St Martin's PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter

A Message from Us

What a wonderful start to the new school year we have had! We are incredibly proud of how beautifully all the children have settled into pre-school. It has been lovely watching them grow in confidence, become familiar with their new routines and begin to form some wonderful new friendships.

For some of our children, this half term has also meant adjusting to longer days at pre-school, and it has been wonderful to see how well they have embraced these changes. It has been a busy few weeks filled with exploring, learning, laughter and lots of exciting new experiences!

Boogie Beats has certainly been a highlight, with the children thoroughly enjoying the music, movement and opportunities to express themselves.
It has been a joy to watch each child's unique personality shine through and see how much they have grown in confidence and independence in such a short time. We are delighted with everything they have achieved and cannot wait to see how they continue to flourish throughout the year.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November, ready for another exciting half-term filled with fun, learning and new adventures!

Helen and the Pre-School Team

Tapestry

Remember to log in to your child's Tapestry profile to see all of their amazing learning and next steps. Each week, we will upload activities to do at home that are linked to what we are doing at pre-school.

Supporting Your Child's Development at Home

We would like to share a fantastic resource with our families! The Learners from Birth website offers free, practical guides to help parents support their children's development and independence. From potty training and establishing healthy toothbrushing routines to preparing for Reception, these easy-to-follow guides are full of helpful tips, advice and ideas to try at home. Whether your child is taking their first steps towards independence or getting ready for their next big adventure, there is something to support every family.

Explore the guides here: https://learnersfrombirth.co.uk/guides/

Autumn 2 Diary Dates

Friday 6th November - Diwali Day

Friday 13th November - Children in Need (children are welcome to come to pre-school wearing yellow or anything spotty)

Tuesday 1st December & Thursday 3rd December - Post Box Walk - Letters to Santa

Tuesday 8th December - Stay and Play session

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December - Nativity Rehearsal

Monday 14th December - Thursday 17th - Parent Consultations

Tuesday 15th December - Nativity

Autumn 2 Parent Consulatations

We hope you found our Autumn I parent consultations useful and enjoyed hearing about how your child has settled into pre-school, the friendships and relationships they are developing, and the next steps we will be supporting them with in their learning and development.

Our Autumn 2 parent consultations will take place during the week commencing Monday 14th December. Sign-up sheets will be made available closer to the time.

If you have any concerns about your child's development or wellbeing and would like Helen to join your consultation alongside your child's key person, please let us know when booking your appointment. We are always happy to work together to ensure your child feels happy, supported and confident at pre-school.

Stay and Play Sessions

We are delighted to invite our parents and carers to join us for a special Winter and Christmas-themed Stay & Play craft session on Tuesday 8th December!

Come along and enjoy some festive fun with your child as you get creative together, making wonderful winter and Christmas crafts. It will be a lovely opportunity to spend some special time together, explore our pre-school environment and get into the festive spirit!

Tuesday 8th December

Morning and all-day children: 8:45am - 10:00am

Afternoon children: 12:15pm - 1:30pm

To ensure we have enough space for everyone to enjoy the activities safely and comfortably, we kindly ask that only one parent or carer attends per child.

Nativity

Our Nativity rehearsal will take place on Thursday 10th December, followed by our Christmas Nativity performance on Tuesday 15th December.

A letter will be sent home after half term with further information and all the arrangements for both days.

Weekly Themes

Here are some of the themes we will be exploring next half term...



Fireworks



Celebrations



Transport



Julia Donaldson Stories



Pets



Winter



Christmas

Additional Sessions

If you would like your child to attend additional sessions at pre-school, please email Nancy to enquire about availability.

We will soon be offering our remaining places for January to new families, but we would like to give our existing families priority and the opportunity to increase their child's sessions before doing so.

If you are considering adding an extra morning, afternoon or full day, please get in touch with Nancy as soon as possible so we can explore the options available.

We will do our best to accommodate requests, subject to availability.

Useful Information

Home-Start - a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times.

https://www.home-start.org.uk/

Family Information Service - useful local information relating to services for children and families living in Surrey.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families