



St. Martin's C of E (VA) Primary School

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back!

A huge well done to our wonderful youngsters who worked so hard last week and embraced the challenge of their transition into a new class. We had a fantastic week in school and it was so lovely to have the school buzzing with activity and see everyone's smiley faces. We welcomed our new EYFS starters too and we look forward to being part of their learning journey at St. Martin's School.

New security at the front gate

We have a new video security system at the main gate now. If you need to collect your child during the day, simply ring the bell at the gate and you will be connected to the office. We are able to see all visitors to the gate which will support our work in safeguarding our children. To leave the school site at the gate, simply do the same and Mrs Newton or Mrs Pickles will release the gate mechanism.

Lunches

Just a reminder that from September 2022, NYCC had issued a rise in our cost for lunches. From September 2022, the cost of lunch is now £2.75 per day (£13.75 per week).

To check eligibility for Free School Meals, please follow the link below to look at the criteria. Even if your child is currently in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 we recommend checking this, as the funding will benefit your children in school. If you are eligible, you could save up to £450 a year with free school meals for your child. School meals also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh and nutritious meal.

Link:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Attendance

Attendance is a key focus for this academic year in order for us to support every child to achieve their absolute best. We know the impact that consistent attendance has on attainment; therefore, our attendance target is 96% or above for our pupils.



Please have your child in school promptly by 8.50am so that they can start their day with the whole class and we can make every second count for their learning. Gates open at 8.40am and shut at 8.50am. Thank you.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body. Please see the additional information sent out with this newsletter if you are interested in the role.

Monday 19th September

The DfE announced that Monday 19th September 2022 will be our late Majesty the Queen's funeral and this date will be a bank holiday. The school will be closed on that day in line with the DfE guidelines. School will remain open on all other days.



God bless,

C Barber

Mrs C Barber Headteacher

"Serve one another in love" Galatians 5v13