

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Get Well Soon

Everyone at school would like to send their best wishes to Mrs Hopkinson, who had an operation earlier this week. We are told that all went well and she is now beginning to recover. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back in school, hopefully in 6 – 8 weeks time.

WoW

We are still looking for volunteers to act as Marshalls for our WoW scheme – we need help on a 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.

Please be aware that all children using our WoW scheme need to wear a hi vis jacket. We have purchased a number of new jackets, which are different sizes and therefore different colours, so the children will always be able to find one that fits them.

WoW and Walking to School

We are now settled into routines of arriving at school again, and the children using the WoW scheme are doing a great job of keeping themselves safe and walking sensibly into the school gates – well done all you WoW-ers!

Unfortunately it has been noted by a number of parents and staff that over the last couple of days, a number of children walking to school with their parents or carers have been running along the road, at some distance away from their adults. Please could everyone encourage their children to walk with them along the road in a safe manner. Hopefully this will help the morning arrival time to seem less fraught and will help our children to think about keeping themselves safe on school grounds. Thank you for your support in this.

Thank You

We would like to thank Mr Hopkinson for repairing our trike and trailer. As you can see our new Cherry children are thoroughly enjoying using it.

Cherry Playground

Please can we ask that parents do not allow younger siblings or our children to play with the equipment in Cherry playground after school. Staff are regularly having to spend time after school tidying up resources that have already been tidied when the children finished playing with them.

Meeting for Cherry Parents

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year R literacy meeting yesterday. A huge thank you to Mrs Perry and Mrs Alexander for organising this and we hope that those people who attended found it useful. If you were not able to attend, please talk to Mrs Perry or Mrs Alexander about getting copies of the hand outs.

School Ambassador Interviews

The standard of applications for the roles of School Ambassador, Sports Ambassador and our new music Ambassador was incredibly high. All the children who applied for the jobs, wrote very convincing letters of application and gave detailed well thought out answers to the questions they were asked at interview. Mrs Rowe (the chair of the Standards and Curriculum Committee of our Governing Body) and Mrs Bartlett were incredibly impressed and are still deliberating. The successful candidates will be announced next week.



Individual and Sibling Photographs

The School Photographer will be here on Thursday 27th September in the morning taking individual and family photographs. Younger siblings can be brought into school from around 8.30am to be included in a family photo.

Residential Meeting

Please remember that there is a meeting for parents and carers of children going on the Year 5 and 6 residential on Wednesday 26th September at 6:00pm. During the meeting we will give you all the final details about the week including the activities that the children will be doing and the adults that will be accompanying them. We will also provide you with various paperwork including medical form and dietary requirement form. We have included a kit list with this letter, so that you can start to organise things. The meeting will also be an opportunity for you to raise any questions you may have about the week. If you are not able to attend this meeting, all the paper work will be sent home with your child, but if you have any questions or concerns, please arrange to see Mrs Bartlett.

Bring a Bulb to School Day

As you are aware we hoping to plant a range of bulbs around the school grounds. Therefore we are holding a 'bring a bulb to school' day on Friday 28th September. On this day all children are encouraged to bring a bulb into school which our gardening club will then plant somewhere on the school grounds. Alternatively, please feel free to send in a donation and we will buy some bulbs. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parental Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations on Monday 8th October and Thursday 11th October. Please make sure that you sign up for a convenient time to meet you children's class teacher on the sheets which will be available outside the classrooms from Wednesday 26th September. 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.

Special Lunch Menu – Thursday 4th October

The school census day this term is on Thursday 4th October. On this day a large amount of data about the school is collected, including the number of children who have a school dinner. As a school the money we receive from the government under the Universal Free School meals scheme is dependent on the number of children in Year R, 1 and 2 who have a school dinner on this day. In order to maximise the amount of money we receive from the Government, please ensure all children in Year R, 1 and 2 have a school lunch on Thursday 4th October.

The Menu for Census Day

Meat Option: Fish Fingers and Chips

Vegetable Option: Cheese Pizza and Chips

Both with beans and sweetcorn

Picnic Option: Ham Sandwich

Pudding: Chocolate Brownie, Shortbread or Ice Cream

Open Morning and Evening

We will be holding an Open Morning at 9:15am and an Open Evening at 6:00pm on Wednesday 17th October. There will be a brief talk by Mrs Bartlett and then the opportunity to see round the school, guided by some of our older pupils.

Please spread the word to neighbours or friends who might be interested in joining our school. Although mainly aimed at children due to start Year R in September 2019, any family interested in joining our school is more than welcome. If anyone is not able to make these times, they should talk to the School Office who will be pleased to arrange a convenient appointment.

School Association Meeting

The school association met on Monday. Thank you to everyone who attended – it was lovely to see so many new faces. We discussed the installation of the new interactive panels in each classroom, which the school associated funded and started to organise events for this year to raise money for the school and the children. If you are interested in helping in any of our events, or if you work for a company that

provides matched funding, please let the School Office know. Many thanks for your support – without it we could not afford things like our new panels.

