

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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Please note: if you do not wish to continue to receive our newsletter please email or call the school office.

Welcome back after half term. We hope that you all had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy the sunshine.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Breakfast Club

We are delighted that we are now in a position to offer a Breakfast Club at St Martin's. The club will run every morning from 8:00am until the start of school and will usually be staffed by Mrs Mia Hancock and Mrs Helen Greenwood. Parents and carers will need to bring children to the hall door and sign them into the club first thing in the morning. Children will then be offered a breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit and a range of activities before the start of school. At the end of breakfast club, lower school children will be walked to their classroom (and support given where necessary to order lunch and organise belongings), and upper school children will be allowed onto the school playground to wait until the doors open. We are very aware that several parents have been waiting for breakfast club and therefore we have taken the decision to start as soon as possible on **Monday 18th June**. The cost of a session will be £5.00 and if you wish to book your child in, please request a booking form from the School Office. With the addition of a breakfast club, the Fun Club Policy has been reviewed and will be available on the school website from Monday 11th June.

St. Martin's Guild Fete - Monday 28th May

Lisa King has asked us to thank everyone who supported the St. Martin's Church Guild Fete, either by donating toys, buying raffle tickets or attending the fete. A special thank you to Liz Greer for organising the toy stall and to Lucy Braidley, Alice Stillman-Hurst and Laura Hunter for their help running the stall. The fete raised approximately £18,000, which is usually distributed among the Church, School and other local organisations in our local area. Every local organisation is entitled and encouraged to apply for funds for their cause and you can rest assured that the money raised will be put to very good use. Hopefully our school fete, which is on Saturday 16th June will also be well supported!

School Photos

The children all looked incredibly smart for the school and class photos on Wednesday. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and these were taken outside in glorious sunshine. Look out for the proofs coming home very soon and you will be able to place your orders in time to get any photos back before the end of term.

Power Cut

A huge thank you to everybody for their support and understanding regarding the changes to school lunches and the misunderstanding caused by our 'urgent' text message as a result of the power cut school experienced on Wednesday.

Playground Shed

You may have noticed that our playground shed has been 'renovated' over the half term break – several children thought we had had a new shed. Our thanks to Gary Hopkinson for all the hard work he put into this project. Look out for further improvements over the coming months!

HC3S – short survey

HC3S are interested in gaining any feedback from parents regarding school lunches. They would appreciate parents completing their short survey. Please find the link below.

<https://ccbshampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=152768572070>

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

Year 5 Taster Day at The Clere Wednesday 13th June

Year 5 children will be attending a Taster Day at the Clere School on Wednesday 13th June. Please remember that the children need to arrive in school at normal time in school uniform with a packed lunch, drink and their PE kit and plimsolls or indoor trainers. The children will be accompanied by Mrs Bradley for the day. The Clere is providing minibuses to transport the children to and from school and they will be back at St. Martins for normal school pick up.

Year 5 Taster Day at Park House Thursday 14th June

Year 5 children will be attending a Taster Day at Park House on Thursday 14th June. Please be aware that for this day the children will not be accompanied by staff from St Martin's. Parents/Carers need to drop their children at Park House for 9.15am and collect them from Park House at 3.00pm. Please provide a packed lunch, water and trainers.

Year 6 Think Safe Thursday 14th June

Year 6 children will be attending the Hampshire Think Safe session on the morning of Thursday 14th June. Please remember that the children need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch and water bottle, which they will eat when they return to school at approximately 12:45pm.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	North	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captains: Elri K, Brandon W		3.13
Emily D, Katya B	South	2.83
Louis K, Milla B	East	2.77
Jack R, David S	West	2.19

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Harry B for reading and drawing time lines in maths.
Ella W and Albie A for brilliant writing in their letter to a giant.
Ben B for his amazing writing about his camping trip.
Deia A for amazing addition and subtraction word problems.
Willow G for being brilliant at constructing complex sentences using subordinating conjunctions.





School Values Awards



Friendship Award:

Congratulations to:

Toby S for agreeing to swap his school lunch with a friend who was upset.

Respect awards:

Congratulations to:

Paddy W, Elri K and Katya B for making the effort to come back and thank the helper/volunteers at Cross Country Club.

