

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term is Humility. We have asked the children to talk to their adults at home about what humility means to them and be prepared to share ideas in worship next week. We would really appreciate you supporting your children with this. 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 'Humility in Action'.

THIS WEEK

Guild Fete

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Guild Fete during half term. It was a lovely family day out and we are looking forward to hearing how much money was raised!

Year 6 Photo

The Year 6 children looked incredibly smart for their Leavers photograph when the Newbury News visited on Tuesday. Look out for it in their special Leavers edition!

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. 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.

Year 5 Taster Day at Park House

The Year 5 children have visited Park house today for a Taster Day. We look forward to hearing about all about it on Monday.

Moderation – great news!

Every year Hampshire Local Authority randomly select about 25% of schools to moderate end of Key Stage teacher assessments. This year St Martin's was selected for EYFS and Year 6 moderation. The week before half term, Mrs Perry and Mrs Alexander spent the morning working with the EYFS moderator and this week Mrs Braidley spent an afternoon working with the Year 6 moderators. We are delighted to be able to share that all of our judgments were agreed and the moderators were incredibly impressed with the teachers in-depth, accurate and expert knowledge of the children in their class. As you know, we place great importance at St Martin's in knowing every child as an individual but it was lovely to have this acknowledged and identified as a strength by the external moderators as well.

Staffing News

As we reach the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to several members of staff, all of which will be sorely missed.

*As you are aware, Mrs Braidley is leaving us. We are delighted to be able to share that she has successfully secured a new role at Vigo Junior School in Andover, where she will be responsible for leading English.

*Mrs Webster will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a class teacher role at Knight's Enham Junior School.

*Mrs Calkin has resigned for her role as LSA and Fun Club manager in order to be able to look after her grandchild.

We wish all three the very best of luck for the future.

We are delighted to be able to share that we have appointed Mrs Gerry Spatharis to the position of class teacher. Mrs Spatharis is an experienced teacher who has taught in a variety of different types of school but has a passion for small schools like St Martin's. She has also worked for the local authority and more recently run her own business providing support for children who find school difficult because of emotional and social difficulties. Mrs Spatharis will be visiting St Marin's over the next half term to get to know the school, the staff, the parents and most importantly the children. She will be at both move up sessions so the children in Willow class next year will have plenty of time to get to know her before September.

We are currently advertising for a 1:1 LSA and an After School Club Manager. If you or anyone you know is interested, please see the adverts on the Hampshire website.

Increase in Dinner Money costs

From September 2019, the cost of school dinners will be increasing from £2.30 to £2.40 for a two course, hot school meal. This is following the Executive Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 8th May. This revised charge reflects inflationary pressures associated with food costs and staff pay, which rose by 6.3% in April 2019, when the hourly pay rate for catering assistants was increased nationally.

Books

Can you help? We are currently looking to supplement the books we have in school for the children to read. As you are aware we raised money for new books earlier this year though our sponsored read and we are currently enjoying choosing what to spend this money on. Ideally we would like to ensure that every classroom has an age appropriate selection of books that the children can choose from, in addition to being allowed to borrow a book from the library. If you have any books at home that would be suitable for school, especially for Sycamore, Maple or Willow class and you are happy to donate them, please can you let the school office have them. Many thanks for your support.

Birthday Cards

Please can we ask for donations of birthday cards again as our stocks are running low. Cards without numbers are best!

East Woodhay Flower Show

All of the children in school have been invited to enter the School's competition at the East Woodhay Flower show. If your child would like to take part they need to write a poem (it can be any type of poem and of any length) based on the theme of Taking Care of our World – something that we know our children are passionate about. They are also encouraged to decorate their poem. Completed entries then need to be taken to the schools competition area on the day of the show – Saturday 18th August. Please ensure that your child's full name, Key Stage and School are clearly written on the back of their poem. There will be certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Key Stage and a prize for the winner. If your child is in Year 1 – Year 6 and decided to enter this competition they can count it as one of their 'grid' activities for homework this half term. Good luck.

Further information about the flower show can be found at www.eastwoodhayflowershow.co.uk

NEXT WEEK

STARS Award – the National School Travel Award

Kirstie Green from the Hampshire School Travel team will be visiting school on Monday to present our STARS award. You may remember that we achieved our Bronze level early this year as a result of all the travel initiatives that we take part in, including Walk to School Week, Bikeability and our Wow scheme. A

huge thank you to everyone involved in this but especially our JRSOs, Katya B and Louis C, who lead much of the work.

COINS

COINS will be working with the Year 6 children on Tuesday to support them in thinking about transition to secondary school next year.

New Year R Children

We welcome our new Year R children (September 2019 intake) into school for their first visit on Friday – the Cherry tea party. We still have a few spaces available in Year R next year so if you know anyone who is still looking for a place, please encourage them to make an appointment to meet Mrs Bartlett.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	South	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captain and Vice: Florence H, Will A		4.03
Annabelle P, Freddie B	North	2.71
Jozef S, Natalie E	West	2.48
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	2.11

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Molly T in English for a fabulous newspaper article with brilliant punctuation.
Henry H for using a bead string to add in maths.
Ophelia E for solving word problems in maths.
Oliver W for reading all the trick words in the trick words book.



School Values Awards



Courage Awards

Congratulations to:

Josh B for being amazing at the tennis tournament this week.
Avani A for being amazingly brave when she got stuck in the toilet (behind the door.)

Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Lucy E for showing friendship to Mrs. Rennison and making her feel special.

