

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

School Ambassadors

We would like to thank all the Year 6 children who applied for the school ambassador roles. The quality of letters of application and interviews were incredibly high and the decisions were very difficult. Everyone who applied should be incredibly proud of themselves. After hours of deliberation, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rowe, have chosen the following Ambassadors:

School Ambassadors – Isaac R and Emily D
Vice School Ambassadors – Katya B and Thomas B
Sports Ambassadors – Harry J and Ellie M
Music Ambassadors - Louis C and Elri K

Thanks to Mrs Rowe for supporting Mrs Bartlett in making these difficult decisions.

House Captains

On Monday afternoon children from Year 1 to Year 6 met in their house groups. Each house listened to speeches from a number of children who wanted to be House or Vice Captain. All the children who put themselves forward spoke clearly and passionately about why they would make a good house captain and should be very proud of themselves. Following voting, we would like to congratulate the following children:

West House

Captain – Jozef S
Vice Captain – Natalie C

East House

Captain – Gabriella A
Vice Captain – Logan A

North House

Captain – Annabelle P
Vice Captain – Freddie B

South House

Captain – Florence H
Vice Captain – Will A

Maple and Willow Class - Highclere Castle Trip



Last Friday Maple and Willow classes had an exciting trip out to Highclere Castle to explore the Carnarvon family's links with Tutankhamun. The knowledgeable guides took us around the fascinating Egyptology exhibits - including a replica of the tomb itself. We particularly loved dressing up in Egyptian outfits in the 'hands on' room. What a fantastic experience to have on our doorstep!

Thank you to Mrs Santana and Mrs Wake for helping on the day.

Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Trip – Hurstbourne Tarrant

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children represented St Martin's in the first tag rugby match of the season. We played matches against Hurstbourne Tarrant Primary School and Woolton Hill Junior School. The children demonstrated incredible teamwork, ensuring they supported each other throughout both matches. Our team played two matches, winning one of them. They also really appreciated the support of Harry J, one of our Sports Ambassadors, who turned up after school to support the team. Everyone involved should be incredibly proud of the way they represented our school. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the team and helped with transport home.



Curriculum Conference

Last Friday Mrs Bartlett was invited to speak at the Hampshire Curriculum Conference for Headteachers. Following input from Bill Lucas (Professor of Learning at Winchester University) on the importance of a creative curriculum, Eric Halton (Country Education Officer for Hampshire County Council) on work being done across Hampshire on curriculum development and several HIAS inspectors on the Hampshire Curriculum Project group, Mrs Bartlett explained what we have done at St Martin's to review and develop our curriculum and shared our Curriculum Framework and Model. St Martin's was one of six schools asked to share their experience of curriculum review and development and it was really exciting to share the work we have done on our curriculum with other schools across Hampshire.

ADVANCE NOTICE

School Nurse Visit – Monday 1st November

The local school nurse will visit St Martin's on Monday 1st October. During this visit she will talk to all children in Year R, 1 and 2 about what they can do to help prevent flu and to the children in Year 6 children about the national heights and weights programme. Please look out for the letters from the school nurse about these programmes, which should come home with your child on Monday.

Special Lunch Menu – Thursday 4th October

The School Census Day this term is on Thursday 4th October. On this day a large amount of data about the school is collected, including the number of children who have a school dinner. As a school the money we receive from the government under the Universal Free School meals scheme is dependent on the number of children in Year R, 1 and 2 who have a school dinner on this day. In order to maximise the amount of money we receive from the Government, please ensure all children in Year R, 1 and 2 have a school lunch on Thursday 4th October.

The Menu for Census Day

Meat Option: Fish Fingers and Chips

Vegetable Option: Cheese Pizza and Chips

Both with beans and sweetcorn

Picnic Option: Ham Sandwich

Pudding: Chocolate Brownie, Shortbread or Ice Cream

Parental Consultations – Monday 8th October and Thursday 11th October

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations on Monday 8th October and Thursday 11th October. Please make sure that you sign up for a convenient time to meet your child's class teacher on the sheets which will be available outside the classrooms from Wednesday 26th September. 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.

