

St Martin's School Weekly News

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8th February 2019



Our focus in worship this half term is Friendship. We would love to hear of any examples that you have of your children showing their friendship skills! Please feel free to write these on a post it note and add them to our new display in the hall entitled 'Friendship in Action', next time you are in school. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Cricket Day

We were very lucky to receive, through our sports partnership, a free cricket taster day. Neil started the day by leading an assembly for all children in Years 1 – 6 about cricket, with a focus on the upcoming cricket world cup but also with a focus on skills such as resilience, teamwork and perseverance – he was really impressed by the way the children could talk about our values and learning skills in relation to playing a team game! He then led sessions for the children in Silver Birch Class and Sycamore Class to enable them to experience the game. Children have bought home details of the local cricket club so that any inspired by Neil's visit can continue with the sport locally.

Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to the snow the cross country event planned at Down Grange on Tuesday was cancelled. This has been re-arranged for next Thursday. Parents and carers of children involved should have received a text.

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs James back to school after her operation. Thank you for being patient with us while she has been off. She will spend the next couple of weeks catching up with the payments received while she has been off, so hopefully you will start to see any money paid being credited to your account.

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 throughout the next couple of weeks.

End of Day Routines

Please can we remind all parents that children need to be collected promptly at the end of the day. Children in Cherry Class and Silver Birch Class need to be collected at 3:20pm from Cherry playground. Children in Sycamore Class, Maple Class and Willow Class need to be collected at 3:25pm from the back playground. We have recently been made aware that some upper school children are walking to the road to meet parents. You may be aware from recent media reports that an outstanding school in our district has recently been visited by OFSTED and graded as inadequate due to safeguarding concerns. Although OFSTED had no evidence that any child had been harmed at the school, the inspector felt that the poor

safeguarding culture meant that there was the possibility that a child could be harmed. One of the concerns he highlighted was the way older children were allowed to leave the school site without parents and carers. Our children's safety is obviously our top priority and we ask parents and carers to come onto the playground to collect children. If this is difficult to you, please contact the school to discuss options.

It is clear by the above example that Ofsted have safeguarding at the highest agenda in their inspections, and rightly so. As a school we have put many systems in place over time, to ensure that our safeguarding culture is rigorous and that the children's welfare is paramount. Please be assured that both senior leaders, and governors, are satisfied that our safeguarding policy and procedures ensures that we deal with all safeguarding concerns appropriately and in a timely manner.

Early Morning Routines

We are trialling some changes to the way children in Silver Birch and Sycamore Class come into school in the morning. If you have children in these classes, please see the letter that came home with your child today for further details.

NEXT WEEK

Parental Consultations – Tuesday 12th February and Thursday 14th February (Cherry, Silver Birch, Sycamore and Maple Classes) Monday 11th February and Tuesday 12th February (Willow Class)

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations week beginning 11th February. Please make sure that you sign up for a convenient time to meet your child's class teacher on the sheets, which are available outside the classrooms. If this is difficult, because you do not drop your child off or collect them, please call the school office, who will be happy to help you.

Please be aware that there will be parental questionnaires available for you to complete on these evenings. We are keen to know your thoughts and feelings about our school – both what you think we do well with and anything you think could be improved. Please feel free to either complete the questionnaire while you wait or take it home and return it to the school office by Friday 1st March. Thank you for your support.

School Lunch Thursday 14th February

There will be a change to the school lunch on Thursday 14th February to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Roast Turkey - Meat Option
Roast Quorn fillet - Vegetable Option
Both served with mixed vegetables
Pudding – Heart Shaped Shortbread Biscuits or Iced Bun

Celebration Worship

Please remember that because it is the last week of the half term, celebration worship will be at 9:15am next Friday. This will allow time for the winning house to enjoy their house treat during the day.

Bikeability Forms – Years 5 and 6

Please can we remind you to complete and return the Bikeability forms for children in Years 5 and 6, we still have some outstanding. If you've lost or misplaced the form please collect another from the school office.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South	AVERAGE MERITS	
House Captain and Vice: Florence H, Will A		5.87
Annabelle P, Freddie B	North	5.48
Jozef S, Natalie E	West	5.13
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	3.77

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Faustine B for wonderfully persuasive language in English.
Oliver R for an amazing morning of concentrating, persevering and teamwork in both Maths and English.
Florence T for beautiful descriptive writing re-telling the story 'Little Red'.
Naya T for fantastic progress in writing.
Thomas M for amazing writing retelling the story 'Little Red'.
Sophia K for making fantastic progress in writing in English. Well done.
Beth A for being very persuasive in English.
Sebastian B for really being really good with his money in Maths.
Florence H for very persuasive writing in English.
Alice R for fabulous reasoning about column subtraction.
Penny P for a fantastic story innovation of 'Little Red' in English.
Rufus E for fantastic story innovation in English.
Elri K and Annabelle P for effective use of formal language in English.

