

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term is Hope. We have really enjoyed reading the examples of your children sharing hope at home – thank you for sharing them! If you have any more please feel free to write them on a post it note and add them to our display in the hall entitled ‘Hope in Action’, next time you are in school. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Worship This Week

We have been incredibly lucky to have two visitors talk to the children during whole school worship this week. As a school we have been thinking about hope for the future and things we can do to protect and look after God's world. On Monday Mrs Hunter spoke to the children about ecobricking and terracycling. The children are incredibly excited about both and we are currently investigating ways that the school can become more involved. On Thursday Mrs Coe (one of our school Governors) spoke to the children about her experience giving up plastic for lent. This year she has made a commitment during lent not to use any products that come in single-use plastics. Listening to her, it was incredible to think about the number of things we use on a daily basis that come packaged in plastic and the impact this has on the planet.

St Martin's Charity Collection Point

Your children may also have mentioned that as a school we are looking to collect things that can be recycled in order to support various charities. This is linked to our value of Hope, as we have been thinking about how we can help towards offering hope to others less fortunate than ourselves. So far we have decided to collect stamps for McMillian Cancer, foreign currency (coins or notes) or outdated currency for Bardardo's and ink cartridges for the British Heart Foundation. Mrs Rennison has also asked the children to think about any other small items we can collect for charity – if we can make the children's ideas work, we will. We are currently working out exactly how and where we are going to collect these items – watch this space for further information!

Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby - Tuesday



Congratulations to the children who represented the school in tag rugby at Woolton Hill Junior School earlier this week. Once again they showed great teamwork and determination throughout the matches. Thank you to Mrs. Lovell and to all the parents who supported them.

We have just received the league results from Mr Filbey – St Martin's finished second behind Hurstbourne Tarrant. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the league this year.

COINS Easter Afternoon - Wednesday

The Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed an afternoon of learning about the reasons behind Easter traditions from COINS. Throughout the afternoon they showed respect when listening to our visitors and joined in the various activities and discussions enthusiastically, asking some very interesting questions. They were a real credit to the school. Thank you to COINS for providing this opportunity.

Geologist Talk - Wednesday

On Wednesday afternoon the Year 4 children enjoyed a visit from Olivia's Grandad. He shared his experiences of working as a geologist with them as part of their current topic on natural resources.

Posy Making - Friday

Thank you to all the volunteers from church and our parent community for helping the children to make posies for Mothering Sunday this afternoon. These posies will be handed out to anyone who fulfils the mothering role, in the **Mothering Sunday Service at St Martin's Church on Sunday 31st March at 11:00am**. As part of this service, our children who attend the service will be leading prayers. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Sponsored Read - update

We have now raised £1134.10 towards new resources for our library, we are still happy to receive donations if you are still collecting sponsor money. Thanks again for all your support.

Staff News

Unfortunately Mrs Hancock is still poorly. I know you will all join me in sending her our best wishes and wishing her a speedy recovery. While Mrs Hancock is off we are sharing LSA support between classes, so you may find different adults supporting your children currently.

School Funding

Thank you to everyone for their help and support in paying for dinner money, fun club and instrumental lessons over the last few weeks in preparation for the end of the financial year. We really do appreciate your support in settling your accounts in a timely manner.

NEXT WEEK

Dan The Skipping Man – 1st April

We're excited to announce that on the 1st April, Dan the Skipping Man will be coming to St Martin's. Dan will be running skipping workshops throughout the day teaching children different skipping skills, including long rope and skipping in groups. This will be a fun day, which all age groups will be able to participate in, and forms part of our commitment to promoting healthy active lifestyles.

Easter Fundraiser – Wednesday 3rd April

The School Association will be holding a cake sale after school on Wednesday to raise money for school. Please see the school association section below for further details.

Celebration Worship – Thursday 4th April

Our final celebration worship of this term will be at 9:15am on Thursday 4th April. As always, all friends and family are very welcome to join us.

