

St Martin's School Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Snow Closures

As you are aware, we took the decision to close the school on Thursday and Friday this week due to the risk the snow posed to children, parents and staff travelling to school. We hope that the children managed to enjoy the snow and experience the excitement of sledging, snow balling or making a snow man or snow angel. Please see Next Week's news in this newsletter for details of events that we had to postpone.

Sporting Events

Due to the weather conditions there were several sporting events that were cancelled this week. We are waiting to hear from the organisers as to when these events will be re-arranged and will let those people involved have details as soon as possible.

School Association

As you are aware, the school association organise and run a variety of events throughout the year that are enjoyed by our children, our parents and the whole community. They also raise a significant amount of money which benefits all the children at St Martin's. Our Chair of the School Association, Mrs Jacobs' term of office is coming to an end and we are looking for someone who would like to take on the role. We are hoping to find someone soon so that Mrs Jacobs can work alongside them over the next and support them as they take on the role. If you think you might be interested, please let the school office know or if you have any questions, please talk to Mrs Bartlett or Mrs Jacobs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jacobs for everything she has done, and is still doing, for our school.

Dinner Money and Fun Club Payments

You should have received a dinner money statement last week if your child has school dinners and is in Year 3 – 6. Please can we ask everyone to pay their statements as soon as possible and then to keep up to date with their dinner money payments. We are currently owed nearly £1000, which with the approaching end of the financial year is having a significant impact on our budget. If you are having difficulties paying your bill, please talk to us in confidence about how we can help. If you are using childcare vouchers and haven't advised Mrs James in the school office, please let her know by email at j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

Italian Club

A gentle reminder to parents using the Italian Club that some fees are still outstanding. Please check your children's bags as Silvia has given the children a registration form with details of this term's sessions and fees. Registration forms are also available in the school office.

Zumba Club payments

A gentle reminder to parents from Chantal Tyas, some fees are still outstanding for Zumba Club, please could money owed by brought in to the school office or given to Chantal.



Average Merits

HOUSE OF THE WEEK:

Due to school closure average merit scores will be carried forward to next week.

Special Learning Awards and School Value Awards

Due to school closure these awards will be carried forward to next week.

Congratulations to: Ava SH for achieving learn to swim level 2 award.

Congratulations to: Harry J for achieving grade 3 skiing level

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

School Disco – Friday 2nd March

Due to the school closure tonight's disco is cancelled. The event has been re-arranged for Friday 16th March. All other details will remain the same.

NEXT WEEK:

Parental Consultations – Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 7th March

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations on Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 7th March. Please make sure that you sign up for a convenient time to meet your children's class teacher on the sheets currently outside the classrooms. 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.

We suggest that if at all possible, you arrive slightly before your appointment in order to have time to look at your child's books. We will also be putting out parental questionnaires and would appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes filling it in. Your views matter to us and we would like to hear what you value about St Martin's as well as your suggestions as to what would make the school even better. When you arrive, please make your way to your children's classroom – we will leave their books and the questionnaires outside the classroom.

Please make sure that if your children accompany you to parental consultations, you supervise them. Unfortunately due to adult ratios, Fun Club cannot take responsibility for any child that has not been booked into the session.

Please be aware that on Tuesday 6th March there may be a tag rugby tournament taking place on our school field (depending on pitch conditions) so there may be a significant number of visitors on site.

World Book Day – Thursday 8th March

The activities that we had planned for World book day will now take place next week. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character out of a book on Thursday 8th March. It possible we would like the children to bring a copy of the book they have chosen into school on Thursday to share with other children in their house. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to developing a love of reading.

Book Sale – Friday 9th March

We will be holding our traditional book sale on Friday 9th March to help raise money to buy new books for our library. If your children have any books that they no longer read and you would like to donate them to our book sale, please bring them into school next week. On the afternoon of Friday

9th March all children will be given the opportunity to look at the books that have been donated and buy some that appeal to them. All books will be 10p and children can bring in up to £1 to spend. Please send any money in a named purse or envelope and send in a named carried bag for children to put the books they have purchased in. Parents and carers are welcome to come into the school hall at the end of the day to purchase books from the book sale.

Please be aware that due to the book sale, there will be no celebration worship on Friday 9th March.

Mothering Sunday

We will be joining St Martin's Church on Sunday 11th March at 11:00am to celebrate Mothering Sunday and give thanks for those special people who look after us. In order to prepare for this, a few children from each class will be working with some volunteers from the church on Friday 9th March to make the bunches of flowers that will then be given out in church. We are also looking for some children who would like to read the prayers during the service. If your child would like to do this and you are planning on attending church, please talk to your child's class teacher.

