

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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SUMMER FETE: on Saturday 16th June 11.00 am – 2.00pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fete tomorrow from 11.00am – 2.00pm. It promises to be a fantastic occasion with lots to do and food and drink to

enjoy!

Please bring in your cakes on the day if you have not already done so. Thank you! See you there.

Also:

The summer fete still needs your help and we are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can help by setting up before and / or taking down after the fair or to run some stalls between 11.00am and 2.00pm please add your name to the list on the office door or email Mia Hancock miamhancock@gmail.com - even just one hour would be helpful. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets were sent home earlier this week. If you have not already handed them in to the office, please bring completed ticket stubs and money along to the Fete on Saturday and maybe buy some more on the day!

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Year 5 Taster Days

The Year 5 children enjoyed taster days at both the Clere and Park House this week. The children returned to school very excited about the various opportunities and experiences they have enjoyed at both schools. According to the children, highlights included tasting Japanese food and using the Bunsen Burners in the science lab. We have also received very positive feedback from staff at both schools about the way the children behaved during the day – well done and thank you to the Year 5 children for representing St Martin's so well!

Year 6 Think Safe

The Year 6 children spent Thursday morning taking part in the Hampshire Think Safe scheme. They took part in various workshops run by organisations such as the police, the fire brigade, Network Rail and Sainsbury's and covered topics including cyber safety, first aid, road safety and rail safety. According to the children they 'learnt loads about keeping safe'.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

Breakfast Club

We are delighted that we are now in a position to offer a Breakfast Club at St Martin's. The club will run every morning from 8:00am until the start of school and will usually be staffed by Mrs Mia Hancock and Mrs Helen Greenwood. Parents and carers will need to bring children to the hall door and sign them into the club first thing in the morning. Children will then be offered a breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit and a range of activities before the start of school. At the end of breakfast club,

lower school children will be walked to their classroom (and support given where necessary to order lunch and organise belongings), and upper school children will be allowed onto the school playground to wait until the doors open. We are very aware that several parents have been waiting for breakfast club and therefore we have taken the decision to start as soon as possible on **Monday 18th June**. The cost of a session will be £5.00 and if you wish to book your child in, please request a booking form from the School Office. With the addition of a breakfast club, the Fun Club Policy has been reviewed and is available on the school website.

Nature Area

As the weather improves we are keen to be able to make the most of our school grounds and especially our nature area to support and enrich the children's learning. We are looking for a group of green-fingered volunteers to help weed, cut back and generally spruce up our school grounds. If you are available and willing to help anytime on Tuesday 19th June between 3:30pm and 6:00pm, please let the school office know. Children are more than welcome to stay and help but they must have an adult with them, who is responsible for them. School has a limited number of gardening tools, so any that you are able to bring with you would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

School Association Meeting

The next School Association meeting is on Tuesday 19th June at 7:45pm. Everyone is more than welcome!

School Eucharist

Mrs Rosemary Cahill, Lay Reader at St Martin's church, will be visiting each class on Thursday morning to share with them the alter table cloth that will be used in our school Eucharist later this term. Rosemary was involved in creating the alter table cloth with Year 6 pupils at St Martin's over a seven year period and each year a different aspect was added to the cloth. The school Eucharist will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 9:30am in the school hall. All members of the school community are more than welcome to join us for this service. If your child takes communion at your church and you would like them to receive communion at the school Eucharist, please inform their class teacher. During the service all the children will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you do not want your child to receive a blessing, please inform their class teacher.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	North	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captains:	Elri K, Brandon W	3.16
Louis K, Milla B	East	2.61
Emily D, Katya B	South	2.51
Jack R, David S	West	2.48

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Naya T and Jack SH who have both read all the words in the sound out book.

Jack J for a special learning award in Maths

Florence H (Syc) for special learning in English, a lovely description of her special toy.

Florence H (Cherry), Ella W, Avani A and Katya T for a super independent story writing about unicorns.





School Values Awards



Friendship Award:

Congratulations to:

Beth A for encouraging another child to take part in cross country even though she was worried, and running with her the whole way!

Charles S for carrying another child's bag during the school trip, because she was using crutches.

Courage Award:

Congratulations to:

Anabel M for having the courage to try cross country even though she was nervous and for doing really well.

Creativity Award

Congratulations to:

Zachary S for being resourceful and searching for spelling.

Respect Awards:

Congratulations to:

Luca N for showing respect to his friends and teachers and for lovely manners all of the time.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to:

Herbie B who came 12th in 7 year olds in his 1st national BMX race in Kent.

