

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 2

15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Our new term is continuing to go well, the children are settling well into their classes (including all our new children) and the classrooms look lovely with some fresh displays.

House News



House meetings were held last Friday afternoon to elect House Captains and Vice-Captains for the year. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 had the opportunity to vote, with the captains being chosen from Years 5 and 6. Children were asked to consider their choices carefully, thinking about the duties and expectations of leadership. They made brief but impressive speeches as they talked to the younger house members.

The results were:

	CAPTAINS	VICE-CAPTAINS
NORTH	Elri Kotze and Brandon Ward	Isaac Rutter
SOUTH	Emily Durham and Katya Burgess	Edward Bishop
EAST	Louis Codling and Milla Brereton	Beau Power
WEST	Jack Robbins and David Smith	Ellie Mayo

A huge thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for these important roles at St Martin's. Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains and Vice House Captains. We hope that you enjoy your year of leadership.

School Ambassadors and Sports Ambassadors:

Many thanks to those Year 6 children who have already submitted letters of application to Mrs Bartlett. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Bishop will be holding interviews on Friday 29th September and we will then announce the names of our school and sports ambassadors. If you are in Year 6 and would like to represent the school in one of these roles, please submit your letter of application to Mrs Bartlett as soon as possible.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: NORTH **Total Merits 95**
HOUSE CAPTAINS: Elri Kotze and Brandon Ward

House Scores this week:

South	75
East	78
West	56

Writer's Award

Maple Class:

Congratulations to: Jack Seward for using conjunctions of time in his sentences.

Congratulations to: Annabelle Prowse for a fabulous recount using time prepositions and conjunctions.



Congratulations to Elri Kotze for passing grade 2 Piano with merit. Well done Elri

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will be held at St Martin's Church on Thursday 5th October at 2.15pm.

In conjunction with the church and our neighbouring schools, we will be fundraising for Loose Ends, a charity for homeless and vulnerable people in Newbury. After the success of last year, we have agreed with the church

that instead of bringing in traditional harvest gifts, we will invite families to support our harvest celebration in one of two ways.

1. Families are invited to send in donations in an envelope on the morning of the harvest service and these will be passed on to Loose Ends.
2. Families are invited to donate 'fresh' produce: bread, fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes or homemade preserves, jams or chutneys. It would be great if they were home-made or home grown, but not essential, as these would represent the produce of the harvest. One item or small collection of items would be ideal. ALL fresh produce may then be purchased after the service for donations – whatever you feel is a suitable contribution based on what you take.

All the monies raised, either by direct donation or via the sale of fresh produce, will then be given to Loose Ends as our Harvest gift. We do hope you can join us in this opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate Harvest.

PTA

Thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA meeting last night. It is always nice to welcome new members and if anyone feels they would be in a position to support us in this way, please get in touch either with the School Office or with any of the committee members. We are currently looking for a new treasurer, so if you think this is something you could help with, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Message Board

Sad news

With regret we have to announce the death of Roger Moon, our KS1 football coach. We send our condolences and prayers to his wife Penny at this very difficult time. Nigel Smith is making a collection if you would like to contribute. There is a card to sign in the office.

Secondary Schools' Open Evenings / Mornings

For parents of children in years 5 and 6 thinking about the transfer to secondary school for year 7, please see the flyer attached from Park House School with details of their open events. Year 6 children will be bringing home details of Open Mornings and Evenings for St Bartholomew's School. The Clere School has also provided details of their open events for Year 5 and 6 children which will be coming home with your children today.

Judo Clothes

If you are interested in Judo lessons we have some spare Judo clothing in the school office which you are welcome to have for a donation to school funds.

Newbury Show

This is usually the time of year when we remind you to look at our stand at the Newbury Show. Sadly this year, we are not in a position to exhibit. Unfortunately with such a busy start to the school term we just have not had the time to prepare it properly. However we plan to be back next year! Thanks to Paddy and Brandon's Grandad for being on hand to transport Derek the dinosaur for us but sadly for him, Derek, he will not be making this exciting trip after all!

Important Funding News

We have applied for a grant from Tesco's called 'Bags of Help'. It sounds similar to the Waitrose scheme where you vote in store for your chosen charity. **Please make sure you vote for St. Martin's School** when you are shopping in Tesco and remind your family and friends to do the same (please be aware that you often need to ask at the till for counters to vote with). The more votes we get, the more likely we are to receive a larger grant. With the proceeds we are hoping to extend the bouncy bark area by adding more fixed play equipment.

Keen Decorator Needed

A plea from Cherry and Silver Birch for someone who might like to re-paint the Wendy House door, (often called the Windy House by the children?). It needs a good sand or dip and a new coat or two of red paint

please. Is there anyone who could help? The door could be removed and painted at home.

Activities: 18th – 22nd September 2017

School

Monday 18th Year R/1 French Club -12.25 pm
Tuesday 19th Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Skills Club 3.25pm – 4.20pm
Wednesday 20th Maple Class Gym Club 3.25pm – 4.25pm

Church

Sunday 17th Holy Communion – East Woodhay – 8.00am
 Benefice Communion – Woolton Hill – 10.00am
 Evensong – Crux Easton – 6.00pm

Attachments:

Flyers – Park House Open Mornings
 Jo Harrop sings the sultry swinging music of Peggy Lee



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“an exceptional school” Ofsted

**the South's Centre of Excellence
for learning Computer Science**

full of amazing extra-curricular opportunities

in the top 15% for Sixth Form achievement

**in the top 100 state schools for continuous
improvement at GCSE** Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools

**Open Evening 6pm–9pm
Thursday 21 September**
Presentations by the Headteacher at 6.15 pm, 7.15 pm and 8.15 pm on Open Evening

**Open Mornings 9.15am–11am
Friday 22 September
Tuesday 17 October**

Headteacher: Mr Derek Peuple. For more information please visit www.parkhouseschool.org
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17/09/17

**Jo Harrop sings the
sultry swinging
music of Peggy Lee**

**Featuring Tony Kofi
on Alto Sax**

Old Bluecoat School, Thatcham

RG18 4JT

4p.m

Tickets available from Simon Witcomb

01635869869 or on the door £10/£5