MESSAGE BOARD:



SATURDAY 17th – SUNDAY 18th MARCH

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

Hold this date in your diary!

Artex needs you

The list for helpers over the weekend (16/17 and 19 March) is now up on the office door. Please do try and spare a few hours to come along - it's a great opportunity to browse some fantastic artwork. We will also need volunteers to help set up on the Friday after 12pm. As it's an event raising funds for school Mrs Bartlett has agreed that there will be no charge for a limited number of additional children in fun club that day so as to enable parents to help set up. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES: 3rd – 9th March 2018

School

Monday 5 th	French Club (Yr R/1) 12:25pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Brass/Woodwind Mr. Crouter from 3:00pm Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm Years 1 – 6 Zumba Club 3.30pm – 4:20pm
Tuesday 6 th	Judo 8:00am – 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Finals at Down Grange Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby at St. Martin's 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parent Consultations 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 7 th	Cross Country 12:05pm Parent Consultations 3.40pm-6.00pm

Thursday 8th World Book day activities
Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am
Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:00pm

Friday 9th Book Sale
No Celebration Worship

Church

Sunday 4th Holy Communion – East Woodhay 8:00am
All Together – Woolton Hill 9:30am
Messy Church – Ashmansworth 11.00am
Parish Communion – Highclere -11.00am
Evensong – East Woodhay – 6.00pm

Sunday 11th Mothering Sunday – St Martin's 11:00am

FLYERS below:

Easter Holiday Camps - Sports Xtra

Rugby Tots

Disco Flyer

Quiz Night – to raise funds to re-open Friends of Wash Common Library

The Clere School Quiz Night

Sports Xtra Easter Holiday Courses
Danger Mouse Sports Xperience
Book now from only £21 per child per day

Dates	Venue	Time
April 3 rd - April 13 th	Willink Leisure Centre- RG7 3XP	<u>09:30-16:00</u> Xtra time 08:30-17:00
April 3 rd - April 13 th	Kennet Leisure Centre- RG19 4LJ	<u>09:30-16:00</u> Xtra time 08:30-17:00
April 3 rd - April 13 th	St Paul's Primary School RG31 4SZ	<u>09:30-16:00</u> Xtra Time 08:30-17:00

Ages 5-12 Years Old (School Years R- 7)

- RRP *£30 per child per day *(Booking fees apply)
- Xtra time £7 per child per day (08:30-17:00 extended hours)
- Swimming every day at Kennet and Willink

Early booking discounts as follows...

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ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION - DISCO



School Hall, Friday 16th March - 5.45pm

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

The cost of the evening will be **£2.00**. There will be tuck shop for the children to purchase items during the evening.

The event gives children the opportunity to "go to the disco" 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, running the tuck shop 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 disco. Please select on the booking form if you are interested in booking a place and we 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 5th March at the latest.

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

Disco

**ENTRY & registration 5.45pm at Hall door.
Collection & de-registration 7.15pm prompt!**

Name(s)

.....Child(ren) @ £2.00 = £..... total cash/cheque
(Payable to St Martin's school Association)

I/we will be contactable on 2/3/18 on: Tel/mob

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

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

Friends of Wash Common Library

Charity Quiz Evening

to raise funds for the Re-opening of Wash Common Library

Tuesday 20th March

at 7.00 pm

at the Bowlers Arms.

Tickets £10 include a Chilli Supper (with Veggie Option)

Teams to be of four or six.

Tickets available from the Bowlers Arms, or at the Book Exchange every Saturday morning at Wash Common Community Centre from 10 till 12. Or from Mary Leonard at

Maryfitzpatrick@icloud.com



The Clere School

50th Anniversary Quiz Night

Please join us for our next fundraiser.

Friday 23rd March 2018

6.45pm to 9.30pm

A celebratory quiz for families. Any age welcome, although questions suit age 11+.

Up to 6 players per team.

Create your own team, or singles and couples can be matched up on the night.

Please book your ticket in advance by emailing:
n.hughes@clere.hants.sch.uk

Tickets: £10 adults, £5.00 per child.

Price includes free drink and nibbles.

(Further drinks and refreshments will be available on the night.)

All proceeds will go towards school funds. Payment can be made either by cheque, payable to Hampshire County Council, or cash in advance, or on the evening.