

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term is Hope. We would love to hear of any examples that you have of your children demonstrating hope, for example has your child talked about their hopes for the future for themselves, their friends or the world in general, or have they done anything by themselves or with you to offer hope to others? For example, we were recently told of a child who asked their parent for the chance to take food to the homeless in the local area during the cold winter days. This would be a great example to go on our display! Please feel free to write these on a post it note and add them to our new display in the hall entitled 'Hope in Action', next time you are in school. Thank you.

Thank you

We are delighted with the number of parents and carers who have taken the time to complete a parent questionnaire and return it to us. Thank you for all your positive comments and sharing the things you love about our school, which means a lot to us, for example:

'We would like to show an appreciation of the teachers and staff at St Martin's as our daughter is extremely happy about coming to school and loves learning at school.'

There are also some really helpful suggestions for ways in which we can continue to improve as a school. Senior leaders and the governing body will consider all of these and they will feed into our school improvement plan. We will share the outcomes of these questionnaires with you shortly.

Teachers2Parents

We are trialling a new email system via T2P who we use for sending out texts. This week you should receive the newsletter twice, once via the old system and once via the new system. Anyone who does not receive it under the new system and wants to continue to receive it, needs to contact the office to let us know. From next week you will only receive the Newsletter via the new system.

THIS WEEK

Reading Week

What an amazing week we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing a range of different books this week and discussing their favourite stories, with their friends in their class, in other classes and across the school. The also looked amazing on World Book Day; it was such fun to watch the children walk so proudly into school in the costumes that you had all produced. Thank you to everyone who made the week



such a success. We also really appreciate all your support in collecting sponsorship money for our sponsored read. Please send all the money you have collected into school by Friday 15th March. If you are able to transfer the money you have collected into a cheque this would make processing it in school easier and quicker – however if this is not possible we are more than happy to accept cash. Thank you!

Quiz Night

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the School Association Quiz Night. Everyone who attended the evening thoroughly enjoyed the event. A huge thank you to Liz Greer for organising the night.

End of Key Stage Assessment Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents at the meetings about end of Key Stage Assessments for Year 2 and Year 6 on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have children in these year groups and have questions about the end of year assessments but were unable to attend the meetings, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament

Sadly, on Wednesday evening the organisers of this event cancelled it due to the suitability of the pitch as a result of recent rain. Unfortunately sporting events like this are often cancelled last minute by the organisers and we share our children's disappointment when this happens. Fingers crossed for the Y5.6 event on Thursday.

Staff News

Unfortunately Mrs Hancock is still poorly. I know you will all join me in sending her our best wishes and wishing her a speedy recovery. While Mrs Hancock is off we are sharing LSA support between classes, so you may find different adults supporting your children currently.

WoW

After 6 years of supporting our WoW scheme and volunteering on a regular basis as a marshal, Mr and Mrs Jacobs are unable to continue due to work commitments. We would like to say a huge thank you for all their help and support with WoW. Therefore we are looking for volunteers to act as Marshalls for our WoW scheme – we need help on a Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am – 8:45am. Wow helps encourage fitness, teaches children important road safety skills and helps reduce congestion at our main entrance, thereby helping to keep our children safe. If you are able to help with this important scheme, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

NEXT WEEK

Bikeability – Year 5

Year 5 are taking part in the Bikeability training next week. If you have a child in Year 5, they need to bring their bike and cycle helmet into school first thing in the morning from Monday to Thursday. We have asked the children to walk their bike down the school path and leave it sensibly in the undercover area.

Upper School Performance to parents – Monday 11th March

Maple and Willow Class will be sharing their learning in music from last half term. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this performance at 2:50pm in the school hall on Monday 11th March.

School Grounds Working Party – Monday 11th March

It is lovely to see the bulbs that were donated in our Bring a Bulb to school day in September have started to appear around the school grounds! 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 Monday 11th March between 3:30pm and 5:00pm, 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.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

Children are invited to wear something red to school next Wednesday to show their support for Red Nose Day. Please send any donations into class with your child.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: West
House Captain and Vice:
Jozef S, Natalie E

AVERAGE MERITS

2.03

Florence H, Will A
Gabriella A, Logan A
Annabelle P, Freddie B

South 1.90
East 1.83
North 1.48

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Oliver W for doing so much writing in Discovery Time.
 Noah RK for everything because he is trying his best to make good choices.
 Willow G for sensational answers in comprehension in English.
 Anabel M in Maths for calculating trick measure conversions.

Sound Out Words

Congratulations to:

Emily W has read all the words in the Sound Out Book



School Values Awards



Creativity Awards

Congratulations to:

Emily D for using bold shapes in her collage composition.
 Katya B for creating a beautiful collage using interesting techniques.
 Willow G for creating a beautiful sunset in her collage.
 Natalie E for creating a beautiful collage with an eye-catching composition.

Respect Awards

Congratulations to:

Alexa B for always showing respect to friends in the class and all adults in school.

Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Katya T for showing friendship towards everyone helping them learn and have fun.

Other Awards

Congratulations to:

Robyn G for achieving the learn to swim level 4 award.

