

# St Martin's School

## Weekly News

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**Our focus in worship this half term is Friendship. We are talking to the children in school about what this means to them and how they show friendship at home, at school and when out and about in the wider community. We have also talked about the fact that we are not necessarily friends with everyone, but we can still show everyone 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 entitle 'Friendship in Action', next time you are in school. Thank you.**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Staff News**

Unfortunately Mrs Hancock is poorly and won't be with us for a little while. 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.

Mrs James is recovering after her operation and is hoping to be back in school soon. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding in terms of the time taken currently to process payments.

#### **School Council**

The School Council met on Monday this week. They have many ideas of initiatives they want to lead throughout the school. Watch this space for further information.

#### **Phonics Check**

This week the children in Year 1 (and a few Year 2 children) have had a go at a practice phonics check. As you are aware the children in Year 1 complete a phonics screening test in June, which assesses if they have met the expected standard in phonics. Please be aware that at St Martin's our focus throughout the school is ensuring that all children receive high quality teaching and learning and not on 'teaching to the test.' If children receive high quality teaching they will achieve their potential in tests without us having to teach to the test. However children do need to experience going through the testing process before the actual event in order that they are prepared and understand the structure. With our younger children this is done in a very low key way. Your children are unlikely to have realised that they have completed a test - they are more likely to talk to you about reading some special words with Mrs Burke. The teachers will talk to you about your children's progress in phonics, including how they found this practice paper, at the parental consultation appointments at the end of this half term.

#### **Ace Dance Club**

Our new dance club received an unannounced visit from the team at Hampshire responsible for monitoring the provision of sports enrichments clubs in Hampshire. The visitor spent time checking that all correct checks had been undertaken by the school, that the dance instructor was appropriately qualified to lead the club and then spent time observing part of the session. When he fed back to Mrs Bartlett following the visit he was incredibly complimentary about the club. Please be aware that there are still spaces available for this club. If your child is interested in joining, please see the information under notices further on in this newsletter.

### Items from Home in School

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children should not be bringing toys or other items into school from home unless it has been agreed with their class teacher. We have recently had to deal with children becoming upset because of problems that have occurred because they have bought toys, cards, key rings and other items in from home. We have also had several of our older children bringing mobile phones into school. It is not appropriate for children to be using mobile phones in school time. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school because they are going somewhere other than home after school please can you leave it with the school office in the morning and they can collect it from the office when they are leaving school.

### School Association Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the School Association meeting on Tuesday evening. As you will see at the end of this newsletter there are some very exciting plans in place to help raise funds to benefit the children. However 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.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Inclusion Manager Coffee Morning

Following the invite in the newsletter last week to meet the Mrs Turner, our new Inclusion Manager, at a coffee morning on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9:00am, we have been asked to explain what an Inclusion Manager is. Apologies – in education there are many terms and abbreviations that we forget are not in normal everyday use. Please always ask for explanations if we use terminology that you are unfamiliar with.

The role of Inclusion Manager within a school is vital. Mrs Turner is a member of the School Leadership Team with Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rennison and will work alongside them to lead school development. Her role involves ensuring that all children at St Martin's have the support they need to be 'included' in learning and succeed in school. This includes children who have Special Educational Needs, children that are Looked After by the local authority or who have been Looked After in the past, children with English as an Additional Language or any child who has any additional needs. In order to ensure all children receive the support they need, Mrs Turner will spend her time liaising with outside agencies, talking to parents, carrying out diagnostic assessments with children and providing support and advice to school staff to ensure that all children are supported and enabled to succeed in school.

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

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please make sure that you sign up for a convenient time to meet your child's class teacher on the sheets which will be available outside the classrooms from Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. 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.



**HOUSE OF THE WEEK: West**  
**House Captain and Vice:**  
**Jozef S, Natalie E**

#### AVERAGE MERITS

**2.87**

**Annabelle P, Freddie B**  
**Florence H, Will A**  
**Gabriella A, Logan A**

**North 2.77**  
**South 2.64**  
**East 2.63**

## Special Learning Awards



### **Congratulations to:**

Isabel L for amazing number line work in Maths.  
Ava SH for using all four sentence types in English.  
Luca N for amazing progress in writing in English.

