



# St Martin's School Newsletter

Our current  
Worship  
Value is  
Generosity

## Upcoming Events

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2:15pm  
Harvest Festival in school

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
World Mental Health Day

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
4:40pm  
'Songs of Praise' at St.  
Martin's Church

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Parental Consultations for  
Years R to 6

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Parental Consultations for  
Years R to 6 (Willow Class  
3.40pm - 5.00pm)

## Harvest Service

We would like to invite all friends and family to join our Harvest Service on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm in the School Hall. We aim to finish at approximately 3:15pm when anyone who has joined us for the service will be able to collect their child from their child's classroom. This year we will be donating to the West Berks Food Bank. They currently require donations of sponge puddings, tinned custard, jam, soup, long life fruit juice, or tinned meat. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can make a monetary donation, which we will submit on line where the value of your gift is doubled by 'matched donations' arrangement with Greenham Trust. Please send all donations with your child into school on the morning of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## Special Lunch

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the special lunch on Thursday. A huge thank you to all parents of children in Year R, 1 and 2 who ordered a school meal on Thursday - over 96% of children had a school dinner. This is above the expected 85% and means we will receive more money than expected in the school budget, which will obviously be spent on the children!

## School Phone Number

The new number is:  
**01635 597796**

## Tag Rugby Years 5 and 6

Well done to Jean-Luc, Freddy, Conrad, Logan, Grace, Martha and Libby who played really well in the local tag rugby competition at Hurstbourne Tarrant School. They did an amazing job of representing our school, fully displaying all our school values. A huge thank you to Mr Doyle for accompanying the children and all the parents who helped with transport and supported and encouraged the children during the matches.

## School Council

Last Friday each class held elections for the School Council. Each class listened to speeches from a number of children who wanted to be on the School Council for this year. All the children spoke passionately about what they would do if they were successful and should be very proud of themselves. Following voting we would like to congratulate the following children:

Silver Birch Class – Albie A and Freddie R  
Sycamore Class – Ella W and Lucy E  
Maple Class – Seren B and Florence H  
Willow Class – Sophia C, Jozef S and Freddy F

## Stewards of God's Earth

As a school we have been thinking carefully about how we can look after God's Earth. To help develop our ideas we are going to have a Stewards of God's Earth team. Thank you to the following children for volunteering to lead this project:

Silver Birch Class – Florance H and Henry H  
Sycamore Class – Livi Dow and Luca D  
Maple Class – Danik T and Ellie S  
Willow Class – Will S and Anabel M

## Hampshire Fire and Rescue visit

On Monday morning KS1 were lucky enough to have a visit from Firefighter Paul who came to give us a talk on keeping safe from fires. He told us all how firefighters spend their time rescuing people and animals (although not cats from trees!) and teaching people how to stay safe from fires. We learnt what things in the house were safe and unsafe to play with, to never touch lighters and matches and that if we discover a fire we should get out, stay out and dial 999. Finally we had lots of fun watching Tijana dress up as a firefighter. We had lots of fun and learnt very important information on how to keep ourselves safe. Thank you Firefighter Paul and well done to all children in Year 1 and Year 2 for listening so respectfully to our visitor.

### Letters

We are still waiting for some data sheets and permission sheets to be returned to the School Office. Please can we ask that you return them as soon as possible. Many thanks to the parents who have already done so - we do appreciate it.

### Headlice

We have had a report of Headlice. Please can you check your children's hair and treat if necessary. Please let your class teacher know if you have found either nits (eggs) or head lice. May we remind you that it is school policy that all shoulder length hair should be tied back.

### Medication

As you know, the children's health and safety is our top priority at St. Martin's. If your child is prescribed any regular medication, including an asthma inhaler, please make sure the office has this and a completed medical form.

### Worship Team

At St Martin's we are always keen to develop the children's independence and leadership skills and involve them in leading the development of different aspects of school. As a Church of England School, worship is very important to us and we have introduced a new Worship Team. Sophia S, Katy W, Olivia B and Faustine B will be working with Mrs Rennison to develop different aspects of our school worship.

### Clubs

If your child would like to join any of our clubs, please speak to the school office. Please be aware that this information will no longer be included in every newsletter but can be found on our school website at <https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/clubs/418992>

### Awards

Details of children receiving certificates and house merit points can now be found on our website at <https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/awards/418990>

### Residential Meeting

It was lovely to see so many parents at the residential meeting on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend, you child should have bought home a pack of information about the residential. Please have a look at it and then talk to Mrs Bartlett if you have any questions. Please return the medical and consent form and the special diets form as soon as possible – thank you!

### HC3S

We are expecting the new menus to be available very soon. They will be online and available to download from 16<sup>th</sup> October. Link below. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/primaryschools/menu>

### Parental Consultations

Please sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher on the sheets on the classroom doors, as soon as possible. If you do not drop off or collect your child, please contact the School Office, who will be happy to help.

### Governor News

The PPF (Pay, Personnel and Finance) committee met for the first time this academic year last week. They spent time looking at our budget and scrutinised our current spend against our predicted spend for the year. They also looked at the school grounds and planned improvement projects including replacing the windows in the school hall, staff room and Mrs Bartlett's office, which we are hoping will be done over the October half term. The Governors play a vital role in leading the strategic development of St Martin's. We are currently looking for Foundation Governors to join our team. If you think you may be interested in becoming involved please talk to Mrs Rowe (Chair of Governors), Rev'd Canon Christine or Mrs Bartlett. Further information can be found at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>

### School Association (PTA) News

#### Fireworks Night 9<sup>th</sup> November

St. Martin's Fireworks Night will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm.

See the flyer attached for more information.

If you are interested in helping please sign up on the sheet in the School Office.

#### Christmas Fair 30<sup>th</sup> November

Preparations are underway for the school Christmas fair. This is an early reminder that we would be grateful for donations of homemade goods, jams, jellies chutneys or crafts etc.

#### PTA Secretary Role

Our PTA needs you! We are in need of someone to take on the role of secretary. The secretary responsibilities include:

- Preparing agenda for meetings once a term
- Record minutes and prepare them to be distributed
- Prepare and submit newsletter once a term

If you feel you could step into this role please get in touch with Laura or Mia either at school or you can email [smptachair@gmail.com](mailto:smptachair@gmail.com).