



# St Martin's School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Ambassador interviews for  
Yr 6

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
6:00 meeting for new Yr R  
parents

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
7:00 Schools Association  
AGM

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
3:30 – 5:00 School grounds  
working party

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Individual and sibling  
photographs

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year and a very warm welcome to all our new children and families! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday, making the most of your time together. The children seem to have returned to school refreshed and invigorated! As everyone settles back into life at St Martin's, if there is anything you wish to know or discuss, please call in to see us at the School Office and we will be only too pleased to help you.

## Staff Update

We welcome several new members of staff to our team and hope they will enjoy being part of the St Martin's family:

- Mrs Lizzy Griggs will be teaching Sycamore class 4 days a week.
- Mrs Louisa Rehling will be class LSA in Silver Birch class;
- Miss Ellena Butt will be working in Sycamore Class as a LSA;
- Mrs Helen Andrew and Mrs TJ Andrews will be teaching in Willow class while we recruit a permanent teacher to join our school.

Over the summer holidays Mrs Elena Santana resigned from her role as LSA and will not be returning this year. We would like to thank Mrs Santana for everything she has done for St Martin's and wish her all the best for the future.

## School Phone Number

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change the school phone number over the summer holidays. The new number is **01635 597796**.

## Medication

As you know the children's health and safety is our top priority at St Martin's. If your child is prescribed any regular medication, including an asthma inhaler, please make sure the office has this and a completed medical form.

## School Uniform

The children have all returned to school looking very smart. Please make sure that all items of school uniform are clearly marked. Please remember that our school uniform policy states that children should wear black school shoes, not trainers. If your child is in trainers for any reason, please make sure that you discuss this with your child's teacher.

## School Vision

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas for our new school vision! Everyone's suggestions and our first attempt at a new school vision are currently on display in the school hall. Please drop in to have a look and then let us know what you think. We will look at all feedback on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September and then come up with a final version.

## Clubs

If your child would like to join any of our clubs, please speak to the school office. Please be aware that this information will no longer be included in every newsletter but can be found on our school website at <https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/clubs/418992>

Club	Time	First session	Last Session
Football	Monday 3.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
French	Monday 12.30pm	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.
Judo	Tuesday 8.00am	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.
Guitar	Tuesday am	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Dance	Thursday 3.30pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
Brass	Thursday pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	TBA
Keyboard	Friday am	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	TBA
Cross country	Friday lunchtime	TBA	TBA

### **Letters**

The start of the school year is a good opportunity for us to check that all our paper work is in order and that the details we hold for all children are up to date. This week and next week the children will be bringing home a number of letters. Please make sure you read these carefully and return them to school as soon as possible.

### **Homework**

Thank you to everyone who completed the summer challenge. The children have loved sharing what they did over the last couple of days. Please be aware that homework will come home for the first time next week. Please encourage your children to read this week and spend time relaxing as a family after a busy first couple of days back at school.

### **New Classes**

The children have settled into their new classes really quickly and seem very confident with the class routines. However if there is anything you or your child is unsure of, please talk to your child's teacher. We are usually available at the start or end of the day for a quick word or please contact the office to arrange a convenient time for a phone call or meeting.

### **WoW**

We are still looking for volunteers to act as Marshalls for our WoW scheme from 8:30am – 8:45am every day. 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.

### **Governor News**

The Governors play a vital role in leading the strategic development of St Martin's. We are currently looking for foundation Governors to join our team. If you think you may be interested in becoming involved please talk to Mrs Rowe (Chair of Governors), Rev'd Canon Christine or Mrs Bartlett. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/andlearning/governors/volunteer>

### **School Association (PTA) News**

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our annual AGM on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm. At the AGM we will give a brief overview of what we have done this year and officially vote in chairs, treasurer and secretary for the next year.

This will be followed by our first meeting of the year, where we will be planning events for the year.

We hope you have enjoyed the first of our new style newsletter! Our aim, based on the feedback we received in response to our newsletter questionnaire last year is to keep the newsletter to less than 2 sides of A4 and to ensure the information we include is relevant and not repeated unnecessarily.

Please be aware that information about the weekly merit totals and children being celebrated is now available on our website under the awards section at

<https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/awards/418990>

If you have any feedback on our new style newsletter, either positive or negative, we would be delighted to hear it. Please talk to Mrs Carter in the School Office or email us.