



NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th September 2024



Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope you all had an enjoyable summer break, and have come back to school refreshed and ready for a busy term. We would like to give a warm welcome to the new staff that have joined us. They are all excited to be working with the children and to be part of the Martins Wood team. Mrs Taylor is our new Head of School. Mr Firminger joins us as class teacher in Hazel class, Miss Atherton in Elder class, Ms Aldridge in Apple class and Mr Butterworth in Aspen class. Mr Kenneford and Mr Morton have joined the PE team and Miss Clark is our new Play Assistant.

Please refer to our website for our full staff list and classes. This can be found under the 'about us' tab and in 'classes'.

Year 6 - English

The year 6 children have started their new English Unit and have been exploring the text Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman. They have explored the characters' thoughts and feelings about key events and have created freeze frames in role as the 4 main characters.



Year 2 - Writing

Our year 2 children have started their writing unit with a book called 'Stardust'. To introduce the book, the children had to reveal the front cover by completing a puzzle of the book front cover. They then read the blurb and made some predictions about what the book may be about.



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School pupil leadership team

We have started the process of selecting our new student leadership team. As last year, there will be School Ambassadors and House Champions who will be representing the school and their houses in many different activities across this academic year. Any child interested will need to obtain an application from Mrs Ford and return it by September 16th.

We will also be introducing a class representative from each class (from Y1 - Y6). These students will have the opportunity to participate and support the Students Leadership Team.

Useful Information and Reminders

Its been wonderful to see all the children return to school. As we start a new year we thought it would be useful to share some useful information and reminders.

Snacks. -

Firstly, can we please remind everyone that for snacks and lunch we are a Nut free school.

The children are able to eat a snack during break time but we would request that these are put into separate containers from their lunches and are of a healthy variety (No crisps, chocolate, sweets or biscuits).



Uniform

Full details of our uniform are available in the parent area of our website but can we particularly bring your attention to footwear that should be all black in colour.



Bags

We do not have a great deal of space within our cloakrooms. Can we please request that any backpacks are small, ideally a bookbag will used as an alternative to a backpack .



PE Timetable

- Monday - Y2 and y4
- Tuesday- Rec and Y6
- Wednesday - Y5
- Thursday - Y3
- Friday - Y1



PE Kit

Indoor: Navy shorts, gold tee-shirt
Outdoor: Navy tracksuit or navy joggers and fleece/sweatshirt and trainers.
Although these are your child's PE days, PE kits are expected to be in school all week as they may doing sports activities outside of their allocated P.E slots.

UPCOMING DATES

- WB 23rd September** - Year 6 PGL
- Tuesday 22nd October** - Parents evening (4-6)
- Wednesday 23rd October** - Parents evening (4-8)
- Friday 25th October** - Inset Day
- 28th October to 1st November** - Half term
- Friday 29th November** - School closed
- Friday 20th December** - Term ends

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