

St Martin's Primary School

June Newsletter



Epic Week 12th -16th June

Our staff have come up with an awesome idea to stretch and challenge our pupils to try new things and take learning into a different dimension. We are offering all our children a week of 'Epic' activities in the afternoons; every afternoon for a week usual lessons are cancelled and the children are taking part in a wide variety of challenging and contrasting learning activities. The infants in year R to year 2 will try something different each day, including epic cooking, tag rugby, dance and science. The juniors have selected an activity to do all week out of a possible 13 options including bush craft, street dance and drama, GSPCA animal care, 3D art forms, athletics, life saving and puppetry. Each child specified their top 5 options and have all been allocated an activity on their list. The final day of the week will be concluded with a massive get together on the field with Brandi Attwell leading an epic dance routine and ice creams for all. Each child will be bringing a letter home later this week telling you which of their choices they are doing and anything they will need to bring for the week. **No school uniform all week** so that we can get a bit messy (think bush craft, pottery) and move about comfortably (eg island adventures, athletics, yoga). We really hope that the week will be truly epic experience and the children have a wonderful time.

Sponsored Swim Week – beginning 26th June

This is our largest school fundraising event of the year and we hope all children will take part. Money raised will go towards equipment and activities such as iPads, trips to museums, theatre visits, parties, prizes and classroom resources. Please come and watch the swim and support your child. A sponsorship form with allotted swim times will be given to the children later this week. Infants will be challenged to swim as many lengths as they can in 5 minutes and juniors will be given 10 minutes. **Usual swimming lessons will be cancelled for the week.**

We would be most grateful to anyone who can help with recording the number of lengths swimmers complete. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are willing to help.

Sports Days

Infant sports day is scheduled to take place on 20th June from 1.30-3.00pm and juniors take place on 21st June (Years 3 & 4) and 22nd June (Years 5 & 6) from 1-3pm. Parents and carers are invited to watch the children take part.

Please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate kit, sunhat and sunscreen applied if the weather is sunny. Fingers crossed for sunny days!

Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Mrs Page, formerly Miss Geall who got married during the half term holiday. We wish the happy couple all the best for the future.

Mr Steven Eulenkamp is leaving us at the end of the summer term after 18 months at St Martin's Primary School working as both a class teacher in Year 2 and Year 3. He has been a wonderful addition to our staff team and we wish him every success in his next post. Miss Dyke is also leaving this term to go travelling and see the world. Miss Dyke has been a class teacher in Year 4 at St Martins for the last 2 years, she was nominated as teacher of the year and we will very sad to see her go. We wish her well with her adventures and may see her back in as a supply teacher in the not too distant future.

Mrs Sandra De Sousa comes back from maternity leave at the beginning of July and will take up a post as a Year 5 class teacher in September.

We are fully staffed for September with no new members of staff joining our team next term.

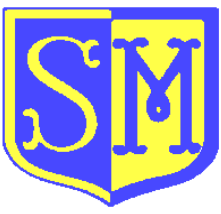
Parents will hear about their child's next class teacher in the near future and the children will meet their new teacher and classmates on a number of occasions this half term.

Awesome Year 6

The oldest pupils in the school have been showing us both their creativity and their determination as they set about raising money for their school camp in July. At the end of the spring term the children got together in teams to design and make games and stalls for a spring fayre. Games such as Lucky Dip and 'name the rabbit' featured along with some rather more whacky ideas involving custard pies. Virtually the whole school community turned out to support the event and raised over £2,000. Our intrepid Year 6 then walked a gruelling 6 miles along the St Martin's cliff paths on a sponsored walk in May, all made it there and back with a break for a picnic on Petit Bot beach. We are very proud of the children's efforts and grateful for parents' support as the money raised so far for the camp is approaching our target.

Active Travel

It's great to see so many children making the most of the summer weather and walking, scooting and cycling to school. We're keen to encourage people to give it a try - even just occasionally - as actively travelling to school has a really positive effect on children's concentration levels in the classroom as well as their general health. Fewer cars on the school run also make the roads around school safer and less congested, so the more children that walk/scoot/ride the better!