NOTICES:

End of the School Day

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children need to be collected promptly at the end of the day (3:20pm in Cherry Class and Silver Birch Class and 3:25pm in Sycamore, Class, Maple Class and Willow Class). Unfortunately we cannot allow children to play on the school site after school has finished, unless they are part of Fun Club. Thank you for your support with this.

Sports Day

We will be holding our traditional sports afternoon on Tuesday 26th June. All friends and families are welcome to join us on the school field from 1:30pm.

Cloths for Worship Tables

We are keen to replace the cloths we use on our worship tables in the hall and in the classrooms. These change colour to mark the seasons of the church year. We are hoping that there is a budding seamstress out there that would be happy to help us with this project. If you think you could help, please let the school office know. We will, of course, provide all the resources and materials needed.

Last Day of Term

As you are aware from the school diary dates, we are holding our Leaver's Service on Friday 20th July at 11:00am. During this our Year 6 children will reflect on their time at St Martin's and share their memories of their time here. We will also wish them all the very best as they leave us and move on to secondary schools. Following the service, parents and carers of our Year 6 children are very welcome to stay on and enjoy a picnic lunch with their children on the school field. The whole school community will then gather on the field at 1:45pm to present various awards and trophies – everyone is very welcome to join us (we are all hoping for sunny weather). We are aiming to finish at about

3:00pm and children will then be allowed to leave with their parents and carers.

Horse Riding Opportunity

Nigel Smith, one of our school governors, has organised an opportunity for our children to experience horse riding. If your child is interested in giving this sport a go, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Thank you Nigel!

Second Hand Uniform Sale – Friday 29th June

There will be a further second hand uniform sale on Friday 29th June, for new parents of children starting in September 2018. It will be set up in Cherry playground at 3.00pm. Please bring in any freshly laundered, unwanted uniform to the school office by Wednesday 27th June.

Lost Property

Herbie B has lost his named PE sweatshirt can you please check PE bags and return to Herbie if you find it.

We have a pair of reading glasses, Michael Kors, black rimmed, and a Casio watch, black with orange numbers. If they belong to you, please collect from the school office.

ACTIVITIES: 16th June – 22nd June 2018

School

Monday 18 th	Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm Brass/Woodwind 3:00pm
Tuesday 19 th	Judo Club 8:00am – 8:30am Italian Club 12:25pm Yr 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm Schools Grounds working party 3:30pm – 6:00pm – all welcome School Association Meeting 7:45pm – all welcome
Wednesday 20 th	Cherry Class trip to Donnington Castle 9:30am – 12:00noon Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Service 9:00am – 2:00pm Cross Country Club 12:00noon
Thursday 21 st	French Club 12:25pm Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 22 nd	

Church

Sunday 17 th	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8:00am
Trinity3	Benefice Communication	Highclere	10:00am
	Baptism	Ashmansworth	12:00noon
	Evensong	Crux Easton	6:00pm

School Association

Saturday 16 th	Summer Fete at St. Martin's School	11:00am – 2:00pm
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Flyers:

Messy Church
Top Club Horse Riding
St. Swithun's Day Fun



Friday 22nd June

*wonderfully
made*

**In Burghclere Church
3.30 pm**

TOP CLUB



Experience the thrill of Horse Riding

- £15 each for a 30 minute lesson (6 to 8 children max)
- Ride with your friends
- Helmets and instruction included
- Indoor & Outdoor riding facilities
- Pay on the day

BOOK YOUR LESSON NOW

9.30 - 10am

Sat 23rd June

Sat 30th June

Sat 7th July

Sat 14th July

(Call / Text or leave a message for Sandra)

Holtwood Farm Riding Stables

Watery Lane, Holtwood, Nr Gore End,

Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 0JH

Tel: 07548-071362



Come along to Combe Church at 2.45pm to hear the story of St Swithun, followed by fun and games in the Barn with superb children's entertainers Sharky & George, including free tea, cakes & soft drinks, plus an ice cream van on site too!



Sunday 15th July 2018 2.45-5.00pm
 Combe Manor Barn, Combe, Hungerford, RG17 9EJ
 Tickets - Adults: £5 Children: £2.50
 Please email: combechurch@gmail.com to register

Gift Aid No. XN11802

Have you considered ...

*Car sharing with a friend as often as possible?

*Parking at a friend's house and walking with them?

Help the environment, improve your fitness and make the school run safer for everyone!