

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 9

9th November 2018

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Fireworks

Last weekend over 500 people came to our amazing Firework Night. As always, the evening was thoroughly enjoyable with good company, delicious food and a spectacular firework display. A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the event so successful. The school Association have raised £2,420 with the potential for a further 2,050 in matched funding, what a fantastic achievement.



St Martin's Day

The whole school community came together on Thursday afternoon to celebrate the life of St Martin. The children did a wonderful job, despite slight issues with the coach company and the CD player, of retelling the story through songs, drama and dance, with everyone involved! Thank you to everyone who made the service so special.

School Nurse Visit

The school nurse was in school today as part of the National Flu Vaccination Programme. Those children who received the flu vaccine should have brought home a certificate today.

Shoebbox Gift – Samaritan's Purse

Thank you to everyone who has bought in a shoebbox for Operation Christmas Child and to Mrs Tame for organising collection of the donated boxes. Further information about Samaritans purse can be found on their website (<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>).

Wear Blue in Support of Anti Bullying Week

It was lovely to see so many children and adults wearing something blue today to support Anti-Bully Week. Bullying is rarely an issue at St Martins, because we have such a special school community, and because our school values remind us to look after each other, respect each other, show friendship and show courage in the unlikely event of having to deal with bullying. We regularly address the issue of bullying through our curriculum and collective worships, and our children know they can talk to any trusted adult if they are worried about anything. However, we fully support this national initiative, which raises awareness and teaches children how to deal with bullying, should it happen to them at any point in their lives.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is Sunday 11th November. We will be talking to the children about Remembrance Day and why many people choose to observe the two minutes silence in our school worships.

Lest We Forget.

On Sunday 11th November the school will lay a wreath as part of the service at the War Memorial at the triangle in East End. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at this local event.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs Bartlett took those children who had purchased a wooden cross to place their cross on the green in East End, to add to those placed by the local community.

Upper School Dance Performance

All parents of children in Maple and Willow class are invited to a performance of the dances they created last half term as part of their topic on Ancient Civilisations on Tuesday 13th November at 9:15am.

Children in Need

As you are aware Friday 16th November is Children in Need Day. The children are invited to show their support for this campaign by wearing something with spots or stripes on it into school on Friday and bringing in a donation. Children can choose to wear their school uniform with one item with spots/stripes on it or they can come dressed completely in items with spots and /or stripes on it. Please send all donations into class with your child, where they will be collected by the class teachers.

Dinners, Fun Club and Breakfast Club Statements

Statements for Dinners, Fun Club and Breakfast Club will be going out next week, can we ask that you please clear your current balance, of course we are always happy for you to have a credit on your account!



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

AVERAGE MERITS

2.54

Jozef S, Natalie C West
Annabelle P, Freddie B North
Gabriella A, Logan A East

2.22

2.06

1.83

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Isabel L for focussing on amazing presentation.

William G for doing a fantastic presentation on the 'Bloodhound' supersonic car project that his grandpa works on.

Freddy F in Maths for versatile mental multiplication strategies.

Florence H in Maths or being very versatile with her mental multiplication strategies.

Jean-Luc S in English for a concise and accurate text summary.

Joe H in Maths for complex but clearly explained reasoning.

Logan A, Isaac R, Adam K, Thomas B, Louis C, William F and Katya B in Maths.

Elri K for a wonderful job duetting with Mrs. Rennison with hardly any time to practise.



School Values Awards



Friendship Award

Congratulations to:

Morgan H for always being a kind and thoughtful friend and putting others before herself.

Beck B for trying his best to be kind to all the Cherries.

Elissa P for helping other children in a mixed ability Maths challenge and being supportive and encouraging.

Respect Award

Congratulations to:

Grace HS, Sophia S, Holly S and Logan A for always being polite and helpful.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to:

Logan A for achieving 3rd boy in the Mini Mile run on Greenham Common.

Robyn G for achieving Stage 3 Learn to Swim award.
George D for being awarded Star Player at Roebucks U6 Rugby at Newbury Rugby Club.
Phoebe S for achieving levels 5, 6 and 7 British Gymnastics Proficiency Award.

NOTICES:

A message from Mrs. Clifton

To those of you who were kind enough to contribute to my leaving gift,
Just to let you know that I have managed to spend my lovely John Lewis voucher! I have bought a stunning crackle glaze lamp, two new table cloths for France for al fresco dining and two new phones so that I can answer your calls for supply and other rendez-vous!
Thanks to everyone for their generosity and you will not be surprised to hear that I am enjoying my retirement.
Best wishes to all and see you soon,
Beverly C

WoW

Please can we ask all parents not to park in the first two spaces by the triangle (next to wear WoW starts). We try to keep these spaces clear for parents who are dropping children off to use our WoW scheme. This means they can get out next to the wall and helps keep them safe. Thank you for your support.

YR National Child Measurement Programme

Letters are coming home today with Year R children for the national health check programme. The School Nurse will be in school on 26th November to measure the children's heights and weights and to complete a hearing and vision screening, for every child in Year R.

Christmas fair

Preparations are well under way for our Christmas Fair. We are currently looking for donations to offer as raffle prizes. If you, or the company you work for, may be in a position to help, please talk to Mr Doyle. Thank you!

