

# St Martin's School Weekly News

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## **THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

### **Mrs Clifton's Retirement**

As you are aware Mrs Clifton has been an invaluable member of the St Martin's community for a significant number of years. Mrs Clifton loves her job and our school but has taken the difficult decision that she is ready to retire and will be leaving us at the end of the school year in July. She will be sorely missed but I know that everyone will join with me in thanking Mrs Clifton for everything she has done for the school and wish her all the best for her retirement. We will obviously celebrate Mrs Clifton's career and wish her all the best for her retirement at the end of the summer term and will keep you informed as we make arrangements.

We have already started the process of recruiting a teacher and we will keep you informed as this progresses.

### **M and M Productions – Sleeping Beauty**

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Sleeping Beauty on Monday morning. Thank you to everyone who made a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the performance and enabled the children to gain from this experience. If you still wish to make a voluntary donation, please send all contributions to the school office.

### **Years 3/4 and 5/6 Cross Country – Down Grange, Basingstoke**

On Tuesday afternoon 20 children represented St Martin's School at the Basingstoke and Deane cross country competition. All the children showed great courage and friendship throughout the afternoon, participating well and supporting each other. We are still waiting for the team results but a special mention to Katya B and Beau P who were in the top 12 of their respective races and have therefore been invited to represent Basingstoke and Deane in the county event. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Santana for accompanying the children to this event.

### **Nearly New Uniform**

A reminder to you all that school has lots of nearly new uniform; both day uniform and PE kit. Please 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.

### **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 or any session, please ask Mrs Carter for a booking form.

### **School Lunch Menu**

Attached is a sandwich menu (as a PDF) for the next half term. This picnic option will include a selection of other foods, for example, carrot or cucumber sticks, fruit and the pudding offered that day. If you would like a paper copy please ask in the school office.

## 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.

## ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### Disco – 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Save the Date

Flyers are available from the School Association drop box in reception or see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



HOUSE OF THE HALF TERM: **EAST- well done!**

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

They have all thoroughly enjoyed getting together and making biscuits this afternoon.

## Special Learning Awards

**Congratulations to:** Tom C for effective use of formal language in letter writing.

**Congratulations to:** Will H for special learning in English.

**Congratulations to:** Grace HS for special learning in English

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

**Congratulations to:** Thomas B for special learning in Maths.

**Congratulations to:** Katy W who worked really hard at grid multiplication until she understood it brilliantly.

**Congratulations to:** Harry F, Sophia K, Elissa P and George A for lovely descriptive story writing.

**Congratulations to:** Jack SH for developing his cutting skills. He has got so much better, and always tries his very best.



## School Values Awards

### Creativity

**Congratulations to:** Jack S, Bruno H, Paddy W and David S for Creativity awards for working hard to make our school grounds and the Year R outside area smart and beautiful. Thank you.

### Respect

**Congratulations to:** Emily D for showing respect and good manners to our sports coach Miss Clements and saying thank you at the end of the session.

### Friendship

**Congratulations to:** Jack R for supporting his fellow classmates with their assembly.

**Congratulation to:** Phoebe S for always being kind to her friends, especially when they are sad or hurt.

**Congratulations to:** Joe H for being there, a lot, for his peers when they need help with their learning.

## Courage

**Congratulations to:** Holly C who persevered with her maths learning until she got it.

**Congratulation to:** Archie S for trying hard in writing.

**Congratulations to:** Izzy H for achieving the British Gymnastics proficiency Award, level 8.

**Congratulations to:** James B and Elissa P for achieving Orange level belt in Taekwando.

**Congratulations to:** James B for achieving Gymnastics level 5.

## NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:



We hope you all enjoy the week and we look forward to seeing everyone back here on Tuesday 20th February. Please note that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day.

## MESSAGE BOARD:

### 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 – A 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 year's A5 glossy Artex brochure.

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

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### 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).

### Missing PE Shorts

Sophia S PE shorts are missing, they are named, please can you check PE kits over half term. Many thanks.

## **ACTIVITIES: 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

### School

Monday 19th INSET DAY  
Tuesday 20th Judo 8:00am – 8:45am  
Italian Club 12:25pm  
Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm  
Wednesday 21st Cross Country 12:05pm  
Thursday 22nd Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am  
Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:30pm  
Friday 23rd

### Church

Sunday 11th Holy Communion – Highclere 8:00am  
Next before Lent Parish Communion (S Club) – Woolton Hill 9:30am  
Matins – Highclere 11:00am  
Parish Communion – East Woodhay 11:00am  
Evensong – Ashmansworth 6:00pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion – Woolton Hill 10:00am  
Ash (with Ashing)  
Wednesday Holy Communion – East Woodhay 8:00pm  
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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion – East Woodhay 8:00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Benefice Communion – Highclere 10:00 am  
Lent Evensong – Crux Easton 5:00pm

### **FLYERS below:**

EWCC Cricket Flyer  
Disco Flyer

**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.*



**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**

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Awarded Best Ground In The Hampshire League, 2014