

# St Martin's School

## Weekly News

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16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **Remembrance Sunday**

It was lovely to see so many people at the Remembrance Service on Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Rowe, our chair of Governors, and our two school ambassadors, who laid a wreath on behalf of our school. Our school ambassadors also took part in the reading of the names of the people remembered on the war memorial. We have received a letter from Norman Power, thanking them for attending the event and donating two copies of a booklet that has been produced by the History Society, detailing the lives of the men commemorated on the war memorial. These have been shared with the children and will be kept in our school library.



### **Upper School Dance Performance**

It was great to see so many friends and family at the upper school dance performance on Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing their dances to you and it was lovely to see just how confident they all were. They also performed to the rest of the school, displaying the same levels of enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment. Thank you to everyone involved.

### **Children in Need**

It was great to see so many spots and stripes today. Thank you for all your donations – we will be sending £189.79 to Children in Need.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE:**

#### **Watermill Theatre Trip – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

We are all going to see 'Robin Hood' at the Watermill Theatre on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, courtesy of the Parents' Association, who have kindly paid for all the tickets for this event. As ever, we are very grateful to them for their generosity and for all their hard work during the year.

Children should wear school uniform and have a coat with them. A drink and snack will be provided for each child and spending money will not be needed. We should be back in school in time to have a late lunch at about 1.00pm.

You will have been asked for a voluntary donation of £3.00 per child towards the cost of transport for this trip, you can make this payment online using SCO pay. If you have not already paid please can we remind you to do so. If you need a link code for SCO pay please ask at the office. Thank you.

#### **School Uniform Sale – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Laura Hunter will be organising a second hand school uniform sale after school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. This will be in the school hall from 3.00pm to 3.45pm. Please see the notice below for more details.

#### **School Eucharist – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**


On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9:30am, children in Years 1 – 6 will come together in the school hall for our School Eucharist service. Children in Cherry class will not take part this term, but will be included in the Spring term. If you have children in Years 1 – 6 please make sure you have returned the reply slip, regarding communion and a blessing, to school. All members of the school community are more than welcome to join us for this service.

#### **Year 6 Christmas Tree Dig – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Year 6 are going to Yew Tree Garden Centre on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to choose and dig up our Christmas tree. If you have a child in Year 6, please make sure you have returned the reply slip and

remember to send them in old clothes and wellington boots on Thursday (with school uniform in a bag). Thank you to Yew Tree Garden Centre for inviting us and donating our school Christmas Tree.

### Non Uniform Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

 Don't forget your bottle for the Bottle Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair if you wish to come in to school on this day wearing home clothes.

Also we would be very grateful for any cakes, biscuits or mince pies to be sold on our refreshment stall. So please get baking and drop them at reception on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning.

Calling all crafty creators and champion chutney makers! We need lots of lovely produce for our Homemade Goods stall at the Xmas Fair. I know we ask a lot at this time of year, but it's all to benefit our lovely children. Thank you for all your support.

### YR National Child Measurement Programme

The School Nurse will be in school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November to measure the children's heights and weights and to complete a hearing and vision screening, for every child in Year R.

### School Christmas Lunch

The School Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The order form should have come home with your child earlier this week. Please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible.



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

#### AVERAGE MERITS

**4.12**

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

**4.06**

**3.67**

**2.47**

### Special Learning Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Joe H in English for powerful use of similes, alliteration and personification.

Deia A in English for a very evocative description.

Seren B in English for powerful use of adjectives and adverbs.

Fin H in English for fabulous descriptive writing.

Ophelia E for fantastic maths learning.

Tijana MR for sounding out and writing, she took her time and tried really hard.

Adam K and Sophia S for RE



### School Values Awards



#### Friendship Award

#### Congratulations to:

**Freddie R** for always being kind to everyone in Cherry Class.

**William A** for being really kind to the Cherry children and playing football with them.

## Courage Award

### Congratulations to:

**Bly A** for being brave enough to have a go at all his learning this week, resulting in a fantastic week and a very happy Mrs R!

**Annabelle P** for not being disheartened by mistakes.

## NOTICES:

### Fireworks Night Update

Thank you to Mrs Smith for securing matched funding to the value of £1,000 for St. Martin's School. What an amazing achievement!

### Bukuya School

Thank you for your donations at the St. Martin's Day service, £89.15 will be going to Bukuya School in Uganda.

### Christmas fair – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Not long to go now before the school Christmas Fair on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00-5.00pm at East Woodhay Village Hall.

We would also be grateful for volunteers to help on the day so if you can spare an hour or so please come and sign the list on the office door. If we have lots of volunteers then everyone has time both to help and shop with their family too.

There is an envelope containing two books of raffle tickets (£2.50 for a book) coming home today in your child's bag. There are some fantastic prizes (see below) so please buy/sell some tickets and return the stubs and money to school. Can you return any unsold raffle tickets for sale on the day, the raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.

- Apple TV 32GB
- Red House, Highclere, meal voucher
- Highclere Castle family pass
- Newbury Racecourse premier enclosure tickets
- Yew Tree, Highclere, meal voucher
- Family Pass - The Hawk Conservancy
- Furze Bush, meal voucher
- Finkley Down Farm family pass

Plus many more prizes

## 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.

### Inset Days

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

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

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

## ACTIVITIES: 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

### School

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School trip to the Watermill Theatre French Club 12:30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Judo Club 8:00am – 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm Second hand uniform sale 3:00pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>th</sup>	School Eucharist 9:30am Zumba Club 3:25pm – 4:20pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Christmas Tree dig Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non uniform day – please donate a bottle for the Christmas fair Keyboard and Violin lessons 9:45am Cross Country 12:00pm

### Church

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> before	Family Service	East Woodhay	9.30am
Advent	Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
	Evensong (BCP)	Crux Easton	5.00pm



On November 20th from 3:00-3:45 you will have an opportunity to purchase pre-loved school uniforms.

There are uniforms, pe kits, judo uniforms and more all available for a suggested donation of £1 per item. Cash donations only.



## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> September

***The Parable of the Sower***

*Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

***The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard***

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

***The Parable of the Lost Sheep***

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

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

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk)) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / [ann\\_rowe\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk)) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

\* **NB** Our new 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Caring for God's World

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity**

