

Sir Martin Frobisher Academy

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Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you to update you on school life at Sir Martin Frobisher Academy and to also provide you with some key dates to put in your calendars.

Curriculum Updates:

Children have commented on how they are really enjoying their 'mini – missions'. The learning in school has recently ranged from understanding what it would be like to live in the Victorian era, to joining Neil Armstrong on a journey to outer space. Children are now describing their learning as 'fun and exciting', which is exactly what learning should be!

In two weeks time, we will be carrying out our first ever whole school mini-mission. This will be a really exciting time for all involved at the school, so do watch this space!

We have also been thrilled with the number of parents able to come and join us in school to share the learning experiences with their children and look forward to seeing more family members over the rest of this half term.

Behaviour:

Behaviour has improved significantly since the beginning of the year. Children are now talking about the importance of Aiming High and a number of children have been to see me to receive their 25 gold star prize. The Head Teachers Tea Party will take place at the end of this half term and this will be a fabulous event for those children who have earned the right amount of gold stars. Please do speak with your class teacher for an update on your child and their gold stars.

School Building Improvements:

Over the half term, the inside of the school went through a bit of a 'makeover'. We have redecorated the school hall – the heart of the school and also revamped our school library. There are plenty of rich and varied books available to all our children now. I do hope you are finding the time to read some of these books at home with your children.

Parent Governors:

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Katherine Wright and Mr Wayne Lee have been elected as parent governors. We look forward to working with these parents, who I am sure will play a pivotal role in school improvement.

PTFA:

I wanted to say, on behalf of the children and staff at Sir Martin Frobisher, a huge thank you to our incredible PTFA team. The Halloween events that have recently taken place captured the imagination of our children and made the events a huge success - raising a fantastic £266. I am very much looking forward to seeing our Christmas events come to life.

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Facebook:

Our Facebook page is now up and running. We are posting on their, almost daily. Please do like our page 'Sir Martin Frobisher Academy', it's the one with the school logo as the main picture.

Please remember, this page is solely used for us to communicate more effectively and share all of the exciting learning opportunities taking place at school. We look forward to seeing many more parents / family members joining this page.

Key Dates in advance:

Tuesday 13th November – Year 1/2 Parent Workshop 1.30-3.00pm

Friday 16th November – Children in Need - 'Wear something spotty or non-uniform and donate a £1'

Monday 19th November – Year 3/4 Parent Workshop 1.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 21st November – Parents Coffee Morning with Mrs Barton / Mr Girdlestone 9.00-9.30am

Friday 23rd November – Nursery Stay and Play Session 9.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 27th November – Year 5/6 Parent Workshop 1.30-3.00pm

Friday 30th November – Phonics Session for Reception Parents 2.30-3.15pm

Friday 7th December – Nursery Stay and Play Session 9.30am – 10.30am

Tuesday 11th December – PTFA Christmas Bizarre more information to follow

Tuesday 18th December- Pantomime Trip – letter to follow

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20th December – **Sunday 6th January** - Christmas Holiday

We are just confirming details of the Christmas Performances and dates will be circulated next week.

Please note that Easter Monday was missed on the Term Dates handed out a few weeks ago. Monday 22nd April is Easter Monday and therefore the school is closed.

Staffing Updates:

We wanted to offer advanced notice about some teaching staff changes for after Christmas. Please rest assured that this will not disturb your children's learning as secure transitions will be put into place.

As some of you may already know, Miss Villa (Class 8) will be going back to her home country of Australia at the end of this year. The school and myself will miss her very much.

Miss Khan (Class 6) will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term but we look forward to welcoming her back.

Miss Higgins (Class 4) was only ever with us for a school term. She is a fabulous teacher and has been used to support the changes that we have made to date. We are very grateful for her support.

Mrs Welham has left the school today after 21 years committing to the school. This is a great achievement and we wish her well in her next venture.

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For the positions mentioned above, you and your children will have plenty of opportunity to meet the new members of staff.

As always, I wanted to personally thank you for your continued support with the on-going improvements at Sir Martin Frobisher. Everyday, the school is moving forward and it is a joy to see a sea of smiley faces come into school and leave school on a daily basis. As parents / family, you have seen a number of changes introduced by myself and the team and you have trusted that these are the right decisions for your children. It is now, that we can all see the positive impact these changes have brought about but it wouldn't have been possible without your support.

I look forward to another successful half term and all the festive fun that we will have as a wider family at Sir Martin Frobisher Academy.

Kind regards

Mrs Barton
Executive Headteacher

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