Greenham Trust Family Fun Run

Greenham Trust is offering schools the opportunity to win £500. In order to qualify for the prize draw, we need 10 or more pupils to register to participate in their mini mile, 5K or 10K run on 14th October. More information is attached with the newsletter. If your child would like to take part in the fun run, please register them on the Green Trust website, http://www.stepup4good.co.uk/?page_id=4009, making sure that you state that they attend St Martin's School. Thank you.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South

AVERAGE MERITS

**West
North
East**

Due to the upper school visit to Highclere Castle there was no celebration worship this week. All awards will be celebrated next week. House points will be collated for this week and included with next week's points.

NOTICES:

Worms

We have had a report from a parent that their child has worms. In order to try to prevent this, we are encouraging all children to remember to wash their hands before eating and after trips to the toilet.

School Clubs:

French, Italian and Judo Clubs have now started. If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for either Italian, French or Judo clubs please pick up registration forms from the school office.

Zumba

Please note there is a change of date for the free trial Zumba session it will now be on **Friday 28th September** from 3.25pm – 4.10pm

Zumba classes will begin on Wednesday 3rd October and Friday 5th October from 3:25pm to 4:20pm

Wednesday's class will be for Year 1,2 and some Year 3's

Friday's class will be for Year's 3 – 6

If you would like a booking form please collect from the school office.

Cross Country Club – Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club but it will not start straight away.

Monday Funday

Monday Funday will begin again on Monday 17th September from 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

Inset Days

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2018

Monday 3rd June 2018

Missing Scull

Last term several children brought in props for the upper school play, Unfortunately we are missing a skull! Please return it if you find it.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Park House Open Evening/Mornings

The dates below received from Park House School:

Open Morning Tuesday 16th October – 9:15am to 11:00am.

FREE CUPBOARD (this was the first aid cupboard in the office)

Contact the school office if you are interested. Please collect from school hall.

ACTIVITIES: 22nd – 28th September 2018

School

Monday 24 th	French Club 12:30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 25 th	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 26 th	Tag Rugby Competition 3:30pm Residential Meeting 6:00pm
Thursday 27 th	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 28 th	Xenia Kasper Keyboard and Violin 9:45am

Church

Sunday 23 rd	Holy Communion	Highclere	8:00am
Trinity 17	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9:30am
	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11:00am
	Matins	Crux Easton	11:00am
	Evensong (BCP)	East Woodhay	6:00pm



Messy Church in Ashmansworth

Messy Church has been meeting at Ashmansworth Village Hall for 6 years and now welcomes families from all the Parishes in North West Hampshire Benefice as well as children from St Martin's and St Thomas's Schools and their families.

Messy Church:

- + Provides an opportunity for people to worship together, have fun and be creative together
- + Helps people of all ages feel they belong in church and to each other
- + Introduces Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship
- + Lets us eat together as Church Community

What and When

Messy Church now meets on the fourth Sunday of the month* during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our sessions include craft activities, prayer and celebration and end with a meal which we share together.

In our programme for autumn 2018 we will be looking at the parables which Jesus taught to his disciples, with activities for younger children to enjoy. We are also introducing a Study Group for older children and parents to learn more about Christian faith. Our autumn meeting dates will be:

Sunday 23rd September

The Parable of the Sower

Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"

Sunday 28th October

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Study Group Topics; The Lord's Prayer & "Is It Fair?"

Sunday 25th November

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Study Group Topics; Why we Sing Hymns & "Rejoicing"

Also on Sunday 2nd we will have a Christingle Service at St James' Church

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4th Sundays of January, February, March and April.

Why Not Join Us?

Everyone is welcome at Messy Church but parents do need to stay with their children and participate in the activities. We meet at 10.45 am so that activities can start at 11.00. Lunch is usually finished by 1pm. You don't have to come every month (but we ask you to let us know via mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk if you are planning to come so we can cater for lunch). Alternatively you can support Messy Church by dropping in to tell a story or play a musical instrument.

Want to know more?

Please contact Mike Sarson (07913-943504 / mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

* **NB** Our new 4th Sunday date allows families to attend a Family Service any Sunday of each month: All Together and Sunday Club at St Thomas's and Family Services at St Martin's on the first three Sundays of each month.

Church of the Ascension
Burghclere



Please come and join us for loads of Bible
themed Fun, Crafts and Activities in church at
3:30pm on the following Autumn 2018 dates:

Friday 21st September

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

Friday 2nd November

Caring for God's World

Friday 7th December - Nativity





EAST WOODHAY FAMILY LUNCH

EW VILLAGE HALL, HEATH END RG20 0AP

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 1230 PM

It has been three years since our last parish harvest celebration and six since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee party.

So come and help us celebrate the work of our farmers and other food producers!

Book your tickets, price £10 adults, £5 children (aged 11 and under) via Sarah Leventhorpe EWLunchTickets@gmail.com or telephone 0779 643 4827

Includes hog-roast + pudding and soft drinks; BYO wine, beer etc



COLOUR CRAZY!

Wednesday 31st October

5-7pm

Newbury Baptist Church

Games, story, craft, hotdogs and fun!

**Come dressed in bright colours and/or
a crazy outfit/hair! The more colourful
the better!**

Book your free ticket now by registering at

www.newburybaptistchurch.org/lightparty

For children 3 years old - School Year 6

See registration form for further details