

# St Martin's School

## Weekly News

ISSUE 6

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

#### Harvest Service

It was great that so many friends and family could join us on Tuesday for our Harvest Service. It was lovely to come together as a community to give thanks to God for our harvest. We would also like to thank everyone who donated tins, packets or other items, which have been taken to the local food bank and will make a significant difference to those in need locally.

#### School Council

A huge thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for the role of school councillor. It showed huge courage to stand in front of your class and give a speech about why you would make a good school councillor. Everyone who stood should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to the following pupils who are now on the School Council:

<b>Silver Birch</b>	Evie T and Robyn G
<b>Sycamore</b>	Tom A and Jack R
<b>Maple</b>	Orlaith E and Eadie G
<b>Willow</b>	Adam K and Henno P



#### Goodbye to Mrs O'Sullivan

The whole school came together in worship today to say goodbye to Mrs O'Sullivan. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for St Martin's and wish her all the best in her new job.

#### Parental Consultations

We hope that you have found the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher this week, to discuss how they have settled into their new classes and their learning, helpful. If you were unable to attend the parental consultations, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time to meet them.

#### HC3S New Menus

New menus are in your children's school bags today, this menu is effective from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (after half term) to March 2019. Please note the school picnic option has been replaced with a Jacket Potato, the daily fillings will be displayed in the classrooms.

#### Christmas Cards

Please keep your eye on your child's book bag for their Christmas card design. The children will all design a Christmas card this week or next week and then bring it home attached to an order form. If you wish to order Christmas cards or other items with your child's design, please order online and then return your child's art work to school. A huge thank you to the School Association for organising this opportunity for you as parents and carers and helping to raise much needed funding for the school.

## ADVANCE NOTICE:

### Residential

The year 5 and 6 children are busy preparing for their residential next week. Please remember that they need to come into the school hall on Monday through the fire doors at the back of the hall. They will then need to hand in any cakes, medicine (with the completed medical form) and any spending money that you have not already sent into school. The bus is due just after 9:00am and we are hoping to wave the children off at about 9:30am, however, please be aware that there are certain health and safety checks and paperwork that have to be completed on Monday morning before they can leave.

### Wow – Week Beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Please be aware that there will be no WoW during residential week. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

### Flu Vaccination Consent forms

The Flu Vaccination consent forms were sent out earlier this week for Year R – 5. Please make sure you have returned these by **Monday 15th October** as they are being collected by the School Nurse. Flu Vaccinations will be on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Open Morning and Evening – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding an Open Morning at 9:15am and an Open Evening at 6:00pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a brief talk by Mrs Bartlett and then the opportunity to see round the school, guided by some of our older pupils.

Please spread the word to neighbours or friends who might be interested in joining our school. Although mainly aimed at children due to start Year R in September 2019, any family interested in joining our school is more than welcome. If anyone is not able to make these times, they should talk to the School Office who will be pleased to arrange a convenient appointment.



**HOUSE OF THE HALF TERM: SOUTH** - well done!  
**HOUSE CAPTAIN and VICE CAPTAIN: Florence H, Will A**



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

#### AVERAGE MERITS

<b>Annabelle P, Freddie B</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>2.06</b>
<b>Jozef S, Natalie E</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>1.90</b>
<b>Gabriella A, Logan A</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>1.30</b>

### Special Learning Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Ella W in Maths for work finding the inverse.  
Ayden G in English for a great summary of a non-fiction text.  
Eloise S in English for neat, careful writing and lovely ideas.  
Gabriella A for perseverance in Maths.  
Elri K and Katya B for excellent work on equivalent fractions in maths.





## School Values Awards



### Respect Award

#### Congratulations to:

Robyn G showing respect to all around her, ensuring that everyone is happy and able to learn.  
Jozef S for showing respect and sportsmanship in the upper school house football tournament.

### Friendship Award

#### Congratulations to:

Olivia B and Dominic J for offering their handmade bread to another pupil who didn't have any.  
Harry H for always looking after his friends if they are hurt.

### Courage Award

#### Congratulations to:

James G and Sebastian B for being brave enough to read our prayer at the Harvest Service.  
Sophia K for trying new things.

### Creativity Award

#### Congratulations to:

Naya T for designing a lovely poster.

