

# St Martin's School Weekly News

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**Our focus in worship this half term is Hope. We would love to hear of any examples that you have of your children demonstrating hope, for example has your child talked about their hopes for the future for themselves, their friends or the world in general, or have they done anything by themselves or with you to offer hope to others? Please feel free to write these on a post it note and add them to our new display in the hall entitled 'Hope in Action', next time you are in school. Thank you.**

## **Teachers2Parents**

We are trialling a new email system via T2P who we use for sending out texts. This week you should receive the newsletter via the new system only. If you are aware of anyone who does not receive it under the new system and wants to continue to receive it, please ask them to contact the office to let us know.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

It was lovely to see so many children and staff supporting comic relief today by wearing something red. We have spent our worships this week looking at where the money we have collected goes, the impact it has both in the UK and globally and the hope that it offers to people in need.

### **Upper School Performance to Parents – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

It was lovely to see so many parents, friends and family at the upper school performance on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform to you and we hope you enjoyed the experience.

### **Bikeability – Year 5**

Congratulations to all the Year 5 children who completed their bikeability training this week.



### **Sponsored Read**

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in the money they raised through our sponsored read. We have currently collected over £900. If you have not yet sent your money in, please let us have it at the start of next week. We are very excited about choosing some new books for our library. Thank you!

## **World Book Day**

We have been contacted by a number of parents who have expressed concerns about the commercialisation of World Book Day. The aim of the day is to encourage children to read and to promote a love of reading. Following parental suggestions, we are looking to develop a scheme of recycling costumes next year. If you have a costume from World Book Day and no longer need it, please keep it safe for next year. About a month before World Book Day next year, we will ask for old costumes to be donated and we will then hold a second-hand sale, with all money raised being donated to school funds. Thank you to those parents who raised this suggestion – we think it is an excellent idea!

## **Mr Traill Visits Maple Class**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Traill who shared his music expertise with Maple Class on Tuesday afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, participated enthusiastically and have not stopped talking about it all week! Thank you! If you have an expertise, that links with our curriculum and you would like to share it with our children, please come and talk to us. Whenever possible we like to use visits and visitors to enrich our curriculum and the children's learning experiences.

## **Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament**

Sadly, on Wednesday evening the organisers of this event cancelled it due to the unsuitability of the pitch as a result of recent rain. Unfortunately, sporting events like this are often cancelled last minute by the organisers and we share our children's disappointment when this happens.

## **Car Engines**

After receiving an email from a local resident, can we please remind you to turn your engines off if you are waiting in your car outside school. Thank you - we do appreciate your cooperation.

## **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.

## **WoW**

Thank you to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Edinborough for volunteering to help with WoW. We are still looking for a volunteer to help on a Wednesday and Monday morning 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.

## **PayPerFin Meeting**

The Pay, Personnel and Finance Committee of the Governing Body met last week. As part of this meeting, they reviewed the use of the school Sports Premium and Pupil Premium money. Reports detailing how both these funds have been spent and the impact the money has had are available on the school website.

## **NEXT WEEK**

### **Whole School Worship – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

We are looking forward to welcoming Revd Canon Christine into school to lead our whole school worship on Monday.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **Dan The Skipping Man – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

We're excited to announce that on the 1st April, Dan the Skipping Man will be coming to St Martin's. Dan will be running skipping workshops throughout the day teaching children different skipping skills, including long rope and skipping in groups. This will be a fun day, which all age groups will be able to participate in, and forms part of our commitment to promoting healthy active lifestyles.



**HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South  
House Captain and Vice:**

**AVERAGE MERITS**

Florence H, Will A

3.00

Gabriella A, Logan A  
Annabelle P, Freddie B  
Jozef S, Natalie E

East  
North  
West

2.38  
2.29  
1.83

**Special Learning Awards**



**Congratulations to:**

Isabelle D for a very well researched short story in English.

Sophia K for writing a beautiful, creative Spring time poem, full of adjectives and adverbs.

Martha D for fabulous reasoning about decimals in maths.

Bojana MR in reading for excellent comparison to other books and understanding of characters.

**Sound Out Words**

**Congratulations to:**

Sebastian B, Henry H and Alexander R have read all the words in the Sound Out Book.



**School Values Awards**



**Creativity Awards**

**Congratulations to:**

Ayden G for his invention of the “Starfish” move in music.

**Courage Awards**

**Congratulations to:**

Alexander R for becoming more confident in everything he does.

Lucy E for settling into Sycamore Class and St. Martin’s School brilliantly. Lucy has shown such courage and perseverance at learning everything now. We are so glad to have her – it’s like she’s always been here!

**Friendship Awards**

**Congratulations to:**

Ava SH for frequently showing friendship, compassion and care for others, without prompting and dedication to including everyone in both learning and play. “They could be with me!” is always to be heard from Ava.

**NOTICES**

**Missing Cardigans**

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

Libby H has lost her new school cardigan aged 9-10 years, which is named.

David S has lost his Judo top, which is named.

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

## PAYMENT

Thank you to everybody for clearing their Breakfast Club and Fun Club accounts and to those who are keeping their accounts in credit - we really to appreciate it.

As a school, we are currently coming towards the end of the financial year and therefore we would appreciate **all accounts being cleared by 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

Should you need help accessing your online account please email [t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk](mailto:t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk).

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.

Mrs James has spoken to a few parents asking for a copy of your childcare voucher statement - if you haven't been asked please can you send one to [j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk) so that St Martin's can check that all of your payments have been received into our budget and that none are stuck with Hampshire. As we approach the financial year-end, all efforts are appreciated.

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

Club	First Session	Last Session
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Cross Country	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Grassroots Football	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
French Club	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
linki Judo	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Italian Club	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Ace Dance	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Netball Club	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April

### St. Martin's School Association

#### Disco – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

The Children's School Disco is tonight Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 5.45pm. Please pick your children up promptly at 7.15pm.

#### Fancy Dress 1980's Disco – July 12<sup>th</sup>

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A big thank you to** Mia Hancock who is going to run this year's toy stall at the Guild Fete on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May and to Mike Rendall who is going to run this year's Christmas Fair.

## **Inset Days**

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

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

## **ACTIVITIES: 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

### **School**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> French club 12.30pm  
Grassroots football 3.30pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Judo club 8.00am  
Guitar lessons 9.00am  
Netball club 3.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> Italian club 12.25pm  
Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm  
Ace dance 3.25pm

Friday 22<sup>th</sup> Keyboard and violin lessons 9.45am  
Cross country club 12.00pm

### **Church**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9.30am
<i>Lent 2</i>	Family Service	East Woodhay	9.30am
	Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
	Evensong	Crux Easton	5.00am

### **Flyers**

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## KINTBURY YOUTH

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**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Where:** Preston Hall, Kintbury, RG17 9XN

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