Sound Out Words

Congratulations to:

Frank A and Freddie R for reading all the words in the Sound Out Book.



School Values Awards



Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Tijana MR for being such a caring kind friend to a new Cherry.

Creativity Awards

Congratulations to:

Harry F for always sharing his great ideas and wonderful imagination with us all.

Courage Awards

Congratulations to:

Theadora W for being so grown up and brave in her first week at St. Martin's

NOTICES

Missing Judo Trousers

James G has lost his Judo trousers, a pair were left in the hall. Please check your child's judo kit to see if James' have been taken by mistake.

Missing Fitbit

Katy W has lost a black Fitbit possibly in Maple classroom.

Missing Cardigan

Libby H has lost her new school cardigan aged 9-10 years and named.

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

SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

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.

Attached to this newsletter is the Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for the next half term, up to 4th April, remembering 5th April is an inset day. If you wish to make bookings please complete and return the form to the school office by Friday 15th February.

Spring term 2019 dates for clubs – to half term break

Club	First Session	Last Session
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 8 th January	Tuesday 12 th February
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 11 th January	Friday 15 th February
Cross Country	Friday 11 th January	Friday 15 th February
Grassroots Football	Monday 14 th January	Monday 11 th February
French Club	Monday 14 th January	Monday 11 th February
Linki Judo	Tuesday 15 th January	Tuesday 12 th February
Italian Club	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday 14 th February
Ace Dance	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday 14 th February
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 17 th January	Thursday 14 th February
Netball Club	Tuesday 22 nd January	Tuesday 12 th February

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

School Association Meeting

The school association is looking for volunteers who would be prepared to take on the role of leading the organisation for the Christmas fair. Please do not panic – this is not as onerous as it sounds! Mr Doyle has led this event for several years and is happy to work with someone next year to ensure a smooth handover.

QUIZ NIGHT UPDATE: Friday 1st March, 7.45pm, School Hall
Tickets are £10 each including a light supper. Teams of 4-6. Licensed bar.

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

We've had a great response to our request for recipes to go into our St. Martin's School Cookbook...but we still need more! Do you have a favourite family recipe you'd like to share? Please email your recipes (and photos if you have them) to liz.starbuck.greer@gmail.com. We're hoping to get all your contributions by the end of this half-term.

Inset Days

Friday 5th April 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019

ACTIVITIES: 11th – 15th February 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

Cross Country competition at Down Grange

Friday 15th

Keyboard and violin lessons 9.45am

Cross country club 12.00pm

Church

Sunday 10th

Holy Communion

East Woodhay

8.00am

4th before

Parish Communion - *with* Woolton Hill

9.30am

Lent

Sunday Club

Matins

Highclere

11.00am

Holy Communion

Ashmansworth

11.00am

Flyers

Quiz

Wizard of Oz Auditions

Yoga

What's on Hampshire Cultural Trust



FRIDAY 1st MARCH

**Charity Quiz Night & Supper
Licensed Bar**

£10 per person | Teams of 4-6

7.45pm for 8pm start

St. Martin's School, East Woodhay

Contact: liz.starbuck.greer@gmail.com

TICKET BOOKINGS CLOSE 15TH FEB.

All proceeds to St. Martin's School Association for the benefit of the kids!

RAREPRODUCTIONS
Youth Theatre Group
01767 681049

THE WIZARD OF OZ

By arrangement with MusicScope and
Stage Musicals Ltd of New York



OPEN AUDITIONS

Corn Exchange
Market Place, Newbury

Wednesday 6th February

5pm - 6pm (8-12 year olds)

6pm - 7pm (13-21 year olds)

Norcroft Leisure
Norcroft Ln, RG14 1RS

Sunday 10th February

1.30pm - 3pm (8-12 year olds)

3pm - 4.30pm (13-21 year olds)

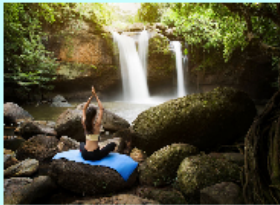
You only need attend on audition / A show fee is payable by all successful applicants