### Other Awards:

#### Congratulations to:

Florence H for achieving level 6 British Gymnastics proficiency award.

## NOTICES:

### Firework Night – Saturday 3rd November

Remember, remember Saturday 3rd November is our Fireworks night, gates open 5.30pm, fireworks 6.45pm.

This year we will not only have the awesome firework display and beacon but also top quality gourmet burgers and sausages provided by Vicars Game Ltd, a tuck shop, glow sticks, hot chocolate, mulled wine, Prosecco and beers.

This is a major fund-raising event for the school, last year raising £5280.

Look out for the ticket form in your children's bags next week.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VARIOUS TEAM MEMBERS TO HELP ON THE NIGHT. A POSTER WILL GO UP IN RECEPTION SOON BUT WE ARE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP WITH THE MARKETING AND PRE TICKET SALES. PLEASE CONTACT JULIETTE 07811947987

### Mornings

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be on the school site before 8:30am in the morning. Children in Cherry Class need to come into school through the Cherry gate and wait sensibly on the Cherry playground until the classroom doors open at 8:40am. Children in Silver Birch Class and Sycamore Class need to wait sensibly on the main playground until the doors open at 8:40am and children in Maple Class and Willow Class need to wait sensibly on the main playground until the doors open at 8:45am. For health and safety reasons the children should not be in school before these times. If you would like to see the classteacher before this time, please ask at reception. Please be aware that this will not always be possible due to existing meetings or teachers preparing for the day. The office staff can always arrange a time for you to see the classteacher or pass on any important messages.

### **Birthday Cake**

As you may have noticed in our celebration worships our birthday cake is looking a little past its best. We were hoping that someone creative may like to make us a new one over half term. If you are able to help, please talk to the School Office.

### **Christmas fair**

Preparations are well under way for our Christmas Fair. We are currently looking for donations to offer as raffle prizes. If you, or the company you work for, may be in a position to help, please talk to Mr Doyle. Thank you!

### **Dinner Money**

Please can all accounts for dinner money be brought up to date - the cost of the meal is £2.30 - please can you make sure that your account is completely cleared by Friday 19th October. Statements that go out will only show dinners taken up to the day that the statement is printed.

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

Please can all accounts be cleared for Fun and Breakfast Club by Friday 19th October. The statements for these will show all bookings that have been made ahead of time, if you have made bookings up until Friday 19th October it will show as money owed which is slightly different to the dinner money statement. Please remember to forward on to J.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk your childcare voucher payment reference confirmations so that these can be matched on the system swiftly - this is only for people paying with childcare vouchers

The Fun Club and Breakfast Club Booking form for the next half term is attached to this Newsletter. Please complete and return to the school office by 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Driving Carefully**

We have had another parent raise concerns about careless driving in the village at drop off. On this occasion one driver was forced off the road resulting in a punctured tyre. Please help to keep our children safe by always driving with care, attention and respect for others.

### **SCHOOL CLUBS:**

**French, Italian and Judo Clubs** have now started. If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for either Italian, French or Judo clubs please pick up registration forms from the school office.

### **Zumba**

Zumba classes: Wednesday classes have begun but the Friday class for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is on hold until numbers increase.

### **Cross Country Club**

Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office.

### **Inset Days**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### **Missing Shoes**

Seren B has lost a pair of black t-bar shoes, size 12 ½E with Clarks insole. If you have found them please return them to Seren.

### **Fund Raising – Thank you to Willow G.**

This week Willow G. hosted a fundraising tea party for Macmillan Cancer Research that raised £143. Willow wrote and delivered the invitations herself, planned the menu, and made/decorated lots of the cakes. She worked really hard 😊

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### THE WOLF PACK FOREST SCHOOL

Half Term play sessions

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Drop-and-run 10am to 4pm - £30 per child (including cooked lunch).  
Children must be 8 years old or over.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Parent-stay-and-play 10.30am to 12.30pm - £8 per child  
Open to all ages.

Come and join us at Pen Hill Wood near Newbury to explore our amazing woodland, get creative in the mud kitchen, laze in the hammocks, play on the rope swings or take part in our woodland crafts...and don't forget, there are always s'mores and hot drinks from the campfire.