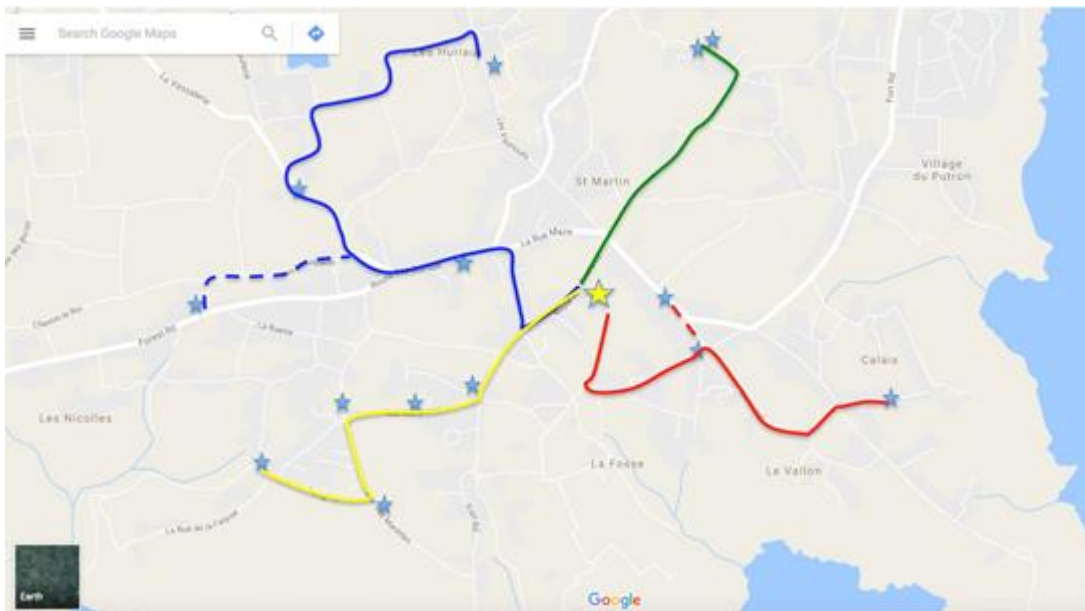
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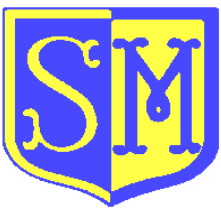
Join our Facebook page - SMP Active Travel - for news, support and ideas to make the school run easier. You'll find news on organised initiatives such as walking buses and cycle trains and it's a useful forum to ask questions, suggest ideas and find other parents/carers who might be able to help out, even for lift sharing on days when walking etc. isn't an option.

Lots more children have passed or are taking their cycle proficiency so anyone that's interested in joining the cycle train, please email smpactivetravel@gmail.com. Taking place every Friday, the cycle train is aimed mainly at Y5 & Y6 students but competent younger riders can also join. This map shows the current routes (which can be tweaked).



Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Brehon Chartered Accountants, The Co-Op Eco Fund and Saffrey Champness, our cycle parking facilities are finally getting a much-needed upgrade. The old bike stands have been replaced by some racks that better fit the children's bikes and we also now have a rack in a new location outside Miss Rooney's classroom at the School Lane/Grande Rue end of the building (the fenced off area next to the main YR door) for anyone cycling or scooting from that direction.

C Mason
Headteacher



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To see a live school calendar accessible from your phone
or computer please visit:

<http://stmartinsprimaryschool.edublogs.org/school-calendar>

SUMMER TERM 2017

Monday 5 June	Summer Term commences
Monday 5 June	Yr 4 Lihou Information Evening 5.00- 5.30pm main hall
Friday 9 June	Yr 5 Evacuation Day
Monday 12 June – 16 June	EPIC Week
Monday 12 June	Yr 6 Camp Information Evening 5.30pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday 20 June	1.30pm Infant Sports Day
Wednesday 21 June	1.00pm Lower Junior Sports Day
Thursday 22 June	1.00pm Upper Junior Sports Day
Saturday 24 June	PTA Summer Fayre (details to follow)
Monday 26 – 29 June	Yr 4 Residential to Lihou Island
Monday 26 – 30 June	Sponsored Swim Week
Wednesday 27 June	Yr 6 visiting High Schools, Grammar & Colleges
Wednesday 5 July	7.00pm – 8.00pm New Year R Parent/Carer evening (Main Hall)
Tuesday 11 -14 July	Yr 6 Summer Camp
Friday 14 July	PTA Yr R and Infant Disco 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 20 July	Yr 6 Leavers' Evening
Friday 21 July	1.00pm End of Term

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Tuesday 5 September	Autumn Term Commences
Monday 23 – 27 October	Half Term Week
Tuesday 19 December	1.00pm End of Term