SCHOOL CLUBS:

French, Italian and Judo Clubs If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for either Italian, French or Judo clubs please pick up registration forms from the school office.

Zumba

Zumba classes: Wednesday classes have begun but the Friday class for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is on hold until numbers increase.

Cross Country Club

Mrs Alexander is now running this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office. Mrs Alexander is still looking for any adults who are able to commit to supporting this club on a regular weekly basis. Please talk to either Mrs Alexander directly, or to the School office, if you are able to help each week. The club will take place on Friday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm.

Inset Days

Friday 21st December 2018
Friday 5th April 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019

COMMUNITY NEWS:

ACTIVITIES: 10th – 16th November 2018

School

Monday 12th French Club 12:30pm
 Tuesday 13th Judo Club 8:00am – 8:45am
 Italian Club 12:25pm
 Wednesday 14th Zumba Club 3:25pm – 4:20pm
 Thursday 15th Maple and Willow Dance Performance 9:15am
 Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
 Friday 16th Keyboard and Violin lessons 9:45 am
 Cross Country 12:00pm

Church

Sunday 11 th	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8.00am
<i>Remembrance</i>	Act of Remembrance	Ash'worth/CEWar Memorial	10.50am
	Remembrance Service	Highclere	10.55am
	Act of Remembrance	East End Memorial	10.45am



Artex 2019

is at risk of not happening!!!!

Artex is one of the biggest fundraisers for St. Martin's and one of several 'flagship' events in the local community.

In the last ten years it has raised over £40,000 for our school.

However ...

Next year's Artex may not happen
as we have no leader for our team.

There are plenty of people to help with organising the event through the year and on the day, but we need someone or two, to co-ordinate things and keep us all in check!

Two people together could work well and a lot of this co-ordinator role can be done from home.

Please think if you, and a friend, could help keep this super event running.

For more details please chat to Nicky Bonner, Karen Bennett or Kirstine Duffy-McBride in school...

or simply mention to Teresa in the office that you might be interested.

Thank you!!

The **Artex** team

4 weeks FREE

Football Coaching Sessions
by FA Qualified Coaches

We are looking for new players

No experience needed!

Come along, learn football and have fun!



We have over 120 girls playing for us, and have over 12 years experience of providing football for girls. We pride ourselves for being the only local club that is dedicated to girls playing football.

Along with learning football, they will:

- Make new friends and have lots of fun
- Get active and lead a healthier lifestyle
- Gain confidence, build self-esteem and learn to work as a team.

All that's needed is a pair of shin pads, a drink and trainers or football boots.

Winter training sessions are every Wednesday held at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW and in the Summer they are held at Lower Way, Thatcham.

Training times:

6.15pm-7.30pm – School years 1 - 7

7.00pm-8.00pm – School years 8 – 11 & Ladies

**For more
information on
training times and
venues please
contact Nick.**

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Messy Church in Ashmansworth

Messy Church has been meeting at Ashmansworth Village Hall for 6 years and now welcomes families from all the Parishes in North West Hampshire Benefice as well as children from St Martin's and St Thomas's Schools and their families.

Messy Church:

- + Provides an opportunity for people to worship together, have fun and be creative together
- + Helps people of all ages feel they belong in church and to each other
- + Introduces Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship
- + Lets us eat together as Church Community

What and When

Messy Church now meets on the fourth Sunday of the month* during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our sessions include craft activities, prayer and celebration and end with a meal which we share together.

In our programme for autumn 2018 we will be looking at the parables which Jesus taught to his disciples, with activities for younger children to enjoy. We are also introducing a Study Group for older children and parents to learn more about Christian faith. Our autumn meeting dates will be:

Sunday 23rd September

The Parable of the Sower

Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"

Sunday 28th October

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Study Group Topics; The Lord's Prayer & "Is It Fair?"

Sunday 25th November

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Study Group Topics; Why we Sing Hymns & "Rejoicing"

Also on Sunday 2nd we will have a Christingle Service at St James' Church

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4th Sundays of January, February, March and April.

Why Not Join Us?

Everyone is welcome at Messy Church but parents do need to stay with their children and participate in the activities. We meet at 10.45 am so that activities can start at 11.00. Lunch is usually finished by 1pm. You don't have to come every month (but we ask you to let us know via mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk if you are planning to come so we can cater for lunch). Alternatively you can support Messy Church by dropping in to tell a story or play a musical instrument.

Want to know more?

Please contact Mike Sarson (07913-943504 / mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

* **NB** Our new 4th Sunday date allows families to attend a Family Service any Sunday of each month: All Together and Sunday Club at St Thomas's and Family Services at St Martin's on the first three Sundays of each month.

Church of the Ascension
Burghclere



Please come and join us for loads of Bible
themed Fun, Crafts and Activities in church at
3:30pm on the following Autumn 2018 dates:

Friday 21st September

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

Friday 2nd November

Caring for God's World

Friday 7th December - Nativity



**AN ENTERTAINING CHARITY EVENING WITH
AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEGEND
DAVID CAMPESE**

at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW



In support of
grassroots rugby at
Park House School



**6.30pm Monday
12 November 2018
Tickets: £35***

Tickets available from:
rugbylegend-david-campese.eventbrite.co.uk

*Plus eventbrite admin fee.

Ticket price includes buffet. Event finishes 11pm.

Enquiries: steve.jones@newburyrfc.org.uk

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