NOTICES

Missing Cardigans

Sophia S has lost her Navy Blue hooded sports cardigan which is named.
 Libby H has lost her new school cardigan aged 9-10 years which is named.

If you find any of the above missing items, please either return them to the children concerned or the school office.

PAYMENT

Thank you to everybody for clearing their Breakfast Club and Fun Club accounts and to those who are keeping their accounts in credit - we really to appreciate it.

As a school, we are currently coming towards the end of the financial year and therefore we would appreciate **all accounts being cleared by 22nd March**. Please remember the deposits for the PGL residential for current Y4/5 children are due today 8th March, so if you have not already done so please make this payment today. If you wish to pay in full, please do so.

Should you need help accessing your online account please email t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

When paying by Childcare Vouchers, please remember to let j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk know that you have made a payment with a childcare voucher. Please send on your confirmation email.

Mrs James has spoken to a few parents asking for a copy of your childcare voucher statement - if you haven't been asked please can you send one to j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk so that St Martin's can check that all of your payments have been received into our budget and that none are stuck with Hampshire. As we approach the financial year end all efforts are appreciated.

Spring term 2019 dates for clubs – to half term break

Club	First Session	Last Session
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 8 th January	Tuesday 2 nd April
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 11 th January	Friday 29 th March
Cross Country	Friday 11 th January	Friday 29 th March
Grassroots Football	Monday 14 th January	Monday 1 st April
French Club	Monday 14 th January	Monday 1 st April
linki Judo	Tuesday 15 th January	Tuesday 2 nd April
Italian Club	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday 4 th April
Ace Dance	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday 4 th April
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday 28 th March
Netball Club	Tuesday 22 nd January	Tuesday 2 nd April

If you are interested in enrolling or re-enrolling your child/children for the above school clubs for the spring term, please pick up registration forms from the school office. Please be aware you do have to enrol again each term for these clubs.

St. Martin's School Association

Disco – Friday 15th March

The Children's School Disco is on Friday 15th March, starting at 5.45pm. Please pick your children up promptly at 7.15pm. Tickets are still available so book early to avoid disappointment, as places are limited. The booking form is available from the School Association Box in the office and below.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the Disco. If you have any availability on the night please contact laura@snowfury.com.

This year there will be no music requests on the night. The children are currently adding their requests to class boxes and we will use this to compile a suitable list before the day.

Fancy Dress 1980's Disco – July 12th

Following the successful Barn Dance event last summer, where we made a profit of nearly £3,000 and which contributed greatly to the cost of the Interactive Panels, the PTA will be organising another event on the evening of Friday 12th July.

This time it will be a Fancy Dress 1980's Disco night with music, food and drink!
Please put this date in your diary as it will be a great fun way to end the school year and will raise money for another worthy school resource. Please see the flyer attached.

Inset Days

Friday 5th April 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019

ACTIVITIES: 11th March – 15th March 2019

School

Monday 11th French club 12.30pm
Grassroots football 3.30pm

Tuesday 12th Judo club 8.00am
Guitar lessons 9.00am
Netball club 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th Italian club 12.25pm
Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm
Ace dance 3.25pm
Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Newbury Rugby Club 12.30pm-3.30pm

Friday 15th Red Nose Day – children can wear something red
Keyboard and violin lessons 9.45am
Cross country club 12.00pm

Church

Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8.00am
<i>Lent 1</i>	Parish Communion <i>with</i>	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	<i>Sunday Club</i>		
	Matins	Highclere	11.00am
	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	11.00am

School Association

Friday 15th School Disco from 5.45pm – pick up at 7.15pm prompt.

Flyers

Disco
Ride Fit Now
reMNR Coaching

**ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION
Children's Disco**

Friday 15th March 5.45pm

**Book early to avoid disappointment as places are
limited**



PICK-UP 7.15pm PROMPT

ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION - DISCO



School Hall, Friday 15th 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 on the evening 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 you 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 13th March at the latest.

If you are able to help please let Laura Hunter know by emailing her at laura@snowfury.com

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 15/3/18 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.



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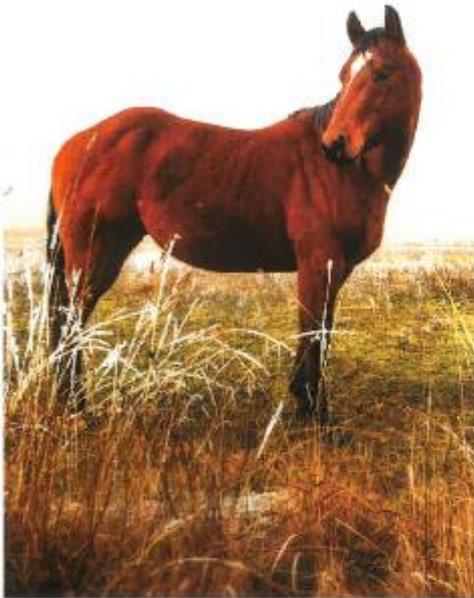
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KINTBURY YOUTH

When: Every Wednesday from 27th February

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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