

# St Martin's School

## Weekly News

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### **THIS WEEK**

#### **COINS Year 6**

The Year 6 children enjoyed taking part in the COINS workshop on Wednesday exploring the traditions of Christmas. The adults leading the session commented that they thoroughly enjoyed working with our children and that they were 'beautifully behaved, contributed well and engaged brilliantly with every aspect of the session'. A huge thank you to COINS for organising the session and to our Year 6 children for representing the school so well.

#### **Governor Visits**

Your children may have mentioned that we have had several Governors in school recently to talk to them about different aspects of their learning and time in school. This is part of the Governors strategic role in school development and enables them to monitor the impact of school development and hold school leaders to account. All the Governors involved have been impressed with how confidently the children have talked about school and how much they enjoy being part of St Martin's. The reports following these visits have provided strong evidence of the impact of recent school developments.

#### **Christmas Post Boxes**

Please be aware that our school Christmas post boxes are out. If children wish to send cards to friends in school, please ensure that they write the child's full name and class on the envelope to help us ensure they are delivered to the right person.

#### **Guitar Lessons**

This week we had a visit from a new guitar teacher, who will be offering lessons at St Martin's after Christmas. You should have had a letter home this week about this opportunity. If your child is interested in taking up guitar lessons, complete the reply slip and return it to the school office. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with these lessons.

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Lower School Christmas Nativity**

Lower school are currently busy rehearsing for their Christmas nativity. They will be sharing it with the rest of the school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December as a dress rehearsal and friends and family are invited to attend one of the two performances:

\*9:30am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

\*2:30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Please be aware that there will be a donation following each performance to raise money for our school.

We have been asked how many friends and family can attend each performance. This year we are trialling holding two performances at different times of the day in the hope that everyone who wishes to attend can do so. We are not ticketing the performances as we don't want to have to limit the number of friends and family that can support the children, but please think about the size of our school hall and if extended family wish to attend, please consider splitting numbers between the two performances. We will review this system and adapt next year if necessary.

#### **Secret Santa – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

It's Secret Santa next Friday morning. Gifts are £1 each and for parents and siblings, children should bring in correct money where possible in an envelope, with names of who they are buying for and a bag to take gifts home in. Unfortunately we have to limit gifts to parents and siblings only due to the huge number of gifts we have to purchase for the event and we want to ensure each child has the opportunity to purchase for their immediate family.

## Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please be aware that we are taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Children and staff are invited to wear their own clothes, including a Christmas jumper to school for the day. Any donations that you wish to send in will be sent to Save The Children.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### School Christmas Lunch

The School Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The order form should have been returned to school by now.

### Christmas Around The Tree

We would like to invite all friends and family to Christmas Around The Tree on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm in the school hall. We are looking forward to ending the term by coming together around our Christmas tree to sing a variety of fun Christmas songs.

### St Martin's Church Service

This service takes place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at St Martin's Church. Those children that attend will have the opportunity to take part in the service when we sing one of the songs from the lower school nativity play. If you are planning on attending this service know, as we are looking for volunteers to read prayers as part of this service.



**HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South**  
**House Captain and Vice:**  
**Florence H, Will A**

### AVERAGE MERITS

**3.45**

**Annabelle P, Freddie B North**  
**Jozef S, Natalie E West**  
**Gabriella A, Logan A East**

**3.26**

**1.96**

**1.88**

## Special Learning Awards



### Congratulations to:

Toby S for the most amazing change to his handwriting in English - WOW!

Edward R, Frank A, Arthur B, Alexander R and Sebastian B for writing a fantastic birthday card for Fizzy.



## School Values Awards



### Courage Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Isabel L for having the courage to play her recorder to the whole class.

### Friendship Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Phoebe S and Robyn G for working in a team during rehearsals and helping other children to remember what to do.

## **Respect Awards**

### **Congratulations to:**

The Year 6 children for showing great respect and enthusiasm for our visitors from COINS.

## **Other Awards**

### **Congratulations to:**

Sophia C for the following Dancing Awards: Baby Advanced Lyrical and Junior Silver Character Stage Medal Test 2018 and Junior Character Group Awards for Anastasia and Beauty and the Beast with Distinction.

Ellie S for achieving Stage 5 Swim England Swimming Award and for Gymnastics KD Championship awards Silver for Bar, Bronze for Beam and Volt.

