

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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A Small Change

As you are aware each week our newsletter is shared with parents, carers and friends of St Martin's school and put on our school website. Following discussions with several parents this week, I am aware that many of you share my concerns that we use full names in our newsletter, which can be accessed by anyone looking at our website and might put our children at risk. However I am aware just how important it is to everyone that we share and celebrate our children's successes and achievements – it is part of what makes St Martin's so special. Therefore from now on we will use children's first names and the initial from their surname. This will ensure that we can still share our children's successes but will protect their confidentiality on the internet.

Mrs Bartlett

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

School Values Day

The children are currently enjoying a day working with the rest of their house to investigate our four school values of Respect, Friendship, Courage and Creativity. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers at 2:30pm to share with you our learning from today.

Sad News

We are very sad to announce the death of Lucy Barber. Lucy lived locally for much of her life and was a regular visitor to the school helping at Monday Funday, which she loved, was a member of the St. Martin's kneeler group and also helped with the making of our Christian Value banners. We send our condolences to her family. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Clifton represented the school at her funeral at St. Martin's Church on Thursday.

School Cash Office Logins

Some parents will have received letters with information about logging on to School Cash Office (SCO pay) to make online payments for dinners and After School Club. If you have not received a letter and would like information about your login code, please speak to Mrs James or Mrs Carter in the School Office.

School Association Drop Box

There is now a drop box in reception for any money or requests for tickets relating to School Association events. This means that you can either give any paperwork and money for School Association events to your child to hand to their class teacher or you can pop it into the box in reception. Hopefully this will prevent you needing to queue up to see Mrs Carter to hand over money and paperwork for the School Association and really help free up space on Mrs. Carter's desk. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: EAST

**Total Merits
128**

HOUSE CAPTAINS: Louis C. and Milla B.

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| House Scores this week: | North | 103 |
| | South | 90 |
| | West | 99 |

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

School Lunch – Thursday 18th January

Many apologies for the confusion over the date for census day next week. This was as a result of a last minute change from the Local Authority. We can confirm that census day is on Thursday 18th January. 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 this day.

You may remember that last term H3CS, the company who provide our school meals, ran a competition for the children to design a school lunch. Congratulations to Sofia HS, Florence H and Annabelle P who designed the winning entries of spaghetti bolognese with cheese, jacket potato with tuna and beans and fresh fruit pot vanilla sponge with a cherry on top. On Thursday 18th January the children will have the opportunity to try their designs when we will be having a special 'Chosen By Children' menu.

Thank You

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Hopkinson (often ably assisted by their son from Maple) Class who have been tidying up our school grounds by removing larger pieces of redundant items in their trailer.

School Association

The School Association do an amazing job of organising various events to be enjoyed by both children and adults at St Martin's and raise a significant amount of money for the school. They are keen to organise a school disco on Friday 2nd March but in order to do so need some volunteers. Would you be able to help buy food and drink in the week beforehand, help sign child in and out, sell food and drink, supervise children on the night or do you have a hidden talent as a disco DJ? If you would be able to help, please talk to Mrs Jacobs who will clearly explain what needs to be done. Thank you for your help and support

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Save the date...book your sitter!
Quiz Night and Supper Friday
2nd February
£10 per person
Venue: St Martin's School
7.45pm for 8pm start
Grab a few friends and enter as a team of 6!
Tickets to go on sale from 8th January



**GRAB A
TEAM
ITS
QUIZ
NIGHT**

Cinema Night

Friday 26th January – Cinema Night – 5.45pm. Hold this date in your diary!

“Space Dogs”.

Flyer with more details at the end of the Newsletter.

ARTEX 18:

SATURDAY 17th – SUNDAY 18th MARCH

*******ARTEX 18*******

Hold this date in your diary!