Drop-and-run sessions will include a pasta-based lunch with meat or veggie options. Our sessions go ahead in all weathers except for high winds and lightening. In the event of a session being cancelled customers can expect a full refund.

Please contact us through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/wolfpackforestschool/> or drop us an email at [thewolfpackforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:thewolfpackforestschool@gmail.com) for more details or to book.

### ACTIVITIES: 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

#### School

Year 5 and 6 residential

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	French Club 12:30pm
	Monday Funday 2:00pm
	Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:45am
	Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Zumba Club 3:25pm to 4:20pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	No Keyboard or Violin lessons

#### **Church**

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8:00am
October	Parish Communion (SC)	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Harvest	Matins	Highclere	11:00am
	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	11:00am

# 4 weeks FREE

Football Coaching Sessions  
by FA Qualified Coaches

**We are looking for new players**

**No experience needed!**

**Come along, learn football and have fun!**



We have over 120 girls playing for us, and have over 12 years experience of providing football for girls. We pride ourselves for being the only local club that is dedicated to girls playing football.

Along with learning football, they will:

- Make new friends and have lots of fun
- Get active and lead a healthier lifestyle
- Gain confidence, build self-esteem and learn to work as a team.

All that's needed is a pair of shin pads, a drink and trainers or football boots.

Winter training sessions are every Wednesday held at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW and in the Summer they are held at Lower Way, Thatcham.

Training times:

6.15pm-7.30pm – School years 1 - 7

7.00pm-8.00pm – School years 8 – 11 & Ladies

**For more  
information on  
training times and  
venues please  
contact Nick.**

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## **Messy Church in Ashmansworth**

Messy Church has been meeting at Ashmansworth Village Hall for 6 years and now welcomes families from all the Parishes in North West Hampshire Benefice as well as children from St Martin's and St Thomas's Schools and their families.

### **Messy Church:**

- + Provides an opportunity for people to worship together, have fun and be creative together
- + Helps people of all ages feel they belong in church and to each other
- + Introduces Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship
- + Lets us eat together as Church Community

### **What and When**

Messy Church now meets on the fourth Sunday of the month\* during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our sessions include craft activities, prayer and celebration and end with a meal which we share together.

In our programme for autumn 2018 we will be looking at the parables which Jesus taught to his disciples, with activities for younger children to enjoy. We are also introducing a Study Group for older children and parents to learn more about Christian faith. Our autumn meeting dates will be:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

***The Parable of the Sower***

*Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"*

Sunday 28th October

***The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard***

*Study Group Topics; The Lord's Prayer & "Is It Fair?"*

Sunday 25th November

***The Parable of the Lost Sheep***

*Study Group Topics; Why we Sing Hymns & "Rejoicing"*

Also on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a Christingle Service at St James' Church

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of January, February, March and April.

### **Why Not Join Us?**

Everyone is welcome at Messy Church but parents do need to stay with their children and participate in the activities. We meet at 10.45 am so that activities can start at 11.00. Lunch is usually finished by 1pm. You don't have to come every month (but we ask you to let us know via [mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk) if you are planning to come so we can cater for lunch). Alternatively you can support Messy Church by dropping in to tell a story or play a musical instrument.

### **Want to know more?**

Please contact Mike Sarson (07913-943504 / [mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk)) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / [ann\\_rowe\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk)) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

\* **NB** Our new 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday date allows families to attend a Family Service any Sunday of each month: All Together and Sunday Club at St Thomas's and Family Services at St Martin's on the first three Sundays of each month.

Church of the Ascension  
Burghclere



Please come and join us for loads of Bible themed Fun, Crafts and Activities in Church at 3:30pm on the following Autumn 2018 dates:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Caring for God's World

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity**





**AN ENTERTAINING CHARITY EVENING WITH  
AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEGEND  
DAVID CAMPESE**

at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW



In support of  
grassroots rugby at  
Park House School



**6.30pm Monday  
12 November 2018  
Tickets: £35\***

Tickets available from:  
[rugbylegend-david-campese.eventbrite.co.uk](http://rugbylegend-david-campese.eventbrite.co.uk)

\*Plus eventbrite admin fee.

Ticket price includes buffet. Event finishes 11pm.

Enquiries: [steve.jones@newburyrfc.org.uk](mailto:steve.jones@newburyrfc.org.uk)

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