

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 5

5th October 2018

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Visit from the School Nurse

The children in Year R, 1 and 2 had a visit from the School Nurse this week who explained what they can do to help prevent the spread of flu. Hopefully they are all remembering how important it is to wash their hands properly.

The Year 6 children also had a visit from the School Nurse, who explained the national heights and weights scheme and had lots of suggestions as to how they could lead a healthy lifestyle.

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 91% of children had a school dinner. This is well above the expected 85% and means we will receive more money than expected in the school budget!

Staffing News

We are sorry to share the news that Mrs O'Sullivan will be leaving us on Friday 12th October. She has been offered a job as a podiatry assistant with the NHS, with the opportunity for development and training. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs O'Sullivan for everything she has done for us at St Martin's and wish her all the best for the future. We are currently advertising for another LSA and will keep you informed of the outcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Harvest Service – