is also retiring. Angie transferred from Ifton primary school in 2014. She has worked tirelessly to support students, especially students who find school difficult. She will be greatly missed in school and I know that many of you will want to thank her for her kindness and care. Also leaving us is our extrovert Drama teacher Ms Crighton – Poli. Ms Poli will be remembered for her unwavering energy, her creative and original performances and her dedication to students especially her tutor groups through the years. And finally Mr Holmes, our IT guru. Mr Holmes has worked here for over 20 years and has been an essential ingredient in my senior leadership team. Mr Holmes's mind never stops, creating interesting solutions and new ideas so I'm very excited to see Mr Holmes's plans for September. New staff are currently being recruited and I will update you later this term.

This remainder of this edition of the newsletter is about celebrating student success; many of our students take part in extra curricular clubs and activities in and out of school. The secondary extra curricular club time table is over the page.

It was a school effort that saw Harry Nunnerley and Harri Edwards winning the Welsh football cup on Sunday at Colliers Park, Wrexham. Their team won on penalties after 1-1, with Harry N scoring one of the penalties and Harri E assisting the one goal. Even Mr Machin was involved as referee! Well done everyone!

Have a great half term and see you on the 2 June, Ms Lovecy



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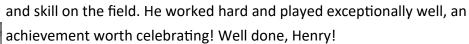


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A big shout-Out to Henry Owen! From year 5 who joined Newtown Academy in March. Last Sunday, he had the exciting opportunity to play against Liverpool Academy. Henry showed great effort, determination,





Ella Harrison in year 8 is a member of Border Counties School of Gymnastics and has had huge success at a recent competition coming first in her age category. She scored the highest points and was awarded the 'Sound as a Pound' shield. We are very proud!

Our Reception class have helped to hatch some chicks and they will be looking after them in their classroom after half term.

Thanks to Mr Pearson for providing us with the eggs, incubator and for coming in to school so that the children could hold the chicks. How exciting!





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## Dates for the diary

26-30 May - half term

19 June - WOW DAY 3

20 June - moving up day and new year 7 day

23-27 June - Year 10 work experience

25 June - year 11 leavers Prom

30 June—4 July—Cadet Camp

1 July—sports day primary

7 July—Geography Field Trip

8 July—Sports day secondary (new date— with a packed end of term calendar and lots of trips and enrichment activities, we have moved secondary sports day to give all students an opportunity to take part)

9-10 July—Quinta year 6

14-16 July-yr 6 trip

17 July—Summer Showcase and head teacher awards

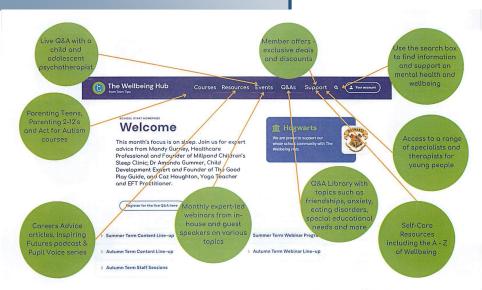
17 July—last day for nursery

18 July—last day before summer holidays

Aspens—take a look at their page on the website for menus. A reminder that accounts cannot be in debt, if your child is having school lunches please top up their account in advance.

Term dates for next year are on the website. The October half term is Monday 20 October with students back in school on Tuesday 4 November—this would be a great time to book a holiday that wouldn't affect school attendance?

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a new website resource for parents called the "Wellbeing Hub" This resource has been gifted to school by Moreton Hall—we are incredibly grateful. Staff at school have been accessing the resources and parents can too. We will send a link via the Arbor app for you to register. The Wellbeing Hub delivers expert-led support for parents and



carers to help their children thrive – socially, emotionally and in their learning. It includes, free expert-led webinars, one-to-one specialist support, and a Q&A library. It also offers weekly podcasts, live Q&As, careers resources, top tips, and an A-Z of wellbeing. Additionally, the hub provides information and advice on topics like anxiety, drugs, alcohol, and self-image.