

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 16

5TH JANUARY 2018

A very Happy New Year to everyone!

All of the staff at school would like to say a huge thank you for the Christmas wishes, cards and presents that the parents and children so generously gave us at Christmas. We all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and hope that you did to. The children have returned to school and seem well rested and ready for a busy term of learning!

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Breakfast Club

As you are aware we have been looking at the possibility of extending Fun Cub to include a breakfast club session. We are now at the stage of advertising for staff and hope that the club will be available from after half term. Please watch this space for more information and details of how to book places.

Term Dates

In order to try to help with planning we have attached a list of dates of various events for this term – your child should also bring home today a paper copy for you to keep and refer to as necessary. Further information about the different events will be provided nearer to the times but we hope this list of planned dates is helpful.

WOW

Thank you to everyone who has listened to the advice from the Junior Road Safety Officers and have been trialling their suggestions for improving road safety, including our unofficial one way system around the 'triangle'. Hopefully this is helping to keep our children safe at drop off times. Please remember that WOW does not operate when the roads are icy.

French Club

There is a change of start date for French Club it will begin again on Monday 15th January. For spring term there will be a total of 9 sessions.

Italian Club

If you expressed an interest in joining the Italian Club on Tuesdays at lunchtime please collect a registration form from the school office. Sylvia Defina is planning to start Italian Club on Tuesday 9th January.



House Points will be carried forward to next week.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

School Values Day

As you are aware we have recently been working with Sue Bowen from the Diocese to explore the Christian values and identify a few School Values that we feel are really important at St Martin's. These will be launched on Friday 12th January, with children working in their house groups to

investigate the values and develop their understanding of them. All parents and carers are invited into school at 2:30pm on Friday 12th January for a short presentation from Mrs Bartlett about our School Values. Following this you will have the opportunity to talk to your children about their learning from the day and see the work they have produced.

School Lunch – Wednesday 17th January

As I explained last term all schools receive money from the Government to cover the cost of providing free school meals for children in Year R, 1 and 2. At the start of the year the school is given a sum of money for the Universal Free School Meal Scheme based on a take up of over 85% on the Census Day in the Autumn term and the Spring term. If we do not have the expected number of children taking up the free school meal offer on Census Day, then a significant amount of money is taken away from our budget, which is something we do not want! The census day this term is Wednesday 17th January. **Therefore if you have a child in Year R, 1 or 2, please make sure they have a school dinner on Wednesday 17th January. This will make a big difference to our income for the year.**

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR THIS TERM:

SATURDAY 17th – SUNDAY 18th MARCH

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Hold this date in your diary!

A FEW REMINDERS:

School PE kit

In these colder months, children it is helpful for children to have a track suit, leggings and /or a sports top in their PE kits to keep them warm during outdoor PE.

Nut Free School

Please remember that St Martin's CE (Aided) Primary School is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please take extra special care when making packed lunches and ensure they do not include any nut products such as peanut butter spread or cereal and chocolate bars containing nuts; these are hazards for children with severe allergies.

Snow Procedures

As you are aware we reviewed our snow procedures last term. We will make a decision as early as possible as to whether the school can open. This decision will be made based on Health and Safety – in order to safely operate we need at least 50% of staff to be able to make it safely to school and the school site needs to be safe. Unfortunately it is difficult to make these assessments before it is light. As soon as the decision to close has been made we will aim to send a text to all parents and carers (that are on our text list), and publicise the decision on our school website and the local radio. Obviously if we are able to open, parents and carers will need to decide if it is safe for you to transport your child to school, which will depend on where you live and the road conditions between your house and school. If you are not able to make the journey safely, please call the School Office to make us aware.

ACTIVITIES: 6th – 12th January 2018

School

Monday 8th

Monday Funday 2:00pm

Brass/Woodwind lessons with Mr. Crouter 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 9th Judo 8:00am – 8:45am
Thursday 11th Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am
Brass / Woodwind Lessons with Mr. Crouter from 1:30pm

Church

Sunday 7th Holy Communion – East Woodhay 8:00am
Ephihany All Together – Woolton Hill 9:30am
Messy Church – Ashmansworth 11:00am
Parish Communion – Highclere 11:00am
Evensong – East Woodhay 6:00pm

Diary Dates below

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Diary Dates

Spring Term 2017 - 2018

Spring 1 2018

Date	Time	Event
04.01.18		All children return to school
11.01.18	7:45pm	School Association meeting
12.01.18		School Values Day - parents and carers invited into school at 2:30pm
17.01.18		CENSUS Day - please ensure all Year R, 1 and 2 have a school dinner
22.01.18	1:00pm	KS2 indoor athletics competition for selected children
25.01.18	4:00pm	KS2 archery competition for selected children
25.01.18		Fire service in school to work with Year 1 and Year 2 children
29.01.18		Dodie Marshen leading whole school worship on Bukuya School, our link school in Uganda
30.01.18		School Nurse in school to carry out hearing and vision screening for Year R
01.02.18		Keyboard performance to whole school
01.02.18	4.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 10 pin bowling competition for selected children
02.02.18		School Association Quiz Night
06.02.18		National Internet Safety Day
06.02.18		KS2 cross country competition for selected children
06.02.18	4:00pm	KS1 10 pin bowling competition for selected children
09.02.18		Last day of half term - school finishes at the normal time

Spring 2 2018

Date	Time	Event
19.02.18		INSET day
20.02.18		All children return to school
26.02.18 or 27.02.18	1:00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 netball competition for selected children
26.02.18	2:30pm 6:00pm	Meeting for Year 2 parents about end of Key Stage tests
27.02.18	2:30pm 6:00pm	Meeting for Year 6 parents about end of Key Stage tests
01.03.18		World Book Day - children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character
01.03.18		Year 5 and Year 6 tag rugby competition for selected children
06.03.18	3:30pm	Year 5 and Year 6 tag rugby competition for selected children
06.03.18	4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parental consultations for Years R to 6
07.03.18	3:40pm - 6:00pm	Parental consultations for Years R to 6
08.03.18		Year 3 and Year 4 tag rugby competition for selected children
13.03.18	3:30pm	Year 5 and Year 6 tag rugby competition for selected children
15.03.18		School Charity Day organised by the school council
19.03.18 - 23.03.18		Year 5 and Year 6 residential
19.03.18		KS1 football competition for selected children
20.03.18		Year 3 and Year 4 cross country competition for selected children
26.03.18		KS1 football competition for selected children
27.03.18		Year 5 and Year 6 basketball competition for selected children
28.03.18	2:15pm	Easter service at St Martin's Church
29.03.18		Last day of term - school finishes at the normal time

We look forward to welcoming you to school events.

Further details about specific activities will follow.