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Dear Parents and Carers of Oak Class

RE: VISIT TO THE GERMAN SCHOOL – TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2026

A visit has been organised for Year 3 to make lanterns at the German School in Petersham on Tuesday 3rd November as part of their celebration of St Martin.

We will be walking to the German School, leaving at 9.30am and will be returning to school in time for lunch. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform and sensible, warm outdoor clothing.

As we already have your permission to take your child on local visits, no further action is required.

LANTERN PROCESSION AT THE GERMAN SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026

Parents are then invited to take their children to the German School for a 'Lantern Procession' which will take place on Wednesday 11th November at 4.15pm at the German School *(please see the attached letter from the German School for more information).* Children are asked to take their lanterns with them.

Yours faithfully

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Dear parents and children of year 3,

We would like to invite you to join us at our **ST. Martin Procession on Wednesday 11 Nov 2026 4.15pm at the German School London.** Please bring the lanterns you made at the German School.

Why do we celebrate St. Martin

Saint Martin of Tours (316 - 297 CE) initially worked as a Roman legionary but was later appointed the third Bishop of Tours. He was a modest and altruistic man. The legend goes that he saved a homeless person from freezing to death by giving him half of his cloak is known to children in all parts of Germany. Today many children build their own lanterns in the run-up to November 11. In the evening on St. Martin's Day there are lantern processions in towns all over Germany. Often, they are led by an actor impersonating the Saint, usually dressed up as a Roman soldier riding on a horse. At the end of the procession people gather around a large bonfire to sing songs dedicated to St. Martin, eat sweet pastries and drink mulled wine. Many Germans celebrate St. Martin's Day with a festive meal where roasted goose or duck is traditionally served as the main course.

We play the St. Martin story, sing the classic St. Martin songs and the choir will sing traditional songs. Please sing along with us all! Afterwards we will walk once around the sports field with the lanterns. After the procession **drinks and hotdogs are available to buy**, all **proceeds go to Momentum Charity**, a charity supporting seriously ill children and their families. We have been supporting this charity for the last 8 years and you can find further information about the charity on www.momentumcharity.org.

Please note that the playground is open for your Primary School aged children to use freely. There will be no supervision at the playground, and **parents are responsible for the safety of their children on the day**. You are responsible for the supervision of your children during the entire event!

Unfortunately, there is **no parking** available at the school.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Kind regards Your Primary School Team

Any questions please get in touch angela.richter@dslondon.org.uk