

# St Martin's School Weekly News

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## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### Whole School Worship

Revd Dodie visited school on Monday to lead our whole school worship. During this she shared with us some photos from her latest visit to Bukuya school in Uganda and also taught us some Ugandan. We finished by singing 'We are Marching' in English and Ugandan.

### Hampshire Fire Safety Officers Visit Year 1 and 2

Last Thursday, Year 1 and 2 had a special visit from two Hampshire Fire Safety Officers. They explained to the children how important it is to keep themselves safe in event of a fire and why we should check our smoke alarms regularly. They also spoke about how to keep safe on the roads. The children had a great time learning rhymes and playing games and they even got to see all the special safety gear that our fire officers wear to do their jobs.



### Breakfast Club

As you are aware we have been trying for some time to extend our Fun Club to include a breakfast club session. Unfortunately we had no applications for the Breakfast Club Assistant role and if we are unable to appoint someone to this role we will not be able to progress with our plans. We will go out to advert again, but if anyone knows anyone who may be interested in the role, please could you encourage them to contact the school and request an application pack. Thank you!

### Nearly New Uniform

A reminder to you all that school has lots of nearly new uniform; both day uniform and PE kit. Do ask in the office if you would like some to supplement what you have already. All we ask is a small donation to school funds.

### Messages to Classrooms

Please be aware that Mrs James is in the office, on her own, in the afternoons. We fully understand that there are occasions when late messages cannot be avoided but we would really appreciate it if whenever possible you use the clipboards in the classrooms to let teachers know of changes to going home arrangements. Many thanks for your understanding.

### Fun Club Bookings

We are aware that several parents are struggling to collect their children at 3:20pm/3:25pm each day. When the Fun Club Committee last met they reviewed the pricing structure and have decided to offer a short session till 4:00pm for £4.00. Please be aware that this session does not include a snack and due to staffing children booked into the session will need to be collected by 4:00pm. If you would like to book your child into Fun Club, for this any session, please ask Mrs Carter for a booking form.

## School Lunch Menu

After half term the kitchen staff are planning to replace the jacket potato option with sandwiches (Picnic lunch) in the hope that they will be more popular. Next week there will be a new sandwich menu available and we will send this to parents/carers.

## INSET Days

Following requests from parents, we would like to confirm that the remaining INSET days this year are:

\*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

\*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

\*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

We are currently in the process of finalising INSET days for next year and will inform you as soon as possible.

## Celebration Worship

Please be aware that next week our celebration worship will be at 9:10am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is to allow time during the school day for the house that win the merits awards cup to have a special house treat as their reward for winning.

## ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### Quiz Night - Cancelled

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers, the school association have had to postpone the Quiz night. If you have not received your refund, please talk to Mrs Carter. The School Association is hoping to be able to run a quiz night later this year. If so, please make your bookings promptly so that the organisers can plan the catering and the whole event without worrying.

### Disco – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Thank you to Laura Hunter for offering to organise the school disco which will now go ahead on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, so please hold the date. See Flyer at the end of this newsletter.



**HOUSE OF THE WEEK: EAST**

**Total Merits  
144**

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

<b>House Scores this week: North</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>West</b>	<b>140</b>

## Special Learning Awards

**Congratulations to:** Sofia BS for being the first cherry to 'get to grips' with the writing target card.

**Congratulations to:** Luca N for using > and < symbols correctly.

**Congratulations to:** Izzy H for being focussed on her writing and making great progress.

**Congratulations to:** Zac T for special learning in Writing.

**Congratulations to:** Sofia HS for always learning well in the afternoon during 'topic' and doing loads of great writing.

**Congratulations to:** Ava SH for always working hard in our 'topic' lessons in the afternoon.

**Congratulations to:** Jean-Luc S for special learning in English.





### School Values Awards



**Congratulations to:** Lucy M for offering to do the fruit for Imogen because it was her Birthday.

**Congratulations to:** James G for bringing in another child's bag and coat because they had hurt themselves.

**Congratulations to:** Avani A for bravely jumping off the horse mount block on welly walk even though she was worried about it.

**Congratulations to:** Molly T for being so polite and helpful, and having excellent manners.

**Congratulations to:** Paddy W for being very brave and making lots of difficult but really amazing choices about his actions.

**Congratulations to:** Luca D for finding and returning a special toy belonging to his friend after we had all been searching.

**Congratulations to:** Polly H for trying hard in her maths and having the confidence to 'have a go' by herself.

### NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

#### Zumba Club

Zumba will be starting again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. If you are interested in your child joining the Zumba club please collect the booking forms from the school office.