Rufus E for always having excellent manners and being kind and respectful to everyone.

Nature Area

As the weather improves we are keen to be able to make the most of our school grounds and especially our nature area to support and enrich the children's learning. We are looking for a group of green-fingered volunteers to help weed, cut back and generally spruce up our school grounds. If you are available and willing to help anytime on Tuesday 19th June between 3:30pm and 6:00pm, please let the school office know. Children are more than welcome to stay and help but they must have an adult with them, who is responsible for them. School has a limited number of gardening tools, so any that you are able to bring with you would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

Near Miss

Before half term a parent reported a near miss on the triangle in the village. Please show care and consideration when manoeuvring or reversing cars; please always be aware of children who are getting in and out of cars. It is much safer not to have to reverse around the triangle area. If we all try to stick to the one way system the Junior Road Safety Officers introduced in the Autumn term, there should be less need to reverse. There is a map included at the end of the newsletter to help you remember the system.

Horse Riding Opportunity

Nigel Smith, one of our school governors, has organised an opportunity for our children to experience horse riding. If your child is interested in giving this sport a go, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Thank you Nigel!

Lost Property

We have a pair of reading glasses, Michael Kors, black rimmed, and a Casio watch, black with orange numbers. If they belong to you, please collect from the school office.

French Club

Please note that next week French Club will take place on Thursday 14th June, instead of Monday 11th June.

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

SUMMER FETE: on Saturday 16th July 11.00 am – 2.00pm.

The summer fete needs your help and we are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can help by setting up before and / or taking down after the fair or to run some stalls between 11.00am and 2.00pm please add your name to the list on the office door or email Mia Hancock miamhancock@gmail.com - even just one hour would be helpful. Thank you.

We have a few requests, we are still hoping for more raffle prizes. If you think you could help with this, please contact miamhancock@gmail.com.

We also need teddy bears for the teddy tombola and small jam jars filled with little prizes for hoopla, Mia will be handing out some jam jars on Thursday or Friday this week. These donations can be left in reception for Mia to collect daily.



There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 15th June in return for a bottle donation for the bottle tombola.

ACTIVITIES: 10th June – 16th June 2018

School

Monday 11th Monday Funday 2:00pm
Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Brass/Woodwind 3:00pm

Tuesday 12th Judo Club 8:00am – 8:30am
Italian Club 12:25pm
Yr 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm
Cherry Tea Party 2:00pm

Wednesday 13th Cross Country Club 12:00noon

Thursday 14th French Club 12:25pm
Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm

Friday 15th

Church

Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion	Highclere	8:00am
Trinity2	Parish Communion & Sunday Club	Woolton Hill	9:30am
	Matins	Highclere	11:00am
	Family Communion & Baptism	East Woodhay	11:00am
	Evensong	Ashmansworth	6:00pm

Flyers:

Top Club Horse Riding

Map produced by the Junior Road Safety Officers

TOP CLUB



Experience the thrill of Horse Riding

- £15 each for a 30 minute lesson (6 to 8 children max)
- Ride with your friends
- Helmets and instruction included
- Indoor & Outdoor riding facilities
- Pay on the day

BOOK YOUR LESSON NOW

9.30 - 10am

Sat 23rd June

Sat 30th June

Sat 7th July

Sat 14th July

(Call / Text or leave a message for Sandra)

