



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Service Compassion Justice Perseverance

'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Galatians 3:28

Thursday 25 June 2020

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of another week. This is a short letter to you to end this week with some information and a request for your support for Holy Trinity Church.

Vote for Holy Trinity Church - Straw Bale Building

You may remember that I have written to you in the past about the straw bale project at Holy Trinity Church. We have supported them in the past, very simply, by voting for the project so that they can get some additional funding.

I am asking you once more to support this fantastic project for our local church who do so much for us here at St Martin's. Their straw build was named as a finalist in the sustainability section of the SECBE Construction Excellence awards. Although they did not win the award it was prestigious for them to get as far as they did.

We can help Holy Trinity who are in the 'People's Choice' award and currently in the lead, and want to maintain this position. This is where you come in... all you have to do is click on this [link](#), scroll to the bottom of the page and vote. You can vote for all the members of your household if you refresh the page. Please vote by Wednesday 1 July to keep Holy Trinity in the lead position.

Black Lives Matter

I am sure you were as shocked and horrified as we all were about the murder of George Floyd and heartened by the outpouring of grief and support from across the world. The scale of the resulting peaceful protests calling for justice and equality showed how people of all races joined together to show solidarity in pursuit for equality for all.

We have been talking to our students and sharing resources with them, they have been talking to us, sharing their thoughts, visually and in writing. We are clear with them that racism has no place in our school and in our world and that it must be challenged.

We all stand firm in our values of Service, Compassion, Justice and Perseverance and actively oppose injustice and prejudice. As a school, with a rich, beautiful, diverse, loving and caring community we will continue to develop our curriculum to ensure that it is meaningful and relevant, and, where we are all reflected in our contributions to the world in a positive way.

We will also ask for your support and ideas as we plan going forward. We continue to strive for excellence for all in a safe and happy St Martin's family where justice and equality prevails. Please visit the Yoopies Press Release website [here](#) for further information that will help you talk to your child about this. There is also a very helpful Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter.

We go forward together with Love and Learning.

Yours sincerely

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