Easter Service – Thursday 4th April

We are holding our Easter Service at St Martin's Church at 2:15pm on Thursday 4th April. We hope that you will all be able to join us for this service. Please ensure that your child is collected from St Martin's Church at the end of the service (approximately 3:15pm) or let the school office know if they need transporting back to school for Fun Club.

Easter Lunch – Thursday 4th April

Meat Option – Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian Option – Tomato Pasta with Cheese
Jacket Potato with Beans and Cheese
Pudding – Easter Biscuits



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South House Captain and Vice:

Florence H, Will A

**Annabelle P, Freddie B
Jozef S, Natalie E
Gabriella A, Logan A**

**North
West
East**

AVERAGE MERITS

3.35

2.65

2.48

1.97

NOTICES

Lanyards

If you have accidentally taken one of the visitor lanyards home could you bring them back please – we are running out!

Missing Cardigans

Sophia S has lost her Navy Blue hooded sports cardigan, which is named.

David S has lost his Judo top, which is named.

Morgan H has lost a black coat with a pink fleece aged 7-8 years.

If you find any of the above missing items, please either return them to the children concerned or the school office.

PAYMENT

Thank you for clearing accounts for our year end, please remember the remaining balances need to be cleared by 4th April 2019 in order for the Breakfast Club and Fun Club bookings for Summer term to be put on the system. Bookings for next term will not be able to be made for your child if you still have an amount due on your accounts. Thank you to those of you who are keeping their accounts in credit – we really do appreciate it.

Should you need help accessing your online account please email t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

When paying by Childcare Vouchers, please remember to let j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk know that you have made a payment in this way. Please send on your confirmation email.

Mrs James has spoken to a few parents asking for a copy of your childcare voucher statement - if you haven't been asked please can you send one to j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk so that St Martin's can check that all of your payments have been received into our budget and that none are stuck with Hampshire. As we approach the financial year-end, all efforts are appreciated.

CLUBS

ACE Dance

Please note the last session for Dance Club this term is Thursday 28th March, as 4th is our Easter Service at St. Martin's Church. As you will have already paid for this class the cost will be taken off next term's fees. A refund can be given if your child is not returning to Dance club next term, please speak to the school office if this is the case.

Ace Dance will be running again in summer term, if you are interested in your child continuing/joining this club please collect an enrolment form for the school office.

French and Italian Clubs

If you are interested in your child joining French or Italian Club, enrolment forms are in attachments with this newsletter.

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

Attached is the Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for April and May 2019. If you are interested in booking spaces in either, please complete and return the booking form to the school office or by email to t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

Grassroots Football

If you are interested in registering your child/children for Grassroots Football, the forms for years 2 – 6 were sent home last week, so please check children's bags.

Linki Judo

Linki Judo registration form is attached, if you are interested in registering your child/children for Judo in the summer term.

Simply Guitar, Cross Country and Netball clubs will continue in the summer term

Spring term 2019 dates for clubs

Club	Last Session
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 2 nd April
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 29 th March
Cross Country	Friday 29 th March
Grassroots Football	Monday 1st April
French Club	Monday 1st April
linki Judo	Tuesday 2nd April
Italian Club	Thursday 4th April
Ace Dance	Thursday 28th March
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 28 th March
Netball Club	Tuesday 2 nd April

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Easter Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 3rd, there will be a small Easter fundraiser after school. There will be Easter cupcakes for sale as well as a "Guess how many chocolate eggs are in the jar" game.

Disco

The recent school Disco organised by Mrs. Hunter and her team of volunteers raised £350. Thank you once again for all your support.

Fancy Dress 1980's Disco – July 12th

Following the successful Barn Dance event last summer, where we made a profit of nearly £3,000 and which contributed greatly to the cost of the Interactive Panels, the PTA will be organising another event on the evening of Friday 12th July.

This time it will be a Fancy Dress 1980's Disco night with music, food and drink!

