

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 next time you are in school. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Welcome to Mrs Turner

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Turner has joined the St Martin's team as our new Inclusion Manger. She will be working two days a week, usually on a Wednesday and Thursday. She would like to invite all parents and carers to a coffee morning on Monday 28th January at 9:00am. Please be aware that this is an opportunity to meet Mrs Turner and say hello, it is not an opportunity for in-depth discussions about your child, she will be arranging meetings future meeting where necessary for this.

Special Visitor

On Tuesday we received a visit from Sue Bowen, an Education Officer from the Winchester Diocese. Mrs Bowen knows the school well, having been involved in recruiting Mrs Bartlett. She spent time talking to Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rennison, did a learning walk around the school and spent time talking to pupils about our school values, worship and RE lessons. Mrs Bowen then met with all staff after school and the Governing Body later that evening. She was very impressed with the developments that have taken place in the school during the last 18 months. Quotes from her feedback report include:

- The Christian values are beginning to be well embedded in the learning environment.
- It is clear that the school has worked hard on embedding the values and that this has improved children's behaviour and attitude to learning.
- Displays and class reflective areas refer to the values and ways in which the children should behave to reflect these.
- The school feels calm and purposeful – children were engaged in lessons.
- Children enjoy worship and appreciate their opportunities to pray.

The visit was very useful and as well as highlighting areas of success, Mrs Bowen has also worked with staff to think of ways to make St Martin's even better!

Prayer Crosses

We held a special whole school worship on Thursday. During this Revd Christine presented all of the children in Cherry Class with their holding crosses. Like the rest of the children in the school, Cherry Class will keep these in their classrooms and use them when appropriate during weekly class worships. The cross is designed to fit into the palm of a hand and be used during prayer and times of reflection as a way to feel closer to God. We are very grateful to St Martin's Church, who have funded our crosses.

Prayer Wall

You may have noticed our new prayer wall in the school hall. This is a special space where any member of the school community can record a prayer to God and attach it to one of the ribbons. You will notice that the ribbons are the same as our prayer pebbles – gold representing thank you, purple representing sorry and green representing please. As you will see the children are already making good use of this – please feel free to add your own prayers when in school.

Special Lunch

The children all thoroughly enjoyed our special lunch on Thursday. A huge thank you to all parents of children in Year R, 1 and 2 who ordered a school meal on Thursday – over 93% of children had a school dinner. This is well above the expected 85% and means we will receive more money than expected in the school budget! Thank you!

Archery at Park House

Congratulations to the children who attended the archery competition at Park House School on Thursday. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and demonstrated our school value of respect throughout the session. A huge thank you to Mrs Lovell for accompanying the children and to all the parents who helped with transport.

Mornings

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be on the school site before 8:30am in the morning. Children in Cherry Class need to come into school through the Cherry gate and wait sensibly on the Cherry playground until the classroom doors open at 8:40am. Children in Silver Birch Class and Sycamore Class need to wait sensibly on the main playground until the doors open at 8:40am and children in Maple Class and Willow Class need to wait sensibly on the main playground until the doors open at 8:45am. For health and safety reasons the children should not be in the school building before these times. If you would like to see the classteacher before this time, please ask at the school office. Please be aware that this will not always be possible due to existing meetings or teachers preparing for the day. The office staff can always arrange a time for you to see the classteacher or pass on any important messages.

Bags2school

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Bags2school. We raised an amazing £105.60 for the School Association.

Bikeability

Children in Years 5 and 6 should have bought home a letter about bikeability today. Please make sure you complete it and return it to school as soon as possible.

NEXT WEEK



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South
House Captain and Vice:
Florence H, Will A

AVERAGE MERITS
4.12

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

North 3.52
East 3.08
West 2.90

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Ayden G in English for massive progress in writing.

Faustine B in English for an accurate, clear summary of a text.

Martha D in English for a comprehensive, clear summary of a text.

Bonnie B and Ellie S for excellent independent investigation and teamwork in science



School Values Awards



Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Emily W for being kind and letting her friend join in.

