

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term has been Hope. We have really enjoyed reading the examples of your children sharing hope at home – thank you for sharing them! Next half term our focus value is Truthfulness, so please be on the lookout for examples of your children demonstrating this important Christian value, and let us know as soon as you come back from the Easter holidays!

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent and carer questionnaire in March. Please see the letter Mrs Bartlett sent with this newsletter for a summary of the outcomes.

THIS WEEK

Mothering Sunday

It was lovely to see so many families at church for the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday. The children enjoyed being able to share the posies made in school the previous day with those that look after them and care for them.



Dan The Skipping Man – Monday 1st April

We had an exciting day on Monday with Dan the skipping man who took each class for a skipping workshop! The children learnt a whole range of new skills and put on a wonderful show at the end of the day. Some of the older children learned how to lead skipping games and we have already seen a huge impact on our playtimes with lots of the children practising and playing together. "We learnt lots of tricks and games and it was great for all ages"
- Ellie M and Harry J, Sports Ambassadors.



Cross Country – Tuesday 2nd April

We had such a great afternoon at Newbury Show Cross Country Event on Tuesday. The children ran brilliantly with so many fantastic sprint finishes. They cheered each other on in such high spirits that I think we may have been the loudest school there! Even the hail didn't put us off. Thank you so much to all the parents who helped and turned up to support - it was a brilliant crowd.



Newbury Beekeepers Visit – Wednesday 3rd April

As part of our Upper School Worship, we are looking at stewardship of God's world this term. We have linked this to learning about the importance of promoting bees in the environment. This week Y5 and 6 had a special visit from Mrs. Downes from Newbury Beekeepers, who brought in a training hive and beekeeping suits for us to look at. We had a fascinating afternoon and learnt a lot about these important creatures.

Easter Service – Thursday 4th April

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Service at St Martin's church on Thursday. The children did an amazing job of sharing reading, hymns and drama to re-tell the Easter service. As always, it was a very special service.

St Martin's Charity Collection Point

Your children may also have mentioned that as a school we are looking to collect things that can be recycled in order to support various charities. This is linked to our value of Hope, as we have been thinking about how we can help towards offering hope to others less fortunate than ourselves. So far we have decided to collect stamps for McMillian Cancer, foreign currency (coins or notes) or outdated currency for Bardardo's and ink cartridges for the British Heart Foundation. Mrs Rennison has also asked the children to think about any other small items we can collect for charity – if we can make the children's ideas work, we will. We are currently working out exactly how and where we are going to collect these items – watch this space for further information!

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.

School Funding

Thank you to everyone for their help and support in paying for dinner money, fun club and instrumental lessons over the last few weeks in preparation for the end of the financial year. We really do appreciate your support in settling your accounts in a timely manner.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	North	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captain and Vice:		
Annabelle P, Freddie B		1.81
Florence H, Will A	South	1.74
Jozef S, Natalie E	West	1.61
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	1.38



HOUSE OF THE HALF TERM: SOUTH - well done!
HOUSE CAPTAIN and VICE CAPTAIN: Florence H, Will A

Congratulations to South House who won the overall highest average merits for this half term and enjoyed their treat today.

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Imogen W in English for her fantastic responses to the book 'Where's Starfish', making links.



Sound Out Words

Congratulations to:

Isobel N for reading all the words in the Sound Out Book



School Values Awards



Creativity Awards

Congratulations to:

William F for helping to run a really successful Art Club.

NOTICES

Newsletter Questionnaire

You will see we have attached a questionnaire about our newsletter. We are considering making some changes and would appreciate your feedback. Paper copies will also be available from the school office; please complete and return them by 10th May.

HC3S

The lunch menus for April to October 2019 will have come home this week so please check your child's school bag. From the summer term there will be a Jacket potato option and a picnic option available as well as the usual meat and vegetarian options. These menus will be available in the classrooms daily.

Lanyards

If you have accidently taken one of the visitor lanyards home could you bring them back please – we are running out!

Missing Cardigans

Sophia S has lost her named Navy Blue hooded sports cardigan.

David S has lost his named Judo top.

Morgan H has lost a black coat with a pink fleece aged 7-8 years.

