



## **Hints & Tips**



*What we found helpful to know as new parents to St. Martin's.....*

- Make sure that the school has your mobile number as we receive a lot of text messages.
- Make sure the office know who else can pick you child up.
- Keep up-to-date with school and PSA news via the weekly Friday newsletter sent by email.
- There are whole school and individual class Masses throughout the year which parents/family/guardians are welcome to attend.
- There is a Christmas party day in which children are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers to kick off the festive season....so start knitting! (just kidding!)
- The school celebrates World Book day in March when children and staff dress up in costume as a character from a book...anything from a pirate to Paddington bear!
- There is a house system within the school;

O'Malley / St Luke (Green)

Warren / St John (Red)

Keane / St Matthew (Yellow)

Porter / St Mark (Blue)

Reception children will have been allocated to a house.

There are short house meetings held every couple of weeks.

They help to rally the troops, lift team spirit and share how many points they have achieved as a house. House points are given by teachers for good behaviour and effort in work. The house with the most number of points after each half term wins a House Treat, organised by the staff members of the winning house! If you have older siblings in the school, you may wish to request that siblings be allocated to the same house.

- Forest school is a wonderful part of life at St Martin's. Make sure your child has wellies, long sleeved top and trousers / leggings which stay in school.
- The children are provided with a fruit snack in the morning, there is a water fountain in the cloakroom or you can provide labelled water bottles.
- All children under 5 years are offered milk at break time. When your child turns 5 years old and if they would still like milk, parents must pay 10p per day. The office like you to pay this in cash whether you pay for one day or the whole term.
- Year 1 parents will congregate in the next playground to Reception parents. They have just experienced a wonderful year in Reception so please feel free to chat, make friends and ask for help....they are very happy and willing to help!
- Do not hesitate to ask for help or advice from staff or other parents. St Martin's is a wonderfully caring and safe environment which will always extend a hand and be ready to guide you in the right direction!

### Key Dates for Reception

#### September

21<sup>st</sup> Phonics Training 9am

#### November

14<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations

#### December

13<sup>th</sup> Reception Christmas

Performance 2pm

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day

20<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations

#### June

27<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

#### July

7<sup>th</sup> Music Afternoon

*We'd love for this document to be updated with anything you feel we've missed! Let us know at [stmartinspsa@outlook.com](mailto:stmartinspsa@outlook.com)*