

William Martin CofE Schools and Nursery

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Experiencing life in all its fullness

Friday 10th September 2021



Dear Parents,

How lovely it is to see everyone back after a lovely, relaxing Summer break where we all got a chance to properly recharge our batteries! It has been such a joy to see all the children's happy, smiling faces coming into school and looking so beautifully neat and smart in all their school uniforms!

We have had a great start to this term, with our value of **Courage**, where the children have demonstrated this value in bucket loads: meeting their new teachers, making new friends and learning in new classrooms - you should all be very proud of yourselves!!!

Congratulations

We had three staff weddings over the Summer holidays, so huge congratulations from all the William Martin family to Mrs Batten (was Smith), Mrs Lee and Mrs Jones!

Premises

We are thrilled to say that our new tangle frame in Reception is now finished and installed; I know Mr Russell has been working so hard to fight COVID and BREXIT shortages, and is very pleased to complete this project. Thank you so much Mr Russell for all you amazing hard work over the holidays!



However, there are a number of projects that are in progress and outstanding including the installation of a new plumbing and boiler system in the Juniors, bike racks and the new Library. We



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had hoped to get all these completed by the beginning of September, but alas it was not meant to be so we thank you for your patience in this matter. We hope to have most of this completed by half term.

School Lunches

Due to HGV driver shortages, from time to time the kitchen may not be able to source foods and therefore may need to make short notice adjustments to the lunch menu. Where possible, we will try to keep you updated on this but will appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

Website

Year Group Parent Information presentations are now available on the schools [website](#), as well as welcome letters from each of the teachers. Please do have a look on your Year Group pages.

Earrings

A reminder that only studs are permitted in school, due to health and safety issues, and please ensure your child is not wearing earrings on PE days.

Birthday Sweets

Now that COVID restrictions have eased, we are pleased to say that children can bring in treats for their class on their birthday!!!



Parent Tours

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2022, Parent tours of the school are available on the following dates:

- Thurs 21st Oct 10am
- Tues 16th Nov 10am
- Tuesday 30th Nov 2.15pm
- Thurs 6th Jan 10am

If you would like to book a tour contact the Office on 01279 424122 or email

admin.williammartin@dcvst.org

PTA

The PTA have done an amazing job, pre-covid, raising much needed funds for the children of William Martin Schools. They are currently in need of new members!

If you are interested in joining please email Mrs Bailey at

head.harlow@dcvst.org

Join the PTA!



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Parent Forum

We really value talking to parents, and listening to their views on how we can continue to improve our school. We would like to set up a Parent Forum this year, which is an opportunity for parents to work positively with Senior Leaders, focussing on school improvement, and will meet once a term. If you are interested in joining us please contact Mrs Bailey on head.harlow@dcvst.org

That's it for now - have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children on Monday!

Very best wishes

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