

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS



What a fabulous picture of our confident Year 6s from last year beginning life at their new school! We are always delighted to receive news of past pupils' achievements and progress. Best wishes to you all.

East Woodhay Flower Show

We hope that many of you managed to visit the East Woodhay Flower Show and see our paintings on display. Our paintings have just been returned to school, along with the following note, which we are incredibly proud of:

On behalf of the East Woodhay Flower Show, thank you all for taking part in the Schools' Art Competition. Your paintings and drawings showed great imagination and made a colourful display at the show. The judge was very impressed by the thought and detail that had gone into your work. The high standard made choosing winners a challenge and you should all be proud of your creations.

French Club

Dominique Colthurst is running French Club on Mondays at lunchtime at a cost of £4 per session. The club is aimed at children in Year R and Year 1 but Dominique is happy to take some Year 2 children if parents are interested. If you would like your child to join French Club please speak to Mrs. Carter in the school office.

Monday Funday

Monday Funday begins again on Monday 25th September. The group meets at St. Martin's school every Monday during term-time from 2pm to 3pm. Pre-school children and their parents/carers are very welcome to come and join us for a drink, to play games and join in with some rhymes and action songs.

This term Monday Funday Club will take place on:

25th September,

2nd, 9th, 16th October,

6th, 13th, 20th November,

4th, 11th, 18th December.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Open Morning and Evening

We will be holding an Open Morning and Evening on Wednesday 18th October at 9.15am and at 6.00pm. Although this is aimed at parents with children due to start school in Year R in September 2018, any parent with a child looking to join St Martin's is more than welcome to attend. If anyone is unable to make these meetings, Mrs Bartlett is happy to meet them at a mutually convenient time – please contact the School Office.

We have attached a flyer with more information – please feel free to pass it on to anyone who may be interested or display it in your house or car window! We can provide larger copies if required.

Please Help

Over the summer the school grounds have become increasingly overgrown. We are looking for some willing volunteers who would be able to give up a couple of hours on Saturday 30th September from 10:00 – 12:00 to help cut back plants, especially in the nature area, and generally help tidy up the school grounds. If you are able to provide suitable tools or a large car to transport rubbish to the waste recycling centre in Newbury (permit required) it would be greatly appreciated. Please be aware that all children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. We will provide tea, coffee and biscuits! If you are able to help, please let Mrs Carter in the School Office know.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: EAST
HOUSE CAPTAINS: Louis Codling and Milla Brereton

Total Merits

96

House Scores this week: North	68
South	66
West	77

Willow Class:

Congratulations to Spencer Codling, Louis Codling and Zak Rota for receiving our Good Citizenship Award.



Writer's Award

Sycamore Class:

Congratulations to Anabel Mugford, Jack Rowell and Ellie Sanders for a great retelling of Funnybones.

Maple Class:

Congratulations to Bruno Hill for an exciting recount with time conjunctions and adverbials.



Mathematics Award

Silver Birch:

Congratulations to Luca Nippress and Danik Tame for working hard in Mathematics.

Congratulations to Bojana on her winning performance at the Newbury Show on Sunday



On Sunday at the Royal County of Berkshire show Bojana and her pony Colne Torpedo ended their summer show season with a win in the NPS/BSPS Heritage M&M Lead Rein class. They then went on to become the Mini Champion. What an amazing way to end the season!



MESSAGE BOARD:

Road safety near school

We have had a call from a concerned grandparent who witnessed a car driving too fast and cutting the corner by going up on the verge at East Woodhay Village Hall. Please can we remind you all to drive carefully and considerately around the country lanes at all times.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

ARTEX: Please see attached flyer.

ACTIVITIES: 25th – 29th September 2017

School

Monday 25 th	Year R/1 French Club – 12.25pm Monday Funday – 2.00 -3.00pm
Tuesday 26 th	Judo Club 8.00 – 8.45 am Year 1, 2 and 3 Multi Skills After School Club 3.25 – 4.20 pm
Wednesday 27 th	Maple Gymnastics After School Club 3.25 – 4.25 pm Years 5 and 6 Saxon League Rugby Hurstbourne Tarrant Primary School
Thursday 28 th	Brass / Woodwind Lessons – from 1.00pm

Church

Sunday 24 th	Holy Communion – Highclere – 8.00am Morning Worship – Woolton Hill – 9.30am Family Service – East Woodhay 9.30 am Harvest Family Service – Ashmansworth – 11.00am Matins – Highclere – 11.00am
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ATTACHMENTS:

Open Morning and Evening Flyer
Artex Flyer with reply slip



St Martin's School

Headteacher: Mrs K. Bartlett

Chair of Governors: Mrs H.V. Bishop

OPEN MORNING AND EVENING

for parents of children who are due to start school in
September 2018

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We would like to invite you to come and visit

## St Martin's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

East End, Newbury, RG20 0AF

On

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

at

9.15am or 6.00pm

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There will be a short presentation by the Headteacher followed by a tour of the school and an opportunity to meet the governors and staff and ask any questions you may have.



Refreshments will be available.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

For more information please contact the school on 01635 253489
or e-mail adminoffice@st-martins.hants.sch.uk

For those of you who are new to the school here is an explanation of ARTEX.

It is a great event for the school as it promotes the school name and the quality of what we do and of course it raises lots of money for us too!!

ARTEX is:

- ❖ An Exhibition of Artwork from a wide variety of local artists
- ❖ A fantastic source of income for St Martin's PTA and hence school
- ❖ A hugely enjoyable and long standing community event

ArtEx has been held each spring for the last 25 years in East Woodhay Village hall and has become a key event in the local community calendar. Our revenues regularly exceed £16,500 and after payments to artists and expenses the school keeps approximately £3,500.

Many visitors are astounded by the quality and variety of works exhibited each year - this is key to the success of the event. There really is something for everyone as prices range from as little as £50 to over £1,500. Home-made cakes and hot drinks add to the friendly atmosphere too.

Our popular ceramist: Martin Eastabrook



Our lead artist in 2017: Tim Richardson



Browsing the main exhibition



Helping on the Artex team is enjoyable and very rewarding as you aren't just helping the school but also the wider community. For such a small school to put on such a large event is amazing and we are always proud of the appearance and success and 'feel' of Artex.

As with everything many hands make light work and we are always looking for more volunteers. There are a variety of areas where you can help – from marketing to copywriting, general organisation and event setup and set down and stewarding during the event itself.

If you would like to help, please contact Karen Bennett, Nicky Bonner or Kirstine Duffy McBride or send a note (below) or an email to the school office. Thank you.

I would like to help with Artex this year. Name:

I can help with:

Please contact me on:

Number:.....

Email:.....