## **NOTICES**

### **Music Lessons – Hampshire Music Service – Keyboard and Violin lessons**

On Friday's Xenia Kasper from Hampshire Music Service is at St. Martin's teaching Keyboard and Violin lessons. We have some spaces in the timetable next term so if you are interested in your child having music lessons, please contact the school office for more information. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with these lessons.

Invoices for the next term of piano lessons will be produced in January and these will need to be paid in accordance with the payment terms on the reverse of the invoice from Hampshire. Any invoices outstanding will mean that children will not be able to carry on with piano lessons next term.

### **Breakfast Club and Fun Club**

Attached is the Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for January and February 2019. If you are interested in booking spaces in either, please complete and return the booking form to the school office or by email to [t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk](mailto:t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk).

Please be aware we have lots of spaces in our Breakfast club each morning and spaces in Friday's Fun Club session.

### **School Dinner Money Payments**

All dinner accounts must be cleared by the end of term, should you need help accessing your online account please email [t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk](mailto:t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk).

St Martin's would prefer for all children's accounts to be in credit so that statements do not need to be sent out, due to administrative costs to the school.

### **Breakfast and After School Club Payments**

All Breakfast and After School Club accounts will need to be cleared in full by the end of December. Any late payments will incur a £10 charge.

When paying by Childcare Vouchers please remember to let [j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk) know that you have made a payment with a childcare voucher. Sending on your confirmation email is ideal.

Bookings for next term will not be able to be made for your child if you still have an amount due on your Breakfast or After School Club account.

## **SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **French, Italian and Judo Clubs**

If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for Italian, French or Judo for the spring term please pick up registration forms from the school office.

### **Cross Country Club**

Mrs Alexander is now running this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office.

### **Zumba**

Zumba with Mrs Tyas will be finishing at the end of the Autumn term. We would like to thank her for making the Zumba dance classes so much fun for the children.

## **Ace Dance**

ACE Dance will be starting Thursday 17th January 2019 for Years 1 – 3. Please remember to bring back your enrolment forms to the office as places are limited. When paying on line please remember to include your child's name as reference on the bank payment. Do remember that some places for Fun Club will be available from 4pm to accommodate children who do ACE, please check for availability.

## **COMMUNITY**

Please remember to park considerately at drop off and collection, particularly around the school entrance and avoid blocking the East End Farm gates and resident's driveways. Thank you for your cooperation. We have also had several parents raise concerns about the speed of cars on the school run. Please think about our children's safety and drive with due care and consideration.

## **Inset Days**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

## **ACTIVITIES: 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

### **School**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> French Club 12:30pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> No Judo  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Zumba Club Party 3:25pm – 4:20pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> No Brass/Woodwind  
No Italian  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day  
Secret Santa  
Keyboard and Violin lessons 9:45am  
Cross Country 12:00pm

### **Church**

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8.00am
<i>Advent 2</i>	Family Communion + <i>Baptism</i>	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	Matins	Highclere	11.00am
	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	11.00am



Friday 7th  
December

Nativity in  
Bethlehem



*Bring a costume if you have one !*

**In Burghclere Church**  
**3.30 pm**



**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 3 MARCH AT TRINITY SCHOOL, NEWBURY**  
YR 3 & 4 – 3pm to 4pm  
YR 5 & 6 – 4pm to 5pm  
YR 7 & 8 – 5pm to 6pm
- **OUTDOOR TRAINING BEGINS FRIDAY 26 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 FROM UNDER 9 TO UNDER 15**
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER**

**DOMINIC WALTERS**

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Tel: 07778 010195

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

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**EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB**



Awarded Best Ground In The Hampshire League, 2014

## Dates & Prices:

### Multi-Activity

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> December

Standard Day:

Time: 9am - 3pm

Price: £20

Extended Day:

Time: 8:30am - 5pm

Price: £25

### Football

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> December

Standard Day:

Time: 9am - 3pm

Price: £15

Extended Day:

Time: 8:30am - 5pm

Price: £20

Book before 7<sup>th</sup> December to get 20% off  
code: "earlybird20"

Community Club Partner Discounts  
(Cold Ash FC, Thatcham & Newbury Boys & Girls FC, Tadley  
Tigers and Team Kennett) - Email us to receive your code!

Sibling discount 10% off per Sibling  
code: "family10"

## Booking:

**Email bookings:**  
holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com

**Website booking:**  
www.mnrcoaching.com/  
holiday-camps-let-them-play

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07572398161

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# Christmas Holiday Camps

Open to Boys and Girls  
aged 5-12

The Wincombe School  
Newbury, RG14 1LN



Multi-Activity Camps

