

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term is Truthfulness. We have started by talking to the children about what truthfulness means to them and why it is important. As always, we love to hear about how your children are demonstrating the Christian Values at home. Please share any examples on our board in the hall entitled 'Truthfulness in Action'.

THIS WEEK

It is lovely to see everyone back at school after the Easter break. We hope you all enjoyed the break and were able to make the most of the lovely sunshine we had.

STARS Bronze Award

We are delighted to share with you that St Martin's has just been awarded the Bronze Level of the National Sustainable Travel Award. With the location of our school, and the fact that the majority of our children are unable to walk to school, the issue of sustainable and safe travel is obviously highly important and this award recognises all the work the whole school community does to promote sustainable travel including bikeability training, walk to school week, car sharing and our WoW scheme. Thank you to everyone in the school community for supporting these initiatives.

Universal Music UK Grant

More good news! St Martin's has just been successful in achieving a donation of £500 towards the cost of ten new key boards and two class sets of percussion instruments to enrich our music lessons. The School Association has kindly supplemented this money to allow us to purchase all the instruments that we wanted. Thank you to everyone involved - we are looking forward to using them in music lessons.

Swimming

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their first session of swimming. Despite some initial nerves everyone demonstrated amazing courage and joined in enthusiastically. We look forward to seeing all the progress they make over the next 10 weeks.

St Martin's Charity Collection Point

Your children may have mentioned that as a school we are looking to collect things that can be recycled in order to support various charities. There are now boxes in the reception area where you can donate stamps for McMillian Cancer, foreign currency (coins or notes) or outdated currency for Barnardo's and ink cartridges for the British Heart Foundation. Thank you to those people who have already placed things in these boxes.

Year 6 Children Supporting Charities

Elri, Katya, Bruno and Oscar have asked to have the following paragraph included on our newsletter. Congratulations to all of you – we are incredibly proud of what you are doing!

Restless Development

Restless Development is a charity that help children in Africa and Asia who are not as privileged as us, offering them opportunities, good healthcare, education and a better life in general. The charity work with young people and involve them in finding solutions to the challenges they face in their lives. This means they work with young people to change their lives and the lives of people in their communities. They work out of hubs in ten countries across Africa, Asia and in the UK and USA, with a wider network of partners across the world. They have been working with young people since 1985 and their work is led by thousands of young volunteers and advocates every year.

We (Elri, Katya, Bruno and Oscar) are doing a triathlon to raise money for their charity. We are aiming to raise £1000 and would greatly appreciate it if we, St. Martin's School, could help. Next week on Friday 3rd May we will be running a cake sale by the Cherry entrance and we would love it if you could come and help us support Restless Development by buying one of our cakes.

School Shoes

Please can we remind everyone that our uniform policy states that children should wear black school shoes to school. We have a number of children who are currently wearing trainers. If there is a reason that your child needs to be in trainers, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Front Door

Please can we ask all parents and carers to wait for an adult to open the front door and not to ask children to open it for you. If children get used to opening the door for adults they know, they are more likely to open it for adults that they do not know and this is obviously something that we would not want. Many help for your support with this.

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.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	North	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captain and Vice:		
Annabelle P, Freddie B		1.55
Jozef S, Natalie E	West	1.25
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	1.19
Florence H, Will A	South	1.19

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Ayden G, Alice R, Libby H and Finn H in maths for fabulous time conversions.
Ophelia E for EVERYTHING! Ophelia is so hard working.





School Values Awards



Courage Awards

Congratulations to:

Jack R for having a super first week back to school after Easter, for being brave and working hard.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to:

Emily W achieved her beginners' level skiing. She also skied down a blue run, which was very brave.

Katy W achieved stage 1 skiing.

Bojana MR competed at the Royal Artillery grounds over Easter winning her M&M LR class on her pony Colne Torpedo qualifying for the NPS Spring Festival and the Royal London Championships. She then went on to become the NPS overall Champion of the Day.