Other Awards

Congratulations to:

Florence H for completing the Newbury 10K.
Phoebe S for achieving the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award level 1.
Sofia C for achieving octopus 3 in swimming.

NOTICES

Step Up 4 Good – Sunday 13th October

As part for the 'Step Up 4 Good' event, hosted by the Greenham Trust on October 13th at Newbury Racecourse, there is an opportunity to take part in their 'Design a Medal' competition. Please see the attachment with this newsletter if you're interested in taking part.

PAYMENT

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. Thank you.

CLUBS

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

The Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for June and July 2019 is available from the school office.

We have spaces each morning for Breakfast Club and spaces in Fun Club on a Friday, if you would like to make a booking please contact the school office or email t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

Summer term 2019 dates for clubs

Club	Session Begin	Sessions End
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 23 rd April	Tuesday 23 rd July
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 26 th April	Friday 19 th July
Cross Country	Friday 3 rd May	Friday 19 th July
Grassroots Football	Monday 29 th April	Monday 22 nd July
French Club	Monday 29 th April	Monday 22 nd July
linkai Judo	Tuesday 30 th April	Tuesday 16 th July
Italian Club	Thursday 2 nd May	Thursday 18 th July
Ace Dance	Thursday 2 nd May	Thursday 18 th July
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 25 th April	Thursday 18 th July

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Fancy Dress 1980's Disco – July 12th - Fund Raiser

If you purchased tickets for the disco with an IOU at the ice cream sale, please make sure we have your money by 7th June (today) so we can have a clear idea about catering. Tickets bought after 7th June will be charged at £25 per person.

If you were not able to buy tickets at the Ice Cream Sale, there will be payment forms available in the lobby to be completed and posted in the PTA box.

All profits will go towards the cost of buying a new stage for the school. We hope you can all come for a fun night of fancy dress and dancing! Please see flyer attached and any queries please contact Caroline Bridge on 07971 867712. Many thanks.

Your School Association (PTA) needs you!

We are currently without a treasurer and urgently need someone to volunteer for this role. No formal training or qualifications are needed and Tracey (our previous treasurer) has offered to provide support if necessary to start with. If you think you may be able to help or if you would like to find out more, please contact either Kirstine or Alex (co-chairs of the School Association) or the School Office.

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: 10th -14th June

School

Monday 10th	French Club 12.30pm Grassroots Football 3.30pm
Tuesday 11 th	Judo Club 8.00am Guitar lessons 9.00am Netball Club 3.30pm
Wednesday 12 th	
Thursday 13 th	Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm ACE Dance 3.30pm Yr5 and 6 Tennis Tournament at Park House 4.00pm-6.00pm
Friday 14 th	Keyboard/Violin lessons Cross Country 12.00 noon Year 3 swimming lessons

Church

9 th May	Holy Communion	Highclere	8.00am
<i>Pentecost</i>	Parish Communion -with	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	Sunday Club		
	Matins – with Baptism	Highclere	11.00am
	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	11.00am
	Deanery Songs of Praise		
	<i>...Preceded by tea from 3.00pm</i>		

Flyers

PTA 80's Night
Coolmilk
East Woodhay Open Gardens

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

80'S

Night

80's attire
encouraged!

80's inspired
supper &
welcome drink!!

FRIDAY 12th JULY 2019
EAST WOODHAY VILLAGE HALL

8:00PM
TIL LATE

TICKETS £20 BEFORE 7th JUNE, £25 AFTER.
MONIES RAISED WILL BUY A NEW STAGE FOR SCHOOL.
DROP PAYMENT SLIPS INTO PTA BOX AT SCHOOL
OFFICE.

CONTACT CAROLINE BRIDGE 07971 867712

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?



Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

 Register your child online for FREE school milk today.



Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term.

 Register online now and you can pay straight away!



FREE and subsidised school milk

Register your child today!

Register your child for school milk today.

You can register in two simple ways...



Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com



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East Woodhay
Open Gardens Safari EAST WOODHAY,
NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE

Sunday 23rd June 2019

Five gardens to visit

Cycle, walk or drive

Artists in residence

Teas + cakes

Plant sale **TOMBOLA**
Silver Band

12.00 to 4.00pm

Service of Garden Praise at 5.30pm



Entry: £8.00 - under 12s free

Tickets available at any of the gardens
on the day

For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaygardens>

In aid of Prior's Court School and
St Martin's Church, East Woodhay

East Woodhay
Open Gardens Safari EAST WOODHAY,
NEWBURY, BERKS

Sunday 23rd June 2019

Something for everyone - fantastic range of five gardens to visit with lots of interest from formal planting schemes to traditional cottage gardens with colours, structure and views - lots to inspire the keen, casual or amateur gardener alike.

Bacon butties for early birds from 11.30 at Bourne House, with off-road parking. Teas and cakes with the East Woodhay Silver Band playing - 2.30 to 4.30pm. Ever popular plant sale and tombola with fantastic prize at Church Farm (parking on-site).

Round off the day with an outdoor service of garden praise at 5.30pm at Church Farm, close to St Martin's Church.

To visit the gardens: either park close to the clusters of gardens, or visit on foot or by bike. A map will be provided with your ticket. Tickets purchased at any of the gardens - no advance booking needed.

Gardens to visit: RG20 ONE: Bourne House
RG20 OAG: Sungrove Lodge
RG20 OAF: Dormer Cottage
RG20 OAL: Rectory Farm
RG20 OAL: The Old Rectory

Funds raised will go towards Prior's Court School and the upkeep of St Martin's Church, East Woodhay.

For further details, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaygardens>

or email: burlyns@btinternet.com