

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Another busy week in school as the children in Cherry, Silver Birch and Sycamore classes have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance next week (see below for more details). On Thursday the photographer from Newbury Weekly News came in to take our photo for their Christmas edition. Look out for this in the days to come. The children looked very smart in their costumes! Thank you Mrs Lovell.

Gate to Cherry Class and Silver Birch Class

Mrs Bartlett would like to apologise for the delay in opening the gate at the end of school on a couple of days recently. She promises to try to ensure this does not happen again but if she does forget, please pop down to the office and remind her!

Secret Santa

This morning we had our annual opportunity for the children to do their very own Christmas shopping and thanks as always to the Parents' Association for arranging this and in particular to Lorraine Jacobs for organising the event. Many thanks to the following mums who bought the gifts and came in and helped the children make their selections: Lorraine Jacobs, Joanne Rutter, Kate Mervyn-Jones, Kirstine Duffy McBride, Nickki Bonner and Laura Hill. There was, as ever a wide range of gifts this year and it is always lovely watch the children carefully make their choices and proudly return to class with their carrier bag of surprises for others.



Santa's Post Box

You may have noticed this has appeared in the corridor by the playground door this week. There are marked sections for each class so children may post their cards in the box and await deliveries from Willow Class 'post people' after lunch. Please make sure cards are named clearly with the recipient's name, surname and class, or safe delivery will not be guaranteed!



		Total Merits
HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	WEST	146
HOUSE CAPTAINS:	Jack Robbins and David Smith	
House Scores this week:	North	117
	South	114
	East	136



Writer's Award

Silver Birch:

Congratulations to: Penelope Prowse for amazing, detailed sentences in Bob's timeline.

Mathematics Award

Maple:

Congratulations to: Will Atkinson for making very rapid progress when telling the time.



Congratulations to: Tom Adams from the Huff and Puff leaders.

Congratulations to: William Sperry for achieving Learn to Swim Award 5

Congratulations to: David Smith for achieving HNKAI judo and Self-Defence award

Congratulations to: William Fortmuller for performing at the Pianofest 2017

Congratulations to: Herbie Bonner for being awarded Great Effort in training and racing BMX

Congratulations to: Freddy Frost for achieving Learn to Swim 6 award

Congratulations to: George Atkinson for working hard, trying his best and being kind to others

NEXT WEEKS' NEWS:

Christmas Nativity

Children in Cherry, Silver Birch and Sycamore Classes will be performing their Nativity on **Tuesday 12th December** which will start at 9.30am in the hall. Just two adult guests per child please and may we remind you that on this occasion we do not recommend bringing younger siblings as they can disturb our young performers if they become restless. Refreshments will be served afterwards so please stay for a drink and a chat if you can. If you cannot make the performance on Tuesday, perhaps you would like to come and watch the Dress Rehearsal on **Monday 11th December** at approximately 1:30pm (i.e. when the children are dressed and ready).

Please note that if you record the performance on your camera or phone, this should be for your own personal use and should not be shared on any form of social media. Thank you for your cooperation. Is there anyone out there who is able to video the performance for us so we can show it in school afterwards – it is so nice for the children to see themselves perform!

Please be aware that there will be a donations pot available at both events and if you would like to donate any money following the performances the money will be used to buy resources to enrich the teaching and learning for the children at St Martin's.

Listen 2 Me Concert

Parents of children in years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to a Listen 2 Me concert on **Thursday 14th December** at 2:15pm. The children will be showing off their skills following their lessons this term with the Hampshire Music Service whole class tuition scheme.

School Carol Service

The school Carol Service will be on **Friday 15th December** at 2:15pm in the school hall. Everyone comes together at the end of term to celebrate the Christmas story with Bible readings, songs and carols. There will be contributions from the school choir, a song from the Nativity and some traditional carols too. Please do come and join us if you can.

Handbell Ringers

We are looking forward to welcoming back the St Thomas' Handbell Ringers, including our previous Headteacher Mrs Veasey, on **Friday 15th December** at 9:10am, when they will be performing to the whole school.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Christmas Lunch

The school **Christmas Lunch** will be held on Tuesday 19th December and we look forward to welcoming our invited guests at 11:50am. Do remember if you have ordered a Christmas meal for your child and don't send their normal packed lunch as well!

Christmas Jumper Day

This year St Martin's will be supporting the Save the Children national Christmas Jumper Day. We have decided to move the date slightly to Tuesday 19th December (the national day is Friday 15th December) so that the children can wear their Christmas jumper to the Christmas lunch, helping to add to the festive spirit. All children and adults are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on this day and any donations that you wish to send in will be given to Save the Children.

Carols Around the Tree

We will be finishing our school term on **Friday 21st December** by meeting together in the school hall 2;30pm to sing some traditional Christmas songs. Everyone is more than welcome to join us to mark the start of our school Christmas holidays. Please note there will be no celebration worship on this day and school finishes at the normal time.



Everyone is warmly invited to St Martin's Church Carol Service at 11.00am on **Sunday 17th December**. This is always a special event which involves the school and church community together. Our children will be singing one of the songs from the Lower School Nativity, and the school choir will be performing too. Prayers will be read by some of the children. It would be great to have a good crowd to fill the church with beautiful singing, so please join us for this special service before we all go our separate ways for the Christmas break.

MESSAGE BOARD:

Italian Club

Mrs. Silvia Defina has offered to run a lunchtime club to teach the children to speak Italian. If your child would be interested in being involved in this, please let the School Office know. Further details to follow when we know how many children are interested.

Judo Club

Please find Judo Club flyer attached, if you are interested in your child joining Judo Club please complete and return to the office. Paper copies are available from Mrs. Carter.