Holtwood Farm Riding Stables

Watery Lane, Holtwood, Nr Gore End,

Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 0JH

Tel: 07548-071362

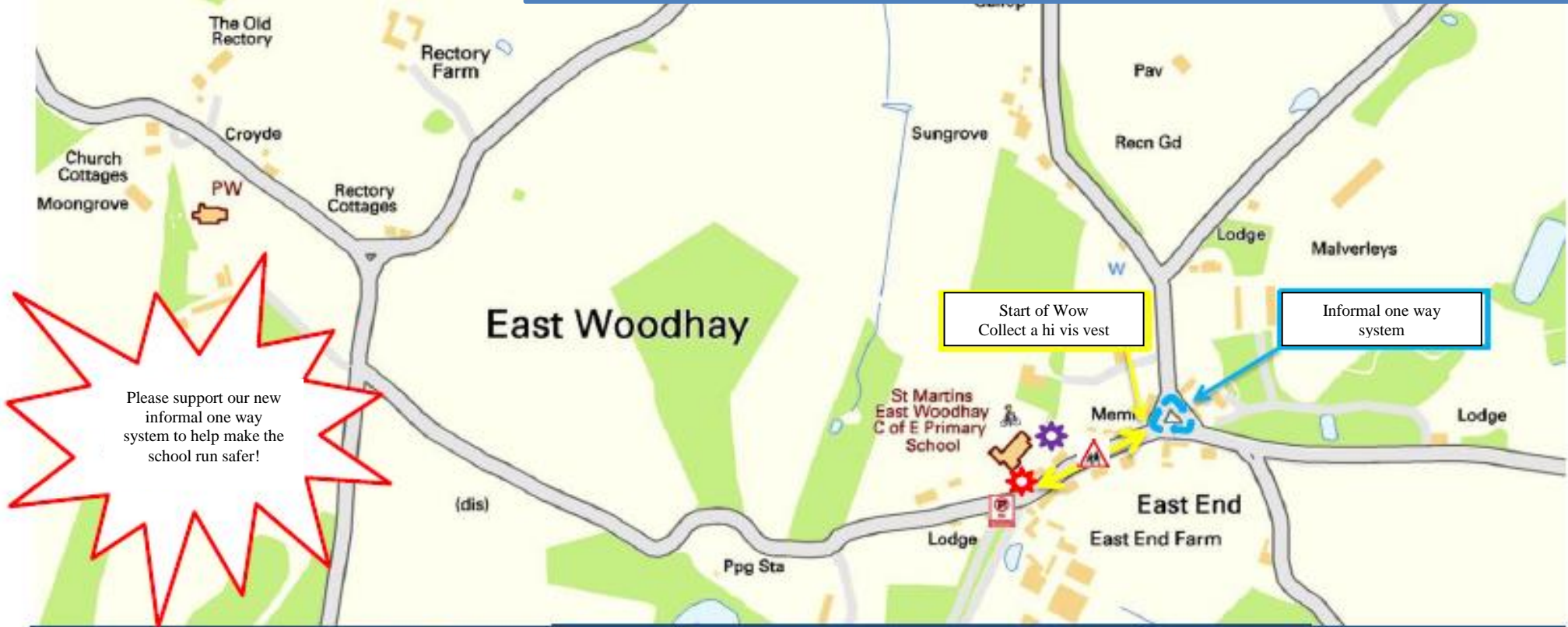
Travelling to St Martin's CE Primary School supported by



Please help to make the school run safer and healthier by joining those who are already walking, scooting or cycling to school. There is storage available for your bikes and scooters at school and it makes a really healthy start to the day, cuts down on congestion and improves the air quality and safety around our school site.

If you have to drive, consider parking away from school and walking the last part of the journey or try using our WoW scheme.

Drivers: We would like to trial an informal one way system round the triangle to reduce the need for drivers to reverse (which places children walking at significant risk) to give way to each other. We obviously can not enforce this but we hope that everyone in the St Martin's community will be prepared to trial it and see if it helps the congestion – please see details on the map below.



5 good reasons to Walk to School

1. Save money
2. Boost brain power
3. Become street savvy
4. Enjoy quality family time
5. Kick start a healthy life/cycle



Park and Stride Drop Off Point – WoW!

If you have to drive to school, please consider using our WoW scheme. Children in Years 2 – 6 (and younger siblings) can be dropped at the triangle, collect a hi vis vest and walk up the side of the road to school. All children taking part in the scheme must prove they can be trusted to walk sensibly and sign the WoW rules. Three marshals are on duty daily from 08:30 – 08:45 to monitor your child walking to school. Please be aware WoW does not run in poor weather.

Have you considered ...

- *Car sharing with a friend as often as possible?
- *Parking at a friend's house and walking with them?

Help the environment, improve your fitness and make the school run safer for everyone!

Map Key

- Pedestrian entrance 
- Staff car park entrance 
- Cycle/scooter storage 
- Pedestrian priority zone – please avoid driving here 
- Avoid parking here – keep clear for pedestrians & emergency vehicles 