Tijana MR borrowed her sister's pony to then gain second place in the mixed Lead Rein class, pipped only by her cousin. This was Tijana's second ever show.

NOTICES

Keyboard and violin lessons – Hampshire Music Service

If you are interested in your child/children taking up keyboard or violin lessons or if your child/children are having lessons and you would like the time allocated to be increased, we have some spaces to fill, so please talk to the school office. We have a very short waiting list, at the moment, so if you think you will be interested in the future, please let us know.

Newsletter Questionnaire

You will see we have attached a questionnaire about our newsletter. We are considering making some changes and would appreciate your feedback. Paper copies will also be available from the school office; please complete and return them by 10th May.

Missing Cardigans

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

David S has lost his named Judo top.

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

Conrad B has lost his trumpet and its named black padded bag with a tiger logo.

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

Swings and Smiles

We would like to thank you all for your support on Tuesday at our cake and lemonade sale. We raised £100 for Swings and Smiles which was fantastic. "*Swings and Smiles is a place to play for children with special needs and their families*" James E. Toby, Bertie and James N.

PAYMENT

Thank you for clearing accounts for the end of the Spring term. Summer term bookings are now on the system.

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.

CLUBS

ACE Dance

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

French and Italian Clubs

If you are interested in your child joining French or Italian Club, enrolment forms are available from the school office. The Italian booking form is attached.

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

The Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for April and May 2019 is available from the school office. 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 before the Easter holiday, so please check children's bags.

linkai Judo

linkai Judo registration form is available from the school office if you are interested in registering your child/children for Judo in the summer term.

NETBALL CLUB: SUMMER TERM

Netball Club will continue into the summer term! We have a few spaces available so please let Mrs Braidley or the office know if your child would like to join. Netball Club is open to Year 4, 5 and 6 children and is held on Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm. We will assume all current members are continuing unless we hear otherwise. Please note that this club is weather dependent, as it is not safe to play on the courts when they are wet or slippery. We will notify you by lunchtime if we have to cancel. We're hoping for more sun next term!

Simply Guitar and Cross Country will continue in the summer term.

Summer term 2019 dates for clubs

Club	Session Begin
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 23 rd April
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 26 th April
Cross Country	Friday 3 rd May
Grassroots Football	Monday 29 th April
French Club	Monday 29 th April
linkai Judo	Tuesday 30 th April
Italian Club	Thursday 2 nd May
Ace Dance	Thursday 2 nd May
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 25 th April
Netball Club	Tuesday 23 rd April

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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 SA 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 SA 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 SA) or the school office.

Inset Days

Monday 3rd June 2019

Inset Days 2019 - 2020

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

ACTIVITIES: 29th April – 3rd May

School

Monday 29th French Club 12.30pm
Grassroots Football Club 3.30pm
School Association meeting 7.45pm – all welcome

Tuesday 30th Judo Club 8.00am
Guitar lessons 9.00am

Wednesday 1st

Thursday 2nd Y6 Sparking Rugby – Overton RFC
Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm
ACE Dance

Friday 3rd Keyboard/Violin with Xenia Kasper
Cross Country 12.00noon
Year 3 swimming lessons

Church

28 th April	Holy Communion	Highclere	8.00am
Easter 2	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11.00am
	Matins	Crux Easton	11.00am
	Baptism	Ashmansworth	12.00pm
	Evensong	East Woodhay	6.00pm

Flyers

Step Up 4 Good 2019

MNR Coaching

St Gabriel's Open Morning

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/GreenhamTrust>

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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NEWBURY

Incorporating St Eloy School
1000-5 months - 1 year | Girls 5 months - 18 years

Open Morning

Friday 3 May 9.30 - 12.00

10.00 am Talk by Mr Ricki Smith, Principal

To reserve your place, please contact:
admissions@stgabriels.co.uk

Register now for September 2020
Some availability for 2019

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