Albie A for showing great care and kindness when a friend was upset.

Creativity Awards

Congratulations to:

Robyn G for working hard to create an accurate and beautiful self-portrait.

Will G for amazing hard work when creating a self-portrait using oil pastels.

Other Awards

Congratulations to:

Archie S has achieved British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 7.

NOTICES

Head Lice

Please be aware that we have had a report of head lice this week. Please can we ask that you check (and treat if necessary) your child's hair as a matter of routine and let your child's teacher know if you have found either the nits (eggs) or the head lice in your child's hair. It is often better to treat the whole family if you find any nits or head lice in your child's hair. May we remind you that the school policy is that all shoulder length hair is tied back securely at all times.

We have some head lice combs in the School Office, which are very effective. If you would like one, please come and ask.

Judo Club

Julia, the new Judo instructor from linkai, was hugely apologetic for missing the first Judo lesson this week. Unfortunately she went to the wrong St Martin's School! There will be an extra lesson at the end of term on Tuesday April 2nd to make up for this week's missed lesson.

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 know that you have made a payment with a childcare voucher. Please send on your confirmation email.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring term 2019 dates for clubs – to half term break

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

Friday 25th January – Cinema Night – 5.45pm

'The Boss Baby'

Please find a flyer with more details at the end of the Newsletter. Booking forms are available from the Association Dropbox in Reception. Any booking requests and money should be returned to the dropbox in an envelope marked Cinema Night.

Inset Days

Friday 5th April 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

ACTIVITIES: 21st – 25th January 2019

School

Monday 21st French club 12.30pm
Grassroots football 3.30pm

Tuesday 22nd Judo club 8.00am
Guitar lessons 9.00am
Netball club 3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd

Thursday 24th Italian club 12.25pm
Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm
Ace dance 3.25pm

Friday 25th Keyboard and violin lessons 9.45am
Cross country club 12.00pm

School Association

Tuesday 22nd School Association meeting 7.45pm at St. Martin's School – all welcome.

Church

Sunday 20th	Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9.30am
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	Family Service	East Woodhay	9.30am
	Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
	Evensong	Crux Easton	5.00pm

Flyers

Messy Church

Cinema Night

Cricket 4 Girls

EW Cricket Club



Friday 25th

January

Where I belong

In Burghclere Church
3.30 pm

For your Diary: Friday 1 March and 29 March

ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION presents A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



School Hall, Friday 25th 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 21st 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.

The Baby Boss

ENTRY & registration 5.45pm at Hall door.

NO ENTRY after 5.50pm & 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 25/1/19 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.

Basingstoke Girls Cricket



Cricket 4 Girls

Cricket is one of the fastest growing sports for girls in Hampshire. Come and join our existing girls groups and have some fun.

**Free Beginner Sessions For Girls
In School Years 3 to 8**

Monday Evenings 6.15 to 7.30pm

Starting From Mid January

**For more information contact us
Basingstokegirlscricket@gmail.com**

www.ecb.co.uk





**East Woodhay
Cricket Club**



COME AND PLAY CRICKET AT **EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB**

HAVE FUN PLAYING SPORT

- **GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 10**
- **COME ALONG AND ENJOY LEARNING A NEW SPORT AND HAVE FUN!**
- **COACHING LED BY ECB LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED COACHES AT ALL AGE GROUPS**
- **COACHING SESSIONS START ON SUNDAY 3 MARCH AT TRINITY SCHOOL, NEWBURY**
YR 3 & 4 – 3pm to 4pm
YR 5 & 6 – 4pm to 5pm
YR 7 & 8 – 5pm to 6pm
- **OUTDOOR TRAINING BEGINS FRIDAY 26 APRIL AT THE EAST END CRICKET GROUND**
- **LOW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES COVERING COACHING AND JUNIOR MATCHES**
- **ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**
- **WE HAVE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE BERKSHIRE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE FROM UNDER 9 TO UNDER 15**
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER**

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EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB



Awarded Best Ground In The Hampshire League, 2014