

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 12

1st DECEMBER 2017

Remember the School Association Christmas Fair

is this Saturday starting at 2.00pm in East Woodhay Village Hall, Heath End.
Presents, raffle, cakes and teas, SANTA and other lovely stalls.
Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Watermill Theatre Trip

Our children had a fantastic experience on Monday when they saw 'The Borrowers' at the Watermill Theatre. We are so grateful to the Parents' Association for supporting this trip which provides a great start to our festive activities. We are always impressed with the talent, scenery and costumes and pure inventiveness that go into these productions at The Watermill.

Lower School Christmas Performances

Cherry Class, Silver Birch Class and Sycamore Class have started to rehearse for their Christmas performances. The staff and children are busy learning songs, practising their acting and trying on costumes. Your children will bring home their own invite over the next week but hopefully you are aware from the Diary Dates that there will be a dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December at 1:30pm and the actual performance on Tuesday 12th December at 9:30am. We would like to keep the performance on Tuesday to adults only. Therefore if you need to bring younger siblings with you please try to attend the dress rehearsal on Monday. Please be aware that there will be a donations pot available at both events and if you would like to donate any money following the performances the money will be used to buy resources to enrich the teaching and learning for the children at St Martin's.

Christingle Services



Please remember the annual Christingle Services on Sunday 3rd either at Woolton Hill (St Thomas') or Highclere (St Michael and All Angels') Churches and both begin at 3.30pm. Funds raised at these services support the work of The Children's Society, which works with needy children in this country. If you would like to make your own Christingle, you are very welcome to go along to the Churches a bit earlier (from 3.00pm). See the attached leaflet for more details. This is always a lovely service with songs and a magical moment when the candles are lit and lights are dimmed.

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate to The Children's Society please send an envelope to the school office.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas post box was put up today. If your child wishes to send Christmas Cards to other children in school please ensure that they write the child's name and class clearly on the envelope to help our older children who will act as postmen and post women!

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

Our two JRSOs have been busy reviewing the advice given to school by Kirstie Green from the Hampshire School Travel Team and planning various initiatives to teach the children to be safe on our roads. Look out for the letter they have written to parents and carers!

Snow

With the possible forecast of snow this week and next, we have reviewed our snow procedures. We will make a decision as early as possible as to whether the school can open. This decision will be made based on Health and Safety – in order to safely operate we need at least 50% of staff to be able to make it safely to school and the school site needs to be safe. Unfortunately it is difficult to make these assessments before it is light. As soon as the decision to close has been made we will aim to send a text to all parents and carers (that are on our text list), and publicise the decision on our school website and the local radio. Obviously if we are able to open, parents and carers will need to decide if it is safe for you to transport your child to school, which will depend on where you live and the road conditions between your house and school. If you are not able to make the journey safely, please call the School Office to make us aware.

Wow

Please be aware that Wow does not function in bad weather conditions. Snow is an obvious one...but also if the road in East End is icy in parts or if there is heavy rain. If there is no marshal at the green then wow has been deemed unsafe for that morning.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: EAST

**Total Merits
124**

HOUSE CAPTAINS: Louis Codling and Milla Brereton

House Scores this week:	North	107
	South	101
	West	76

Mathematics Award

Sycamore:

Congratulations to: Athena Lee for super money work.

Congratulations to: Sebastian Bridge for super money work.



Congratulations to: Archie Smith and Bojana Miluesnic-Robson for a super job doing Huff and Puff

Congratulations to: Jack Stillman-Hurst for achieving Learn to Swim 1

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

Advent Worship

Lay Minister Rosemary Carhill will lead our whole school worship on Monday to launch the season of Advent. She will explained to the children that Advent comes from the Latin for 'coming towards' and discuss how we prepare for Christmas in our homes and in our schools.

We have an Advent ring with four candles one each for the patriarchs, the prophets, John the Baptist, Mary – and then one additional white candle for Jesus. We will be lighting these candles every week in school in the 'count up' to Christmas.

Secret Santa Shopping (organised by the School Association)

On Friday 8th December the children will get the opportunity to do some Christmas Shopping.

(£1 per gift) for Parents/Carers and Siblings. Please could each child (who wants to) bring money on the day in a clearly named envelope or purse, with a list of names for whom they are buying gifts plus a bag for the purchased gifts. Unfortunately we have to limit gifts to parents/carers and siblings only to enable us to cater for the number of gifts needed for each child in the school!



GOVERNOR NEWS:

There was a meeting of the Full Governing Body at the school on Wednesday night. During the meeting, Governors:

*discussed the current school development plan and progress made against objectives

*approved the revised three year budget plan

*agreed the school's Admission Policy for 2019

*discussed health and safety and safeguarding within school

Please note that all Governing Body minutes are available to view and are kept in a file in the front entrance.

MESSAGE BOARD:

Italian Club

Mrs. Silvia Defina has offered to run a lunchtime club to teach the children to speak Italian. If your child would be interested in being involved in this, please let the School Office know. Further details to follow when we know how many children are interested.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

ACTIVITIES: 3rd – 9th December 2017

School

Monday 4 th	Year R/1 French Club – 12:25pm Monday Funday – 2:00pm Brass/Woodwind lessons with Mr. Crouter 3:00pm – 3:30pm Years 1 – 6 Zumba 3:30pm – 4:20pm Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Judo 8:00am – 8:45am COINS, Year 6 9.30 – 11.30 am Years 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics/Quad kids 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 6 th	Cross Country 12:05pm Maple Multi Skills Club 3:25pm – 4:25pm
Thursday 7 th	Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:30pm
Friday 8 th	Celebration Assembly 2:50pm

Church

Sunday 3 rd	Holy Communion– East Woodhay 8:00am Holy Communion – Crux Easton 9:30am Messy Christingle – Ashmansworth – 11:00am Parish Communion – Highclere – 11:00am Christingle – Highclere 3:30pm Christingle – Woolton Hill 3:30pm Evensong – East Woodhay 6:00pm
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NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE BENEFICE
ASHMANSWORTH + CRUX EASTON + EAST WOODHAY + HIGHCLERE + WOOLTON HILL



You are invited to come to a

Christingle Service

*and help support
The Children's Society*

There is a choice of services on:

Sunday 3rd December

3.30pm

*...arrive to 'make your own Christingle'
before the service from 3.00pm at...*



St Michael & All Angels' Church or
Highclere

St Thomas' Church
Woolton Hill

or **11.00am**

at **St James', Ashmansworth** for **Messy Christingle**

*(please bring a donation for the Children's Society,
gift aid envelopes will be available at the services)*

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to one of
our Christingle services as we celebrate

Jesus the Light of the World

and support the good work of the Children's Society.



Friday 8th
December

with Nativity
Tableau



Bring a costume if you have one !

**In Burghclere Church
3.30 pm**