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October/November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Pre-School! The next half term will be very busy, with lots of activities leading up to Christmas. Some details are given below but, as always, more information will be displayed at Pre-School, on our noticeboard and on our door.

### **Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Our photographer will join us to photograph the children on Monday (all day), Tuesday (all day) and Wednesday (pm only). Parents have a choice of a portrait on a white background, or a natural photo taken whilst their child is at play. Purchases are optional, but our parents were thrilled with the results last year and the photos make lovely Christmas presents! Any orders will be with you just before we break up for the Christmas holiday.

### **Diwali**

Children will be sharing the story of Diwali and the morning children will be making divas.

### **Fireworks**

Children will be making rockets and firework pictures.

The morning children will begin to practise the songs for their Christmas performance.

### **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Parent consultations – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Consultations will be for the morning children and any afternoon children who have not yet had their meeting with their key person, following their child's Two-Year Progress Check.

Appointment lists will be in reception from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, so please sign up to an available slot. If you don't come in to drop off or collect your child, then you can email for an appointment. Please note that we are limited to ten-minute appointments, so please be fair to other families by keeping to your allocated time on the day!

### **Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Music with Parents for Afternoon Children**

Afternoon parents are invited to join the children for singing at the end of session. This will be taking place during the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November from 2.40pm until the end of the session – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only. We will be singing a variety of songs that the children have learnt since joining St Martin's Pre-School.

We must make this a maximum of 10 parents each day, due to our space limitations in Pre-School. Please arrive promptly at 2.40pm so that all the parents arrive together – this avoids the doorbell ringing whilst we are singing!

**If you would like to join us, please can you sign up on the sheet in reception (available from week starting 13<sup>th</sup> November) to confirm which day you will be coming.**

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Rehearsal for Morning Children**

We will be having a rehearsal for our morning performance on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Dress Rehearsal for Morning Children**

We will be having a dress rehearsal for our morning children's nativity play on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We would like all morning children to attend on this day, even if it is not their normal day.

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Performance for Morning Children**

The performance will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the Infant School Hall. We would like all children to take part, even if Friday is not their normal day at Pre-School. Children should be collected and taken home after the nativity play has finished and there will be no Lunch Club on the day of the performance.

There will be no need to buy costumes as these will be provided by Pre-School. On the 8<sup>th</sup> December there will be room for parents and grandparents to watch, although there is limited seating so some of the audience may have to stand at the back! We do ask that you don't bring babies or younger siblings if possible, as our children have very little voices, so we need the hall to be as quiet as possible so that they can be heard!

More details will follow nearer the time.

#### **End of Term – Afternoon Children, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Afternoon Children. The term will end on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December with a Christmas party for our afternoon children, from 1.30pm until 3pm. **All children should arrive at the later time of 1.30pm.**

There will be party games and food to enjoy, together with a visit from Father Christmas! There is a charge of £10.00 for the party included on your fee invoice. Please delete if your child will be unable to attend. This is the last day of term for the afternoon children and there will be no afternoon session on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **End of Term – Morning Children, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Morning Children. We will be holding a Christmas party for our morning children on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.30am – 1pm. There will be a party entertainer, together with party games and food, followed by a visit from Father Christmas! **All children should arrive at the later time of 10.30am.**

#### **Lunch Club**

We have a space in Lunch Club on Monday and Friday. If you would like your child to attend (morning children only) please let us know.

#### **Volunteer Helper – Thursday mornings**

We would really like to have some help clearing the leaves in our garden on a Thursday morning, before 9am. This will just be for the next three or four weeks, until all the leaves have fallen. If you can help for half an hour between 8am and 9am, please can you let us know!

#### **Volunteer helper – change a zip!**

Does anyone know someone who could change a zip in one of our adult Pre-School coats? The zip has broken in one of our coats and we are not sure if it is cost-effective to replace the zip (or replace the coat)! If you can help, please can you let us know. Thank you.

Kind regards

St Martin's Pre-School Team