

# St Martin's School Weekly News

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## **THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

### **Cross Country – Down Grange, Basingstoke**

As we reported before half term, twenty children did an amazing job of representing St Martin's at the cross country event at Down Grange on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We have now received the team results and would like to congratulate the Year 3/4 boys' team who won the Small School Cross Country competition. They will be presented with the trophy in celebration worship this afternoon.

### **Dinner Money Payments**

You should have received a dinner money statement this week if your child has school dinners and is in Year 3 – 6. Please can we ask everyone to pay their statements as soon as possible and then to keep up to date with their dinner money payments. We are currently owed nearly £1500, which with the approaching end of the financial year is having a significant impact on our budget. If you are having difficulties paying your bill, please talk to us in confidence about how we can help.

### **Italian Club**

A gentle reminder to parents using the Italian Club that some fees are still outstanding. Please check your children's bags as Silvia has given the children a registration form with details of this term's sessions and fees. Registration forms are also available in the school office.

### **Start of the Day**

Please can we remind you that children should not be in the school building before 8:40am in the morning. The playground is supervised from 8:30am and children in Year 1 – 6 are welcome to wait on the main playground either with an adult or on their own until the main building is open at 8:40am and Maple and Willow classrooms are open at 8:45am. Year R children are welcome to wait with a parent on their playground until Cherry class is open at 8:40am.

### **Visits to Teachers**

Our teachers are always happy to meet with parents and carers to answer questions or help with any worries or concerns. However recently there have been a few times when parents have turned up in classrooms to talk to teachers at unexpected times, for example at 8:00am in the morning and 5:00pm in the evening. As I am sure you will understand teachers can be busy preparing lessons, marking books or in meetings at these times and it can be very unnerving to have someone arrive unexpectedly in your classroom. Please could we ask that if you need to speak to the class teacher, you do this either at drop off in the morning or at pick up time in the afternoon. If you need to speak to a teacher at another time, please can you contact the school office to arrange a suitable time. Thank you for your understanding.



## HOUSE OF THE WEEK: EAST

**Average Merits**

**2.9**

**HOUSE CAPTAINS: Louis C and Milla B**

<b>House Scores this week:</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>2.2</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>2.0</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>2.2</b>

You may have noticed that East House have been very successful in the house competition recently. This is because there are several more children in East House than in the other houses. Therefore we have decided to calculate an average merit score each week as opposed to a total merit score.

### Special Learning Awards

**Congratulations to:** David S for special learning in English.

**Congratulations to:** Brandon W and Will D for special learning in Art

**Congratulations to:** David S for special learning in English.

**Congratulations to:** Florence H, Otilie O, Evie T and Katya T for super, independent story writing.

**Congratulations to:** Athena L for amazing independent story writing.

**Congratulations to:** James B for special learning in all subjects.

**Congratulations to:** Katya T, Otilie L, Florence H and Evie T for special learning in writing stories.



### School Values Awards



#### Respect

**Congratulations to:** Adam K for always being polite, respectful and for working hard.

**Congratulations to:** Katya B for being polite, respectful, helpful and hardworking.

**Congratulations to:** Harry D for always being polite and respectful in class.

**Congratulations to:** Morgan H for having a great attitude towards peers, teachers and new people in the school.

#### Friendship

**Congratulations to:** Naya T for always being kind and friendly to everyone in Cherry Class.

#### Courage

**Congratulations to:** Jack R for showing huge personal courage in having a go at the blind chocolate taste test.

**Congratulations to:** Seren B for achieving British Gymnastic proficiency award or level 1

**Congratulations to:** David S, Harry J, Grace HS and William F for achieving Aqua missions for the PADI seal team program.

**Congratulations to:** Bojana MR and Imogen W for passing Swimming Stage 1

**Congratulations to:** Milla B for finishing her first Piano Book.

## **NEXT WEEK:**

### **World Book Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

As you are aware from our diary dates we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character out of a book. If possible we would like the children to bring a copy of the book they have chosen into school on Thursday to share with other children in their house. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to developing a love of reading.

### **World Book Day – Lunch**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March to celebrate World Book Day there will be a themed lunch:

#### **Villa Villakulla's Meatballs**

Beef meatballs in gravy

or

Vegetarian meat free balls in a tomato sauce served with pasta or potatoes

#### **The Strongest Girls in the World's**

Medley of green vegetables

#### **Pippi's Pepparkakor**

Swedish heart shaped cookies

#### **The Little Red-Gold Pear Tree**

Pear Sponge

### **Book Sale – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

We will be holding our traditional book sale on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to help raise money to buy new books for our library. If your children have any books that they no longer read and you would like to donate them to our book sale, please bring them into school next week. On the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March all children will be given the opportunity to look at the books that have been donated and buy some that appeal to them. All books will be 10p and children can bring in up to £1 to spend. Please send any money in a named purse or envelope and send in a named carried bag for children to put the books they have purchased in. Parents and carers are welcome to come into the school hall at the end of the day to purchase books from the book sale.

Please be aware that due to the book sale, there will be no celebration worship on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## **ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Disco – 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Flyers are available from the School Association drop box in reception or see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **Parental Consultations**

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure that you sign up for a convenient time to meet your children's class teacher on the sheets currently outside the classrooms. If this is difficult, because you do not drop your child off or collect them, please call the school office who will be happy to help you.