Visitor and Volunteer Signing In Book

We have a new signing in book in reception for both visitors and volunteers please remember to sign in on arrival at school. The other sign in sheets are being updated but will remain the same for now.

Scholastic Book Club

Please see the flyer coming home today in your child's bag. Please be aware that orders need to be placed by Wednesday 13th December. Apologies for the short notice.

Lost Property

Herbie Bonner has lost his Football Kit Bag if you see it can you let the office know.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Let Christmas Begin!

A Christmas Concert presented by East Woodhay Silver Band on Saturday 16th December 7.00pm at East Woodhay Village Hall, Heath End. Tickets £5, under 12's free. Raffle and Refreshments.
www.eastwoodhaysilverband.co.uk

The Village Christmas Walk

Wednesday 27th December meeting at 10:30am at the Highclere Red House. Walk off the turkey and Christmas pud and join in the annual village Christmas walk. The circular route will last approximately two hours, including a refreshment stop, finishing back at the Red House in time for

lunch. All ages welcome. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Walk in aid of the Rosemary Appeal to provide dialysis and cancer care in Newbury and surrounding areas. Free mulled wine and hot mince pies en route. Sturdy footwear or wellies advisable. Pushchairs not recommended. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times.

ACTIVITIES: 10th – 16th December

School

Monday 11th Year R/1 French Club 12:25pm
Years R – 3 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Monday Funday 2:00pm
Brass/Woodwind lessons with Mr. Crouter 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Years 1 – 6 Zumba 3:30pm – 4:20pm
Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 12th Years R – 3 Nativity Performance 9:30am

Wednesday 13th Years R – 3 Elise the Elephant and the Cool Cat (performance by Hampshire Music Service) 9.15am
NO Cross Country (finished for the term)
Maple Multi Skills Club 3:25pm – 4:25pm

Thursday 14th Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am
Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:30pm

Friday 15th Handbell ringers 9:10am
School Carol Service 2:15pm

Church

Sunday 10th Holy Communion BCP – Highclere 8:00am
Parish Communion (Sun Club) – Woolton Hill 9:30am
Matins – Highclere 11.00am
Parish Communion – East Woodhay 11:00am
Evensong – Ashmansworth 6:00pm

Sunday 17th Carol Service at St Martin's Church

ADVANCE NOTICES:

Thursday 4th Jan Spring term starts



IINKAI



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Iinkai School Judo & Fundo Club 2018

Dear Parent,

My name is David Edmonds and I am a fully qualified and insured Judo, Fundo and Self-Defence Coach. I started studying Judo in 1982 and started coaching students of all ages and abilities in 1996. I am currently Head Coach at Reading University as well as over 50 School Judo Clubs. I have a team of qualified and insured coaches that work with me to provide Judo, Fundo, & Self Defence to local schools.

Judo is both a Martial Art and Olympic Sport that provides students with discipline, confidence, and in later years an effective method of self-defence. It is also an excellent form of exercise, and can be a lot of fun! Fundo is a new activator sport that develops judo and other sports skills through specifically tailored exercises and games.

*The Term consists of 10 Lessons, commencing on **9th January 2018**.*

There will be a break for half term.

*The Club runs on **Tuesdays from 0800 to 0845***

Beginners are welcome and should wear appropriate clothing (durable without zips or sharp or hard objects) a P.E kit is fine and if necessary a hair band at each lesson.

Term fees are as follows:

Term Fees for ALL Students - £68.50

The above fees include a Grading Licence & Insurance to December 2018, the End of term Grading Fee,

ALSO INCLUDED THE LATEST KOKA KIDS JUDO MAGAZINE.

Payment by: Card over the Phone (Debit or Credit Card),

Bank Transfer (09-01-50 & 06912400 & Note Childs Full Name), Cheques (Payable to Iinkai Ltd.)

If you would like your child to attend the Judo club please complete the attached consent form and return it, with payment, to myself or the school before the Club starts. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**A completed Consent Form and Payment of Fees are required for your child to attend the club.
Your child may not be able to participate if consent and payment have not been received.**

Kind Regards

D.A Edmonds

David Edmonds 5th Dan
EJU Master Coach (Level 6)
Iinkai Director and Head Coach
IINKAI JUDO & SELF DEFENCE CLUBS



(Please note in the event of a cheque bouncing a charge of £7.50 will be made to cover bank charges & we have a No-Refunds policy)

Parental Consent Form (St Martins) – PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Child's Name: _____ Year Group: _____

I would like my child to take part in the school judo club for the Spring Term 2018.

I enclose a cheque as requested (or note other payment method).

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail Address: _____

Please note Iinkai Judo and Self Defence Clubs operate a No Refunds Policy

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VACANCY

Clerk to Governors

Required from January 2018

Salary Scale: D Grade 5 - £22,338 p.a. (£ 1,352 p.a. actual salary)

Approximately 114 hours per year (mostly in term time)

Burghclere Primary School is looking to appoint an organised individual with good administrative, interpersonal and communication skills to support the work of our Governing Body in our friendly, forward thinking rural school.

You will:

- Be required to attend all governing body meetings and committee meetings
- Take and produce accurate minutes and maintain Governor records
- Demonstrate discretion, confidentiality and flexibility in all matters
- Be IT literate and have excellent administration skills
- Liaise with the local authority Governors Services Team and attend relevant training

If you are keen to support our Governors and our wonderful we would very much welcome your application.

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs. Val Garnett in the School Office

Closing date: Friday 19th January 2018

Short list Monday 22nd January 2018

Interview: Thursday 25th January 2018

