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## **End of Term Newsletter/Reminders**

Dear families

As we inch towards the end of another incredibly busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and volunteer team, as well as all our families for your on-going support. This spring term has included highlights such as:

- Y6 Switch launch at Haxey CE Primary Academy
- Year 5 author visit to The Engine Shed, Lincoln
- EYFS 'Heroes who help us' visitors (thank you so much to the parents who came in to speak to the children!)
- Year 5 Easter Journey visit to the methodist church
- Visit, talk and Q&A with MP, Lee Pitcher
- A fun-filled World Book Day and Red Nose/World Down Syndrome Day
- Worship all about the value *integrity* led by Infinity Academies Trust CEO, Mr G Booth
- KS2 Choir attending the 'Big Sing' at Baths Hall
- Transition for our new Nursery starters in the summer term
- EYFS visit from the Easter Bunny!

The summer term promises to a very **sporty** term, with lots of exciting physical things planned! But before then, we wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter and hope that everyone thoroughly enjoys the school holidays. School re-opens after the Easter break on **Tuesday 21 April 2026** when we look forward to welcoming everybody back.

### **Easter Church Service**

Today, on the last day of term St Martin's CE Primary Academy held a wonderful Easter service at St Martin's Church, where the children came together to sing joyful Easter songs and share the meaning of Easter. During the service, children spoke about Easter and explored different traditions celebrated around the world, making it a thoughtful and enriching experience for everyone who attended. It was lovely to see the school community gathered in such a special setting. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who could join us for this meaningful celebration.

In the meantime, please find a few updates/reminders below...

### **Staffing Update**

We have cause to celebrate over Easter as Miss M Turner is getting married! On behalf of the whole school community, we send our warmest wishes to the future bride and groom! Following the Easter break, Miss Turner will return as **Mrs M Cowlard**.

We say our 'goodbyes' to Miss Clapson today as she moves onto pastures new. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Clapson for everything she has done for St. Martin's CE Primary Academy and our pupils over the past four years. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her all the very best for the future. **Miss S Melding** has met Class 2 this week, and is thoroughly looking forward to teaching them after the Easter break.

We are also delighted to welcome **Mrs B Collins** back from maternity leave after the Easter break. Mrs Collins will be working with a range of classes from Wednesday – Friday each week, including our Nursery children on a Thursday and Friday morning.

### **Pupils on School Grounds in the Morning**

We have noticed recently that some children are arriving at school on their own early in the morning – from as early as 8.15am. While we understand that family schedules can be challenging to coordinate, I must emphasise that the school cannot accept responsibility for pupils until they enter the school building from 8.40am onwards when the playground/classroom doors open.

Wherever possible, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be present on 'gate duty' to welcome pupils and families from approximately 8.30/8.35am. However, it is crucial to understand that even during this period, the school does not assume responsibility for the children's welfare and supervision until 8.40am when pupils enter the building.

For the safety and well-being of all our pupils, we kindly ask that parents/carers ensure children do not arrive at school on their own before 8.30am (pupils in Year 5 & 6 only whose parents/carers have given explicit permission and have let the school know that their child(ren) walk to school on their own). This is in order to maintain clear boundaries regarding duty of care and to ensure that appropriate supervision arrangements are in place when children are on school grounds.

Please can we also politely request that children do **not** play on or with play equipment before school in the morning, particularly in the EYFS area outside the Reception classroom. I know none of us want to start off the day administering first aid to injured, and therefore upset, children – thank you.

### Late Collection

Please can we politely remind families of the importance of collecting pupils from school on time. The school day ends at **3.15pm** every day when pupils should be collected by a responsible adult (unless pupils in Year 5 & 6 have permission to walk home alone). It is not fair on children, or on school staff, for children to be left behind after home time. The same principle also applies to **Choir**, which finishes at 4.00pm on a Thursday, and **After School Club (Sports)**, which finishes at 4.15pm on a Monday.

### School Uniform

Following the Easter break, please can we ensure that all pupils are wearing the correct school uniform. Over time, we have seen more leggings, flares, joggers, trainers, etc. creeping into school, none of which are part of our agreed school uniform which is outlined below:

#### School Uniform

- White short- or long-sleeved shirt or polo shirt
- Bottle green cardigan or jumper (with or without school logo)
- Dark Grey/charcoal shorts, trousers, skirt, or pinafore (no leggings, jeggings or joggers)
- Green and white checked summer dress or 'playsuit'
- Smart, flat black shoes (no boots, trainers or sandals)
- Dark Grey/charcoal or green tights
- Grey, black or white socks

#### PE kit:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black PE/sports shorts or cycle shorts (of an appropriate length) – (no sports brand/team logo)
- Trainers/plimsolls

In cold weather, **outdoor PE kit** may also comprise of:

- Green sweatshirt (with or without school logo), i.e. a spare school jumper
- Plain black joggers or leggings

#### Hair:

- For pupils with long hair, this should be tied back/up with an appropriately sized hair bobble. Large accessories are not appropriate for school.

We appreciate the cost of living crisis faced by many families and are always able to help when needed. Please do get in touch with our Pastoral Lead, Mrs Addlesee, should you ever require any support in sourcing school uniform – financial and practical help is always on hand.

### **Nut Free School**

As with all schools, we are a completely **nut free school**. Due to severe allergies, this includes products that' "**May Contain Nuts**" – please can we ask that all items sent into school are double-checked in order to help keep all children safe and well in school.

Many thanks for your cooperation and continued support of the school. Once again, I hope you all have a peaceful and restful Easter break.

Kind regards



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