

## St Martin's School

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Website Safle wê http://www.stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk Headteacher/Prifathro: Mr L Jarvis

Dear Parent/Carer,

We frequently update our school website throughout the school year to bring you the latest school news, events, and important information affecting you. To improve school communication and to make it even easier to access this information, we have decided to trial a mobile and tablet app, which you can now download for free from the iOS and Google Play App Stores.

Using this app will also mean we will decrease our environmental impact, keeping the sending of paper based letters to a minimum as well as limit the amount of text messages we send which will be cost effective, allowing us to manage our resources and maximise our focus on teaching and learning.

To download the app, simply go to the respective app store and search for 'School News'. Once the app has been downloaded, simply enter our school post code (CF83 1UW) to subscribe to updates and opt into push notifications, allowing you to receive instant updates from us.

Why you need our School News App:

- Get notifications to your phone as news happens. You will no longer be required to frequently check for updates on our school website or miss key information. As soon as we post new information to our school website and app, you will be notified immediately.
- Quickly check timings for events. Keep up to date with the latest key events directly from within the app.
- Feel better connected. With galleries and news items, our new School News App will help bring you even closer to what's happening at our school.
- Import events in to your device calendar. The new School News App allows you to import events straight into your device calendar so you can check for clashes and set reminders for upcoming important events.
- Contact the school directly through the App. Need to get in touch? You'll find all the details you'll need in the App.

Please may I also remind you we use social media as a way of communicating a vast array of information; photographs, pupil achievements etc. Our main Facebook and Twitter pages can be found by visiting www.facebook.com/StMartinsCaerphilly and www.twitter.com/StMartinsInfo. Although an excellent form of information sharing, we cannot always guarantee a reply via our social media forums, and therefore encourage you to continue to communicate any queries that requires personal or detailed responses via letter, telephone or email.

If you require any more information, please get in touch, or visit our school website for more information.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. Lewis Head of ICT/ESLT

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