Open Morning and Evening – Wednesday 17th October

We will be holding an Open Morning at 9:15am and an Open Evening at 6:00pm on Wednesday 17th October. There will be a brief talk by Mrs Bartlett and then the opportunity to see round the school, guided by some of our older pupils.

Please spread the word to neighbours or friends who might be interested in joining our school. Although mainly aimed at children due to start Year R in September 2019, any family interested in joining our school is more than welcome. If anyone is not able to make these times, they should talk to the School Office who will be pleased to arrange a convenient appointment.

Class Rep System

Thank you to everyone who has returned the letter about the class rep system, especially those who have offered to act as class rep. We will shortly be contacting a class rep for each class and we are hoping to have the system up and running by half term.

Staffing News

As you are aware at the end of last year we said goodbye to Miss Byrne, who left us to start a teacher training course. We are delighted to be able to tell you that Miss Byrne will be returning to St Martin's to undertake her first teaching practice. From Monday 8th October until Friday 23rd November, Miss Byrne will be working with Mrs Rennison and Mrs Webster in Sycamore Class.

Nut Free School

Please can we remind everyone that we are a nut free school. Please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts into school. This includes snack bars with nuts in them and Nutella spread.



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

AVERAGE MERITS

3.54

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

North
West
East

2.87
2.80
2.33

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to: Sophia S in history and science for making good observations about her mummified tomato.

Congratulations to: Luca N in maths for amazing addition.

Congratulations to: Molly T in maths for clear, accurate column subtraction.



School Values Awards



Respect Award

Congratulations to: Esme R for always having lovely manners and being polite and respectful to everyone.

Friendship Award

Congratulations to: Edward B for trying to resolve issues when his friends had fallen out with each other.

Courage Award

Congratulations to: Jack SH for showing courage when trying new things, especially in writing and handwriting.

NOTICES:

Music Lessons – Hampshire Music Service – Keyboard and Violin lessons

On Friday's Xenia Kasper from Hampshire Music Service is at St. Martin's teaching Keyboard and Violin lessons. We have some spaces in her timetable this term so if you are interested in your child having music lessons, please contact the school office for more information. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with these lessons.

School Clubs:

French, Italian and Judo Clubs have now started. 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 will begin on Wednesday 3rd October and Friday 5th October from 3:25pm to 4:20pm
Wednesday's class will be for Year 1,2 and 3.
Friday's class will be for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
If you would like a booking form, please collect from the school office.

Cross Country Club – Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club – please watch this space for further details.

Inset Days

Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 21st December 2018
Friday 5th April 2018
Monday 3rd June 2018

Missing Coat

Naya T has lost her named, lightweight purple raincoat with a hood. If you find it please return it to Naya in Silver Birch Class.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Park House Open Evening/Mornings

The dates below received from Park House School:
Open Morning Tuesday 16th October – 9:15am to 11:00am.

FREE CUPBOARD (this was the first aid cupboard in the office)

Contact the school office if you are interested. Please collect from school hall.

ACTIVITIES: 29th September – 5th October 2018

School

Monday 1 st	French Club 12:30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 2 nd	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 3 rd	
Thursday 4 th	Census Day – Special Lunch Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 5 th	Xenia Kasper Keyboard and Violin 9:45am

Church

Sunday 30 th	Benefice Communion	Highclere	10:00am
<i>St Michaels & All Angels</i>	<i>Baptism</i>	Woolton Hill	12:00pm



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





EAST WOODHAY FAMILY LUNCH

EW VILLAGE HALL, HEATH END RG20 0AP

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 1230 PM

It has been three years since our last parish harvest celebration and six since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee party.

So come and help us celebrate the work of our farmers and other food producers!

Book your tickets, price £10 adults, £5 children (aged 11 and under) via Sarah Leventhorpe EWLunchTickets@gmail.com or telephone 0779 643 4827

Includes hog-roast + pudding and soft drinks; BYO wine, beer etc



COLOUR CRAZY!

Wednesday 31st October

5-7pm

Newbury Baptist Church

Games, story, craft, hotdogs and fun!

**Come dressed in bright colours and/or
a crazy outfit/hair! The more colourful
the better!**

Book your free ticket now by registering at

www.newburybaptistchurch.org/lightparty

For children 3 years old - School Year 6

See registration form for further details