Please put this date in your diary as it will be a great fun way to end the school year and will raise money for another worthy school resource. Please see the flyer attached.

Your PTA needs you!

We're looking for a new treasurer. Due to work commitments, Tracey Rowell will be stepping down. Whilst she has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found, we need someone as soon as possible. If you would like to find out more, please contact either Kirstine or Alex (co-chairs of the PTA) or the school office.

A big thank you to Mia Hancock who is going to run this year's toy stall at the Guild Fete on Monday 27th May and to Mike Rendall who is going to run this year's Christmas Fair.

Inset Days

Friday 5th April 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

ACTIVITIES: 1st – 4th April 2019

School

Monday 1 st	Dan the Skipping Man French club 12.30pm Grassroots football 3.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd	Judo club 8.00am Guitar lessons 9.00am Netball club 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd	
Thursday 4 th	Celebration worship 9.15am Italian club 12.25pm Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm No ACE Dance Easter Service at St Martin's Church 2.15pm
Friday 5 th	INSET DAY

Church

31st	Family Communion	Woolton Hill Highclere	8.00am
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Mothering Sunday Service	Highclere	11.00am
	Mothering Sunday Service	East Woodhay	11.00am
	Mothering Sunday Service	Ashmansworth	4.00am

Flyers

All Stars Cricket

Messy Church

The Lion The Witch And The Wardrobe at The Corn Exchange

Step Up 4 Good 2019

ALL STARS
cricket

Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

Falkland Cricket Club
Falkland Cricket Club, Newbury, RG14 6TW
9:30am - 10:30am, Saturdays (May 18th - July 6th)
Contact: falklandccjuniors@gmail.com
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Includes Personalised Kit!



Friday 29 March

*New Testament
Treasure Hunt*

**In Burghclere Church
3.30 pm**

For your Diary: Friday 26 April

THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE, Newbury Corn Exchange, Friday 19th-Sunday 21st April

C. S. Lewis's classic tale will be brought to life on stage by the Corn Exchange Youth Theatre over Easter weekend. Featuring beautiful songs and directed and designed by a professional team, you are invited to a land where it is always winter but never Christmas, for a timeless story of courage, loyalty and friendship. The Corn Exchange is a fabulous local resource that loses its local authority funding next

month - every ticket bought helps save our theatre! Tickets £15 (£12.50 concessions). Former St. Martin's pupil Zach Greer will be performing as Edmund on Friday and Sunday night and Saturday matinee.

Step Up 4 Good 2019

Greenham Trust has recently launched their annual running event – Step Up 4 Good 2019. Greenham Trust has for many years provided a lot of support for School Sport across West Berkshire and North Hampshire. They also provide sponsorship for the Berkshire School Games.

There is a prize draw for the chance to win £500 if St. Martin's school is able to register 10 pupils or more!

If you or any member of your family is interested in taking part please see the link below:

Tickets on sale now

<http://www.stepup4good.co.uk/>

You can also follow on Facebook or Twitter:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenhamTrustLtd/>

[https://twitter.com/Greenham Trust](https://twitter.com/GreenhamTrust)



Friends of Wash Common Library

Would like to invite you to a

Coffee Morning and Book Sale

Saturday March 30th, 10 -12

at Wash Common Community Centre



FUNFIT



Easter Holiday Classes

With Zak and Kate **April 15th -19th**

Everyday 10-11am, 11-12am

£8 per class

**Kids and Adults , All Abilities,
Focused calm start, Team games, Circuit,
Movement to music, Boxing, Stretching.**

Unit 7 Galaxy House,
Greenham Business Park, RG19 6HR

funfitinformation@gmail.com

ARE YOU aged 10 - 14?

Interested in evening activities and sport programme?



MNR Coaching will be running a programme of activities every week. Come and have an evening of fun, make new friends and learn new skills

KINTBURY YOUTH

When: Every Wednesday from 27th February

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Preston Hall, Kintbury, RG17 9XN

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