We suggest that if at all possible, you arrive slightly before your appointment in order to have time to look at your child's books. We will also be putting out parental questionnaires and would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes filling it in. Your views matter to us and we would like to hear what you value about St Martin's as well as your suggestions as to what would make the school even better. When you arrive, please make your way to your children's classroom – we will leave their books and the questionnaires outside the classroom.

Please make sure that if your children accompany you to parental consultations, you supervise them. Unfortunately due to adult ratios, Fun Club cannot take responsibility for any child that has not been booked into the session.

Please be aware that on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March there is a tag rugby tournament taking place on our school field so there will be a significant number of visitors on site.

## MESSAGE BOARD:



**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**\*\*\*\*\*ARTEX 18\*\*\*\*\***

**Hold this date in your diary!**

### **Artex needs you**

The list for helpers over the weekend (16/17 and 19 March) is now up on the office door. Please do try and spare a few hours to come along - it's a great opportunity to browse some fantastic artwork. We will also need volunteers to help set up on the Friday after 12pm. As it's an event raising funds for school Mrs Bartlett has agreed that there will be no charge for a limited number of additional children in fun club that day so as to enable parents to help set up. Thank you

### **Scouts**

The Scouts are hoping to open a new Cubs group (for children aged 8-10) at Thorngrove school. We are looking to run a series of four taster sessions after half term. These taster sessions will start on Thursday 22nd Feb, from 6-7pm. If your child is interested please contact Matthew Foster at [Matthew.Foster@scouts.org.uk](mailto:Matthew.Foster@scouts.org.uk).

### **ACTIVITIES: 24<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

#### School

Monday 26th	French Club (Yr R/1) 12:25pm Year 5 and 6 High 5 Netball – Russell Howard Park, Basingstoke Monday Funday 2:00pm Brass/Woodwind Mr. Crouter from 3:30pm Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm Years 1 – 6 Zumba Club 3.30pm – 4:20pm
Tuesday 27th	Judo 8:00am – 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm

Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm

Wednesday 28th Cross Country 12:05pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day – Children can dress up as a character from a book  
Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am  
Y5 and Y6 Rugby at Newbury Rugby Club 12.00pm – 3.30pm  
Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:30pm

Friday 2nd

### Church

Sunday 25th Holy Communion – Highclere 8:00am  
Morning Worship – Woolton Hill 9:30am  
Family Service – East Woodhay 9:30am  
Matins – Highclere 11:00am  
Holy Communion – Ashmansworth 11:00am

### **FLYERS below:**

Messy Church

Disco Flyer

Stagecoach

The Clere School Quiz Night



*Friday 23rd  
February*

*True Families*

**In Burghclere Church  
3.30 pm**

**ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION - DISCO**



**School Hall, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 5.45pm**

After popular demand, St Martin's Association will be holding a Disco for the children.

The cost of the evening will be **£2.00**. There will be tuck shop for the children to purchase items during the evening.

The event gives children the opportunity to "go to the disco" with their friends safely without parents and guardians. For safety reasons however we do need to ask for parents' contact numbers.

We need volunteers to help with supervising trips to the loo, running the tuck shop and general crowd control – volunteers come free of charge.

There are also some spare places in Fun Club should you wish your child to stay at school before the disco. Please select on the booking form if you are interested in booking a place and we will contact you with further details.

**Book early to avoid disappointment – places are limited, please complete the booking form and return to the office by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.**

**List for volunteers for each session will be posted outside the office or please let Laura Hunter know if you are available to help.**

**Disco**

**ENTRY & registration 5.45pm at Hall door.  
Collection & de-registration 7.15pm prompt!**

Name(s) .....

.....Child(ren) @ £2.00 = £..... total cash/cheque  
(Payable to St Martin's school Association)

I/we will be contactable on 2/3/18 on: Tel/mob .....

Interested in a Funclub place/further information before event      Yes/No

*NB: The Disco is a non-ticketed event, register of names held in office.*



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## PUT ON A SHOW

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**6th to 10th August**

### Musical in a Week - Trolls

**Age:** 4 - 6 year olds

**Time:** Mon - Fri, 10:00am - 3.00pm

**Performance:** Friday at 3pm

**Cost:** £130 (£110 for siblings)

Nine to Five cover £190

### Musical in a Week - Matilda

**Age:** 6 - 18 year olds

**Time:** Mon - Fri, 10:00am - 4.00pm

**Performance:** Friday at 6pm

**Cost:** £170 (£140 for siblings)

Nine to Five cover £200

**Venue:** The Clere School, Burghclere,  
Newbury, RG20 9HP



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The Clere School

# 50th Anniversary Quiz Night

Please join us for our next fundraiser.

**Friday 23rd March 2018**

6.45pm to 9.30pm

A celebratory quiz for families. Any age welcome, although questions suit age 11+.

Up to 6 players per team.

Create your own team, or singles and couples can be matched up on the night.

Please book your ticket in advance by emailing:  
[n.hughes@clere.hants.sch.uk](mailto:n.hughes@clere.hants.sch.uk)

Tickets: £10 adults, £5.00 per child.

Price includes free drink and nibbles.

(Further drinks and refreshments will be available on the night.)

All proceeds will go towards school funds. Payment can be made either by cheque, payable to Hampshire County Council, or cash in advance, or on the evening.