FUEL – YOGA - THRIVE



DATE: Saturday 9th February 2019,
 TIME: 9.45 am - 1pm . Arrive 9:45 am for 10 am start.
 PLACE: Highclere Village Hall. Andover Rd, Highclere, RG20 9QS
 COST: £45
 CONTACT: flick@ridgewaynutrition.co.uk
 hello@realmeyoga.co.uk
 To Book: www.ridgewaynutrition.co.uk/shop

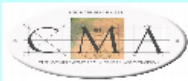


Blossom this Spring with 'Fuel-Yoga-Thrive' a 'food for thought' morning of Nutrition and Yoga wisdom old & new to include;-

- 50 mins of Hatha yoga session
- Nutrition talk with demos and Q&A
- Learn as you lunch
- Discover how ingredients of food and yoga impact ageing, disease, strength and suppleness.



'Fuel-Yoga-Thrive' will help uncover new options and reveal what helps or hinders your constitution. Get 'top tips' for optimising health on the mat and on your plate. Receive special offers of x1 free class or equivalent toward a 121 yoga session when you book with Real Me Yoga 121 personalised guidance on launching a 'fuel plan' of nutritious meals and snacks.



Presented by:

Joanna Edge, Yoga Alliance member & BWY member owner of RealMeYoga.co.uk and Felicity Lucas, Diet and Nutrition Advisor, Alliance Member of the British Dietetic Association, owner of Ridgeway Nutrition Nutrition.

There's so much going on this half term – don't forget to check our website for times and dates at individual venues.

ALLEN GALLERY, ALTON
16–24 FEBRUARY

Winter make-and-takes. Drop into the Allen Gallery and make your very own creation. Admission free.

CURTIS MUSEUM, ALTON

16–24 FEBRUARY
Half term programme of make-and-takes and museum trail. Admission free.

20 FEBRUARY

Bring a torch and explore the museum at night with our family trail. Last entry 7pm. No need to book, all children must be accompanied.

RED HOUSE MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH

16–24 FEBRUARY
Half term programme of make-and-takes* and museum trail. Admission free.

EASTLEIGH MUSEUM

16–23 FEBRUARY
Free to enter half term family trail, complete it to win a treat! Join us for mug painting*, 10–12 on Thursday 21 February.

ANDOVER MUSEUM & MUSEUM OF THE IRON AGE

16–24 FEBRUARY
Half term programme of make-and-takes and museum trail. Admission free.

WESTBURY MANOR MUSEUM

18 FEBRUARY, 11:00–3:00
Enjoy the museum for free then join us for a fun drop-in craft session* this half term. Design your own band to feature in a pop-up card or have a go at creating your own art deco design.

22 FEBRUARY, 10:30–12:30

Based on our exhibition *All That Jazz*, come and be inspired by the drama of Art Deco and create your own masterpiece in a bookable workshop. Cost: £5 per child (suitable for ages 6+ and must be accompanied by an adult), see website for more details.

THE GALLERY, WINCHESTER DISCOVERY CENTRE

6 MARCH, 1:00–3:30
Above Bounds Theatre Collective invite you into the mesmerising world of *A-Tissue! A-Tissue!* children's theatre, inspired by the world of fables and nursery rhymes. Play, story and music through an energetic, immersive and interactive experience for under 5s and their families. Tickets are FREE, but pre-booking is required and places are limited.

CITY SPACE, WINCHESTER DISCOVERY CENTRE
16–24 FEBRUARY

Half term programme of make-and-takes. Admission free.

WINCHESTER CITY MUSEUM

20 FEBRUARY
11:00–1:00 AND 2:00–4:00
Join us at City Museum (admission free) and enjoy our drop-in family activity, make your own Anglo-Saxon brooch. See website for more details.

22 FEBRUARY

11:00–1:00 AND 2:00–4:00
Be inspired by the real Roman mosaics on display and make your own mosaic to take away. See website for more details.

WESTGATE MUSEUM

16–24 FEBRUARY
Special Winter opening and our regular spotter trail. Admission free.



ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE, FAREHAM
16–24 FEBRUARY

FOREST ARTS CENTRE, NEW MILTON
16–24 FEBRUARY

WEST END ARTS CENTRE, ALDERSHOT
16–24 FEBRUARY

Visit one of our arts centres this half term for plenty of activities for children of all ages and our children's festival. From Harry Potter or Make your own Podcast workshops, to art, dance and pottery classes, visit our website to find out more and book.

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FOR FAMILIES WINTER 2019



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