#### French Club

A gentle reminder to parents using French Club that some fees are still outstanding. Please check children's bags as Dominique will have given children a note regarding fees due.

#### Violin lessons

If you are interested in your child having violin lessons, please contact the school office. At this stage we are just seeing what interest there is.



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

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

**Hold this date in your diary!**

Please don't forget the school's largest fundraiser is coming up soon. As many of you may know, Artex is a hugely successful local art exhibition that the School Association runs for the benefit of St Martin's School. It raises substantial funds for the school and is our major fund raising event of the school year. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year of running this super event!

**Artex 2018 brochure advertising available - Few places left in colour or black and white.**

Please email or call me if you would like to advertise your business or service in this years A5 glossy Artex brochure.

Half page £40-60 black and white — colour, Full page colour £180.

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## MESSAGE BOARD:

### The Friends of Wash Common Library

I am hoping you can help us. The Friends of Wash Common Library are working to re-open Wash Common Library. Following on from Feedback received from a recent questionnaire we held we have decided to start a Book Exchange from this coming Saturday February 3rd. Please see the flyer at the end of the Newsletter.

Julia Calvert - On behalf of Friends of Wash Common Library.

### Baby Sitter

Hello, my name is Leah Matthews and I am 14 and currently in Yr 9 at St Helen and St Katharine. I am very good with children as I have two younger siblings (currently at this school). I have lots of experience in babysitting as I have done it many times and enjoyed it! My emphasis is to entertain the children with mostly books and games as this is how I was brought up. I can do all the necessary jobs such as cooking and cleaning if needed. My rate is £4 per hour for one child, £5 for two and £10 for an evening but I am flexible on the rate. I look forward to hearing from some of you soon!

If you would like to discuss this further please email my mother on [elena.matthews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elena.matthews@yahoo.co.uk)

Many thanks,

Leah Matthews

## ACTIVITIES: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### School

Monday 5th	French Club (Yr R/1) 12:25pm 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 6th	Judo 8:00am – 8:45am Italian Club 12:30pm Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm
Wednesday 7th	Cross Country 12:05pm Years 3 – 6 Cross Country at Down Grange, Basingstoke 1.30pm
Thursday 8th	Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of half term

### Church

Sunday 4th	Holy Communion – East Woodhay 8:00am All Together– Woolton Hill 9:30am Messy Church – Ashmansworth 11:00am Parish Communion - Highclere 11:00am Evensong – East Woodhay 6:00pm
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### FLYERS below:

EWCC Cricket Flyer

Book Exchange – Wash Common Library

## 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 on the evening 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 you 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.

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### **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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**East Woodhay  
Cricket Club**



## **COME AND PLAY CRICKET AT EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB**

### **HAVE FUN PLAYING SPORT**

- **GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 10**
- **COME ALONG AND ENJOY LEARNING A NEW SPORT AND HAVE FUN!**
- **COACHING LED BY ECB LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED COACHES AT ALL AGE GROUPS**
- **COACHING SESSIONS START ON SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY AT THE CLERE SCHOOL**  
YR 3 & 4 – 3pm to 4pm  
YR 5 & 6 – 4pm to 5pm  
YR 7 & 8 – 5pm to 6pm
- **OUTDOOR TRAINING BEGINS FRIDAY 27 APRIL AT THE EAST END CRICKET GROUND**
- **LOW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES COVERING COACHING AND JUNIOR MATCHES**
- **ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**
- **WE HAVE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE BERKSHIRE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE AT ALL AGE GROUPS FROM UNDER 9 THROUGH TO UNDER 15**
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER**

**DOMINIC WALTERS**

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● **VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

**[www.eastwoodhaycc.co.uk](http://www.eastwoodhaycc.co.uk)**



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Friends of Wash Common  
Library

Book Exchange  
Saturdays 10am –  
12pm

Starting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February 2018

Wash Common  
Community Centre,  
Glendale Ave.

Over the Christmas Break, The Friends of Wash Common held a survey the results of which showed that many people missed being able to visit somewhere locally for books, to meet others and feel part of their local community. If you miss being able to get fresh books to read, then we have some exciting news for you. As of Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018, we will be running a Book Exchange on a Saturday morning 10 -12, at Wash Common Community Centre. Refreshments will be available, come and have a coffee and a chat.

Everyone is welcome to bring a book they have read and exchange it for any we have in our collection. Any donations of books before then, or on the day would be most welcome. Please get in touch via the website.

For those of you who haven't answered our questionnaire and would like to show your support for the re-opening of Wash Common Library, we would still love to hear from you. Go to [www.washcommonlibrary.org.uk](http://www.washcommonlibrary.org.uk) for more information.