

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2023

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Be safe  
Be kind  
Keep trying

## NEW TERM ...

The sun has come out so that obviously means that we are back to school. The start of term has brought many new things to our school, from new people both children and staff; new timetables; and even some changes to some of the school areas. The children have settled in well and are already underway with some amazing learning.

## SETTLING IN

The children have done amazingly well and settled in to their new classrooms with new entrances and some small changes to the timetable. There is some great learning being achieved and we are looking forward and excited to see what the new year will bring us.



## NEW STAFF

It is fantastic to be able to welcome many new staff to the school and they are all excited to start working with all the children in their many different roles.

Mr Downie – Team Leader (y4/5/6) and Teacher(y6).

Mr C. Harris – S.E.N.C.O. and Teacher (Nursery)

Miss A. Laycock – Teaching Assistant

Miss K. McNerney – Teaching Assistant

Miss E. Price – Lead Practitioner and Teacher(y6)

Miss G. Rush – Cover supervisor

Mrs. H. Turner – Teacher(y5)

Miss A. Whitehouse – Teacher (y4)

Mrs. L. Wright - admin

Mrs. L. Bennett - Teacher(y4)

Mrs. S Eckland - Team Leader (y1/2/3) and Teacher(y3)

Miss C. Freeman - Lead Practitioner and Teacher (y6)

Miss M. Pyman – Teacher (y1)

## CHANGES TO SOME OF OUR SPACES

Over the holidays, we have made some changes to some of the communal areas within the school. The old ICT suite is now available for PE, teaching and assemblies.

Also, with the introduction of our new lunch supplier (HCL) the dining room has been refreshed with our learning behaviors and child friendly signage.



# IMPORTANT NOTICES

## CONTACT AND PUPIL INFORMATION

It is very important that we have all the correct information about your child and contact details, so if any details have changed then please make sure you let the office know by emailing them at [admin@martinswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@martinswood.herts.sch.uk). The may include

- contact details – Home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses etc. (these can be found on parentmail).
- Medical and dietary requirements



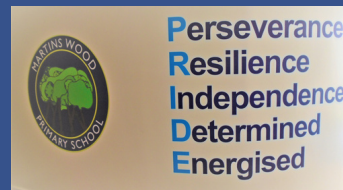
## STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHEME

At Martins Wood we are going to be creating a team of 12 student ambassadors from our years 5 and 6 that will be able to lead with community events. They will have many different responsibilities from guided tours to promoting positive social experiences for all. We are also creating other posts within Key Stage 2 such as House Champions, who will assist in the promotion and logistics of our house rewards scheme.



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

We will be continuing our celebration assemblies this year to recognise the children's successes particularly when they have demonstrated our PRIDE learning :



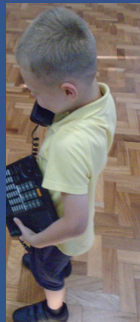
The grass wall of the dining room has been to changed to reflect these

If there is anything that your child has achieved outside of school then please do send these in (via their class teacher) and we will be happy to celebrate them in this assembly.

## PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

A few communications have been sent recently that we would like to remind you about, (if not already) please action these:

- Y5/6 - Walking home from school
- Early years - Tapestry
- Social media



There has also been a mail regarding extra curricular clubs. Please make sure you respond to these quickly as places may be limited.

## UPCOMING DATES

**PGL Information virtual meeting (Y6)**

5pm Mon 11th September 2023

**Phonics workshops (Nurs, Rec, Y1)**

11am in person, 5pm virtual

Wed 20th September 2023

**PGL Y6 Residential trip**

Mon. 11th - Fri 29th September 2023

**Parent/carers consultation evenings**

Tues 17th October & Wed 18th October

**Half Term**

Week beginning 23rd October

**School Individual photo**

Fri 3rd November

**School Closed -Occasional day**

Fri. 1st of December

**End of term**

Wed. 20th December

**New Term Begins**

Mon. 8th January 2024



## SNACKS

We do give the children an opportunity to have a snack during their time with us but we would kindly ask that these are of the healthy variety i.e. Fruit, Fruit windsers(yoyo) Cheese string, Frubes and cereal bars. Please be aware that these should not be chocolate bars and remember that we aim to be a 'Nut Free' school so snacks and lunches should NOT contain any nut products.







# Apply for school on time

## Applying for a school place for September 2024

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College  
Application deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle  
Application deadline: Monday 15 January 2024

Apply online at  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)



# MARTINS WOOD SCHOOL WRAP-AROUND CLUB

## BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7:30am - £5.50

Breakfast served until 8.15 only

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

3:15pm-4:30pm - £6.50 per session

3:15pm-5:00pm - £8.50 per session

3:15pm-5:30pm - £10.00 per session

3:15pm-6:00pm - £12.00 per session

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**MON**

Inflatables

**TUE**

Multi-Activity

**WED**

Dodgeball

**THU**

Football

**FRI**

Dance



At our after school club, the children will start the session with the activity listed above or by having time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities. Children staying beyond 4:30pm will be provided with a light tea and then have further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To book a slot please visit our website

**[risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk](https://risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk)**

If you need to contact us please email

[martinswood@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk](mailto:martinswood@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 07377 504938

or for admin queries [info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk](mailto:info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 01462 790152

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