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Dear Parents and Friends,



Welcome back to school. I hope you have had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see the children again and to hear their news. So much growing up seems to have taken place! We are looking forward to the term ahead and have included some key dates below. If you have any questions, or any niggly worries please do speak to your class teacher or send them a brief Dojo message. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child achieves all they can in school.

Children in school this week have said:

Reception: Everything was lovely, especially the toys and dressing up.

I had a drink and it made me feel better. (After a difficult drop-off).

Year 1: I've been in Reception, and on holiday, but Year 1 is better. I like learning.

I haven't tried art before, but I like the sound of it.

Year 2: It's very fun. I like learning.

I like most of the subjects, in fact there's not much I don't like. Geography and Science are my best.

Year 3: It's calm and fun and we're taught good things.

It's easier to learn and we're taught good things.

Year 4: I've enjoyed making new friends and getting to know new people.

Year 5: Computing is great, we've learned about micro bits.

I'm impressed how everyone looks after the school and I'm going to feel at home here.

Our teacher is really kind.

Year 6: Art in Year 6 is enjoyable.

I've been made to feel welcome because there is lots of help with things I don't already know.

## Partnership News

### Weekly Worship Focus

Our worship this week has been focussed on our new school year. We have talked about things that have changed and things that have stayed the same. We have reminded ourselves of some of our expectations and we have enjoyed being back together again.

We invite parents of children who receive certificates to join us for worship on a Friday in school. However, you can still join us virtually if it is easier for you. Monday – Thursday we have whole school worship at 2.45pm. On a Friday it is 1.05pm at All Saints and 2.30pm at St Martin. You are welcome to join us at any of these sessions.

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## Uniform Expectations

It's wonderful to see the children looking smart in their uniforms. This is so important for growing respect of both of self and of our school. Please remember:

- School socks (not super heroes or bright colours etc. please)
- Tie long hair back (boys and girls)
- Label **everything** (at Shouldham we have a bike that has been here for weeks. At both schools there are often shoes and coats too not to mention all the uniform pieces and water bottles)
- No jewellery (stud earrings permitted for 6 weeks after piercing only)
- Only water to drink in class (juice and squash is fine at lunch)

## Dojo Messages

It's great to keep in contact via Dojo!

Please keep all messages short, polite and respectful.

If you have serious concerns or need more than a simple response please arrange a phone call or personal meeting.

Teachers are not expected to answer messages outside of the working day, so if they do it's a bonus.

They will use the platform to keep you informed of class events and to share children's work.

Teachers are also expected to keep all conversations professional and nothing to do with their, or your, personal life.

Thank you for supporting your child in this way.

## Attendance

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%			
All Saints		St Martin	
Saturn	100%	Explorers	100%
Jupiter	98.56%	Adventurers	96.43%
Neptune	97.27%	Investigators	96.67%
Mars	94.33%	Seekers	95.96%
		Voyagers	100%
		Researchers	94.20%
Total for the school	97.23%	Total for the school	97.08%
Great start! Well done.		Great start! Well done.	

The Education Secretary recently told BBC Breakfast: "What we know is if children miss a day or two in the first couple of weeks of term, they're more likely to go on to be persistently absent."

She continued: "That means they're more likely not to be going to school on a regular basis, and all the consequences that has for their life chances."

Phillipson said parents and schools should pull together to get their children "off to a good start".



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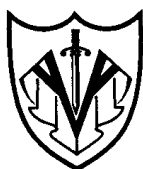


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 <b>CALENDAR</b> 			
Our special value this half term is: <b>Friendship</b>			
	All Saints	Partnership	St Martin
12 <sup>th</sup> September		School Council and Worship Group Appointments	
17 <sup>th</sup> September		School council & Worship Group Parliament & Mosque Visit	
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Immunisation		
19 <sup>th</sup> September			Gardening Afternoon (Volunteers please)
22 <sup>nd</sup> September		FGB	
24 <sup>th</sup> September	9am Parent Chat		Photographs
25 <sup>th</sup> September			2pm Parent Chat
October is Black History Month			
29 <sup>th</sup> September		Nature Table week	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Harvest	
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Photographs		
17 <sup>th</sup> October			Adventurers & Investigators visit to Watatunga
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Archery Enrichment		
<b>Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	All Saints Day Celebrations		
4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> November		Parent Consultation Evenings	
Week beg 10 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-Bullying Week	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Mars visit to Gressenhall	Remembrance Day	
14 <sup>th</sup> November			St Martin Celebrations and Fair
20 <sup>th</sup> November			Flu Immunisation
24 <sup>th</sup> November		FGB	
1 <sup>st</sup> December		DEMAT Carol Service	
3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Parent Chat	
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair	Elf Day	
9 <sup>th</sup> December		Pantomime	
12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christingle	
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Productions TBA	
19 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Church	1.30pm
<b>Last Day of term: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>First Day of next term: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
<b>Non-contact days this year: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>			





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## We need another governor! Could it be YOU?

If you are interested please talk to our Chair of Governors Mr Mitcheson-Smith ([gmitchesonsmith@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:gmitchesonsmith@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk)) or Mrs Howe ([head@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk)).



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## St Martin at Shouldham



### Gardening Afternoon

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September we're going to make our environment look a bit more beautiful in school. It has suffered in the drought and in our absence and now is the time to make use of the rain and burst into life again. We'd love you (parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends) to join us for the afternoon if you can. If you have any spare plants please do bring them too. More information nearer the day. Thank you!

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday.*

*Don't forget that **lessons start** at 8.45am.*

*Katherine Howe*

## could you foster?



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**Do you have space in your home and heart to foster a child?**

As a not-for-profit, we reinvest in our foster carers, providing full training, a dedicated social worker, monthly funding, and all the support you need so you're never alone on this incredible journey.

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**break**  
Changing young lives

**Ask Norfolk Parents**

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of Ask Norfolk Parents.

The Ask Norfolk Parents online community is a safe and supportive place for families of children and young people in Norfolk to share experiences, find information and gain peer-to-peer support from each other and it's FREE to join.

The group is hosted on HealthUnlocked, a social networking service for health.

HealthUnlocked is a safe and secure environment where people can join communities and conversations about health. They can share experiences and get questions answered by peers and professionals, all led by trusted organisations.

**Join Today!**

[healthunlocked.com/one-norfolk-parents](http://healthunlocked.com/one-norfolk-parents)

**family hubs**

Parent or carer in West Norfolk?

Need advice or support this summer holidays?

Get in touch with your local family hubs team.

Call: 01553 669651

Drop In: Columbia Way, King's Lynn PE30 2LB

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Advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
- mental health
- parenting
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- activities and groups
- infant feeding
- money and work
- housing
- SEND
- support for dads
- substance misuse
- transition to adulthood

and so much more...

Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people from conception to 19 (25 for young adults with SEND).

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## Swan Youth Project

Swan Youth Project is based at the heart of the community in Downham Market. We support young people from age 8 plus their families with a wide range of high quality services.

We work with a Trauma Informed approach, getting to know our young people really well.

*One size does not fit all*

Our current services are:

- Open Access Youth Groups
- 1:1 support for mild/emerging mental health
- Family Support
- Parents Drop-in
- Young Carers Support
- Hygiene Bank
- More than a Bike
- Alternative Provision
- Assemblies and workshops
- Vocational Trips/sessions
- Residential Trips

“ I like seeing my friends and having a place I can go to feel supported and appreciated and I feel welcomed ”

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