### **Sound Out Words**

#### **Congratulations to:**

Oliver W and Arthur B who have read all the words in the sound out book.



## School Values Awards



### **Friendship Awards**

#### **Congratulations to:**

Katya B and Elri K for showing friendship and compassion to a younger child when they were upset.

### **Courage Awards**

#### **Congratulations to:**

Toby S for always getting stuck into his learning, even if he thinks it's too hard.

### **Other Awards**

#### **Congratulations to:**

Bojana MR - Bo had her BSPS area points party at the weekend where she came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the M&M Lead Rein section on her pony Colne Torpedo.

Sofia C has received Certificato di Merito for Italian.

Danik T for achieving Beginner State in Piano.

## NOTICES

### **Missing Glasses**

Olivia D has lost her glasses with pink frames, they were last seen in Silver Birch classroom on Friday. If you find them please return to Olivia or the school office.

## SCHOOL CLUBS

### **ACE Dance**

ACE Dance began on Thursday 17th January 2019 for Years 1 – 3. If you are interested in your child/children taking part in dance lessons with Laura Kelleher-Byrne please complete and return the registration form in the attachment with this week's newsletter. Please remember to bring back your enrolment forms to the office as places are limited. When paying online, please remember to include your child's name as reference on the bank payment. Some places for Fun Club will be available from 4pm to accommodate children who do ACE, so please check for availability.

### **Breakfast Club and Fun Club**

When paying by Childcare Vouchers please remember to let [j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk) know that you have made a payment with a childcare voucher. Please send on your confirmation email.

## Spring term 2019 dates for clubs – to half term break

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

### Cinema Night – The Boss Baby

Please remember it's our cinema night tonight (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January) from 5.45pm to 7.15 pm. Children need to be dropped off and collected at the back door to the hall.

### QUIZ NIGHT IS COMING BACK: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7.45pm, School Hall

Yes, we're giving Quiz Night another go! This has been such a popular event in the past and we know everyone missed their quiz fix last year. So get your team together and let's make it happen! Tickets are £10 each including a light supper. Teams of 4-6. Licensed bar. Deadline for ticket purchase is FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEB. Fill in the form that came home in the bags or pick up a spare from the school office. If you'd be interested in helping out on the night please let Liz know on [liz.starbuck.greer@gmail.com](mailto:liz.starbuck.greer@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:liz.starbuck.greer@gmail.com). We're hoping to get all your contributions by the end of this half-term.

### Inset Days

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### ACTIVITIES: 28<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

#### School

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	French club 12.30pm Grassroots football 3.30pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Judo club 8.00am Guitar lessons 9.00am Netball club 3.30pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 High Five Netball at Park House School 2.15pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Italian club 12.25pm Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm Ace dance 3.25pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Keyboard and violin lessons 9.45am Cross country club 12.00pm

#### Church

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Highclere	8.00am
Epiphany 4	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11.00am
	Matins	Crux Easton	11.00am
	Evensong	East Woodhay	6.00pm

Flyers  
Wizard of Oz Auditions  
Yoga  
Messy Church

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Youth Theatre Group  
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**THE WIZARD OF OZ**

By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Ltd of New York

**OPEN AUDITIONS**

<b>Corn Exchange</b> Market Place, Newbury	<b>Norcroft Leisure</b> Norcroft Ln, RG14 1RS
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>
5pm - 6pm (8-12 year olds)	1.30pm - 3pm (8-12 year olds)
6pm - 7pm (13-21 year olds)	3pm - 4.30pm (13-21 year olds)

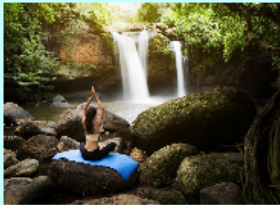
You only need attend on audition / A show fee is payable by all successful applicants



## 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

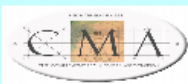


Blossom this Spring with 'Fuel-Yoga-Thrive' .... a 'food for thought' morning of Nutrition and Yoga wisdom old & new to include;-

- 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.



*Friday 25th*  
*January*  
*Where I belong*

**In Burghclere Church**  
**3.30 pm**

For your Diary: Friday 1 March and 29 March