



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

## 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

### Parent Governor

Following the Parent Governor election, I am pleased to inform you that the vacancy has been filled. Mrs Kathryn O'Malley was elected and will start her role this term.

### Westway Arms

We have kept a trolley in the main reception area for any food donations for the Westway Arms and will keep it there this term. With times being so challenging, the food bank has been supporting many more families. If it is easier, you can send donations in at any time with your child and we will make sure it gets put with all the other donations. Thank you.

### Attendance and Punctuality.

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am and shut at 8.50am. We are finding that there are regularly lots of children arriving after 5-10 minutes after 8.50am. Please aim to leave the house 5-10 minutes earlier to allow time to get through the traffic and allow for parking.

As soon as the children get in to school they get started on a learning task, so this is equating to lost learning time in the classroom.

Target Attendance %	School's Current Attendance	National Attendance
96%	93.8%	93.7%

### Nut Allergies

We have children and staff members with significant nut allergies that could be fatal for their health. For this reason we are a nut-free school. Please do not send any food with nuts in with your children so that we can keep everybody safe. Thank you.

### Coronation Celebration

We are busy getting plans in place for celebrating the King's coronation. We would like to invite you all to an afternoon tea party on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00pm on the school playground. We would love donations of cake on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to make this happen, so please send any donations in with the children on that morning. Tea, coffee and juice will be available as well as activities around the outside of school for families to get involved in such as rounders, cricket, craft activities and more. Families are welcome to attend, but if you are not able to attend due to work commitments, the staff will make sure that they get to experience the activities etc. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to celebrate in this way. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a slice of cake! If it does rain, we will hold the tea parties in the classrooms instead.

There will a special school menu for lunch that day, a separate letter will be coming out with the children so that you can indicate if your child would like lunch that day. We need to know by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April for the kitchen order. Thank you

To add to the fun, children can come dressed in red, white and blue that day. Please don't be trying to buy new clothes though, just casual clothes will be fine.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing in our celebrations.



With warm wishes and God bless,

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