Conrad B has lost his trumpet and its named black padded bag with a tiger logo.

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

Swings and Smiles

Ex pupils James Everard, Bertie Darke and Toby Saich are raising funds for Swing and Smiles and are holding a cake and lemonade sale after school on Tuesday 23rd April. This will be in East End village, more information to follow.

PAYMENT

Thank you for clearing accounts for the end of the Spring term, Summer term bookings will now be put on to the system.

Thank you to those of you who are keeping their accounts in credit – we really do appreciate it.

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 in this way. Please send on your confirmation email.

CLUBS

ACE Dance

Ace Dance will be running again in the summer term, if you are interested in your child continuing/joining this club please collect an enrolment form for the school office or print the form attached.

French and Italian Clubs

If you are interested in your child joining French or Italian Club, enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

Attached is the Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for April and May 2019. If you are interested in booking spaces in either, please complete and return the booking form to the school office or by email to t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

Grassroots Football

If you are interested in registering your child/children for Grassroots Football, the forms for years 2 – 6 were sent home last week, so please check children's bags.

Linkai Judo

Linkai Judo registration form is available from the school office if you are interested in registering your child/children for Judo in the summer term.

NETBALL CLUB: SUMMER TERM

Netball Club will continue into the summer term! We have a few spaces available so please let Mrs Braidley or the office know if your child would like to join. Netball Club is open to Year 4, 5 and 6 children and is held on Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm. We will assume all current members are continuing unless we hear otherwise. Please note that this club is weather dependent, as it is not safe to play on the courts when they are wet or slippery. We will notify you by lunchtime if we have to cancel. We're hoping for more sun next term!

Simply Guitar and Cross Country will continue in the summer term

Summer term 2019 dates for clubs

Club	Session Begin
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 23 rd April
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 26 th April
Cross Country	To Follow
Grassroots Football	Monday 29 th April
French Club	Monday 29 th April
linkai Judo	Tuesday 30 th April
Italian Club	Thursday 2 nd May
Ace Dance	Thursday 2 nd May
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 25 th April
Netball Club	To Follow

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Easter Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the Easter fundraiser. We raised £70 for the school. Congratulations to Kaya, Josh and Gabby who won the 'guess how many eggs in the jar' competition. Many thanks to Laura Hunter for organising this event.

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.

Your PTA needs you!

We're looking for a new treasurer. Due to work commitments, Tracey Rowell will be stepping down. Whilst she has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found, we need someone as soon as possible. If you would like to find out more, please contact either Kirstine or Alex (co-chairs of the PTA) or the school office.

Inset Days

Monday 3rd June 2019

Inset Days 2019 - 2020

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

ACTIVITIES: 22nd – 26th April

School

Monday 22nd Easter Monday – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23rd Guitar lessons 9.00am

Wednesday 24th

Thursday 25th Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm

Friday 26th Keyboard/Violin with Xenia Kasper

Church

7 th April	All Together	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Lent 5	Matins	Highclere	11.00am
	Parish Communion	East Woodhay	11.00am
	Evensong	Ashmansworth	6.00pm

Flyers

Step Up 4 Good 2019

MNR Coaching

Step Up 4 Good 2019

Greenham Trust has recently launched their annual running event – Step Up 4 Good 2019. Greenham Trust has for many years provided a lot of support for School Sport across West Berkshire and North Hampshire. They also provide sponsorship for the Berkshire School Games.

There is a prize draw for the chance to win £500 if St. Martin's school is able to register 10 pupils or more!

If you or any member of your family is interested in taking part please see the link below:

Tickets on sale now

<http://www.stepup4good.co.uk/>

You can also follow on Facebook or Twitter:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenhamTrustLtd/>

<https://twitter.com/GreenhamTrust>



ARE YOU aged 10 - 14?
INTERESTED IN EVENING ACTIVITIES AND SPORT PROGRAMME?

MNR Coaching will be running a programme of activities every week.
Come and have an evening of fun, make new friends and learn new skills

KINTBURY YOUTH

When: Every Wednesday from 27th February
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Where: Preston Hall, Kintbury, RG17 9XN

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