Please don't forget the school's largest fundraiser is coming up soon. As many of you may know, Artex is a hugely successful local art exhibition that the School Association runs for the benefit of St Martin's School. It raises substantial funds for the school and is our major fund raising event of the school year. This is the 26th year of running this super event!

Can anyone spare a few hours over the next few weeks to help with Marketing. We just need someone to contact the local magazines and the Newbury Weekly News to let them know about the exhibition. A full list of people to contact is already prepared - you just need to make a call. Please leave a message for Karen Bennett in the office if you are able too.

MESSAGE BOARD:

Zumba

Zumba will be starting again on **Monday 22nd January** if you are interested in your child joining the Zumba club please collect details from the school office.



Snow Procedures

As you are aware we reviewed our snow procedures last term. On snowy days we will make a decision as early as possible as to whether the school can open. This decision will be made based on Health and Safety – in order to safely operate we need at least 50% of staff to be able to make it safely to school and the school site needs to be safe. Unfortunately it is difficult to make these assessments before it is light. As soon as the decision to close has been made we will aim to send a text to all parents and carers (that are on our text list), and publicise the decision on our school website and the local radio. Obviously if we are able to open, parents and carers you will need to decide if it is safe for you to transport your child to school, which will depend on where you live and the road conditions between your house and school. If you are not able to make the journey safely, please call the School Office to make us aware.

Second hand uniform

Please remember that we have lots of good quality, pre-loved school uniform and PE kit. Please do ask if you think you could use some items for spares. Plenty to go round!



Nits and Head Lice!! Unfortunately we have had reports that the dreaded head lice are on the march again. Please can we ask that you check (and treat if necessary) your child's hair **as a matter of routine** and do let your child's teacher

know if you have found either the nits (eggs) or the head lice in your child's hair so that they can be on their guard. May we remind you that the school policy/rule is that all shoulder length hair is tied back securely at all times.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Coffee Barn

Coffee barn will not be open until next term when the sun starts shining again!

There will be an open meeting to discuss the future of the Coffee Barn at the end of March... details to follow!

ACTIVITIES: 13th – 19th January 2018

School

Monday 15th French Club
Monday Funday 2:00pm
Brass/Woodwind lessons with Mr. Crouter 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 16th Judo 8:00am – 8:45am
Years 1 and Y2 Multiskills After School Club 3.25pm - 4.25pm

Thursday 18th Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am
Brass / Woodwind Lessons with Mr. Crouter from 1:30pm

Church

Sunday 14th Holy Communion – Highclere 8:00pm
Parish Communion (s club) Woolton Hill – 9:30am
Matins- Highclere – 11:00am
Family Communion – East Woodhay 11:00am
Evensong – Ashmansworth 6:00pm

Cinema Night Flyer below

ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION presents A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



School Hall, Friday 26th Jan - 5.45pm

After popular demand St Martin's Association will be holding a movie night for the children.

The cost of the evening will be **£3.00** and will include a drink & popcorn.

The event gives children another chance to 'go to the cinema' with their friends safely without parents and guardians. For safety reasons however we do need to ask for parents' contact numbers.

We need volunteers to help with supervising trips to the loo and general crowd control – volunteers come free of charge.

There are also some spare places in Fun Club should you wish your child to stay at school before the film. Please select on the booking form if you are interested in booking a place and we you will contact you with further details.

Book early to avoid disappointment – places are limited, please complete the booking form and return to the office by Monday 22nd January at the latest.

List for volunteers for each session will be posted outside the office or please let Lorraine Jacobs know if you are available to help.

Space Dogs

ENTRY & registration 5.45pm at Hall door.

NO ENTRY after 5.55pm & Collection & de-registration 7.15pm prompt!

Name(s)

.....Child(ren) @ £3.00 = £..... total cash/cheque

(Payable to St Martin's school Association)

I/we will be contactable on 26/1/18 on: Tel/mob

Interested in a Funclub place/further information before event Yes/No

NB: movie night is a non-ticketed event, register of names held in office.
