

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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A very Happy Christmas to you all!!

We made it to the end of term and a busy one too! We hope you all have a very happy, peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 4th January, rested and relaxed, ready for another eventful term.

A message from Mrs Bartlett

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone (children, parents, staff and friends of the school) for all the help and support you have given me this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Headteacher at St Martin's and can't tell you how much I appreciate the warm welcome that everyone has given me. I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you back at school in the New Year.

Mrs Bartlett

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Thank You

This week we have said thank you and goodbye to several members of staff.

Mrs Evans – Mrs Evans leaves St Martin's after working here for several years, first in Silver Birch Class and then across the school as our SENCO. On Wednesday afternoon, the children gave her a tradition St Martin's goodbye with a song written specially for her about her time here. We would all like to thank Mrs Evans for everything she has done for the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Bateman – We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bateman for all her hard work in Sycamore class this term. Mrs Bateman has an exciting holiday booked for next term but we are hoping to see her back at St Martin's to cover classes in the future.

Mrs Grave – We are all incredibly grateful to Mrs Grave for all her hard work in Willow Class this term. Again we are hoping to see Mrs Grave back at St Martin's to cover classes in the future.

Mrs Andrews – We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Andrews for all her hard work in Sycamore class this term. However we are not saying goodbye to Mrs Andrews. We are delighted that Mrs Andrews has agreed to work Thursday afternoon in Maple Class to cover Mrs Wellings PPA time.

St Martin's Church Carol Service

It was a lovely service this Sunday at St. Martin's Church, with any of our school families attending.

A hardly visible Edward Bishop read the first lesson, very clearly and confidently, our school choir sang their Christmas song 'I'd like to tell you all a story' beautifully and all the children from school performed an unaccompanied version of Hallelujah from the lower school nativity.



Thank you to all the families who joined us and took part.

Christmas Lunch

Around 145 people sat down together to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday. The children enjoyed the opportunity to sit together, talk to our invited guests and have their lunch served by their teachers and LSAs! Thank you to all our guests for joining us and making the occasion so special.

The children all looked incredibly festive in their Christmas jumpers and £26.80 was raised to support the Save the Children campaign.



Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen for all the hard work that went into preparing it and to Mrs Lovell and Mrs Hopkinson for organising the hall and making it look so colourful and festive.

A good time was had by all.

Carols Around the Tree

We will finish our term later today with our 'Carols around the Tree' event 2:30pm in the school hall. Everyone is very welcome to join us to sing a few Christmas songs and wish each other a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: WEST

HOUSE CAPTAINS: Jack Robbins and David Smith

Total Merits

98

House Scores this week: North

87

South

68

East

76

Writer's Award

Maple Class

Congratulations to: Thomas Bennett for effectively demonstrating a wide range of writing skills in an information text.

Congratulations to: Annabelle Prowse for use of openers, bullet points and varied sentence structure in an information text.

Congratulations to: Will Atkinson for writing an information text using all the skills from his learning journey.



Mathematics Award

Congratulations to: Logan Alexander for identifying and applying patterns in numbers during a maths investigation.



Congratulations to: James Gethin for achieving Learn to Swim 4

Congratulations to: Harry Jacobs for achieving a Good Citizenship award for always being helpful and efficient when asked and often not even needing to be asked!



HOUSE OF THE HALF TERM: **EAST** - well done!!!

HOUSE CAPTAINS: Louis Codling and Milla Brereton

MESSAGE BOARD:

Christmas Fair

A big thank you to Colin Doyle and everyone who helped organise the Christmas Fair. The money raised was just over £1,300 and with £1,000 of matched funding from Barclays, (thanks to Jules Smith) the total will be just over £2,300.

Quiz Night

Save the date...book your sitter, book your taxi!

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!



Medication

If your child has an inhaler/ventolin or if you have given the office Capol to be taken during the day can you please pop in to the School Office to check the medication is in date. We would also appreciate it if you could take away any medication that no longer needs to be kept in school. Many thanks.

Brass and Woodwind – Mr. Tim Crouter

Monday's Brass and Woodwind lessons will begin again on **Monday 8th January** 3.00pm

Thursday's Brass and Woodwind lessons will begin again on **Thursday 11th January** from 1.00pm

Both classes will run for 9 weeks throughout the term.

Clubs

Judo Club: starting on **Tuesday 9th January**. If your child would like to take part in this Judo club please see Mrs Carter for a booking form.

French Club: Dominique Colthurst will be running French Club again during Spring term on Mondays at lunchtime at a cost of £4 per session. French Club will begin on **Monday 8th January** for 10 weeks. The club is aimed at children in Year R and Year 1 but Dominique is happy to take some Year 2 children if parents are interested. If you would like your child to join French Club please speak to Mrs. Carter in the School Office.

Zumba Club: will be starting again on **Monday 22nd January**, there will be more details to follow in the New Year. Chantelle Tyas will be offering a taster session for Years 3 – 6, again more details in the New Year.

Italian Club: we are delighted to announce that Sylvia Defina will be starting to run an Italian club next term. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a letter from the School Office and return the reply slip asap.

Top merit scorers in each class 21/12/17

Silver Birch

Imogen Waite
Zachary Shore

Sycamore

Deia Alexander
Sebastian Bridge

Maple

David Smith
Sophia Smart

Willow

Tom Cameron
Poppy Lovell



COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

The Village Christmas Walk

Wednesday 27th December meeting at 10:30am at the Highclere Red House. Walk off the turkey and Christmas pud and join in the annual village Christmas walk. The circular route will last approximately two hours, including a refreshment stop, finishing back at the Red House in time for lunch. All ages welcome. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Walk in aid of the Rosemary Appeal to provide dialysis and cancer care in Newbury and surrounding areas. Free mulled wine and hot mince pies en route. Sturdy footwear or wellies advisable. Pushchairs not recommended. Dogs welcome but must be kept on leads at all times.

ACTIVITIES:

School

Term starts on **Thursday 4th January**.

Don't forget in the event of weather / travel problems to check your mobile phone for emergency messages.

Church

Sunday 24^h

- Holy Communion (Advent 4) – Highclere 8:00pm
- Families at the Crib – Highclere 11:00am
- Crib service – Woolton Hill 3:30pm
- Christmas Carol Service – Ashmansworth 4:00pm
- Christmas Carols and Communion – Crux Easton 6:00pm
- Midnight Mass – Highclere 11:30pm
- Midnight Mass – East Woodhay 11:30pm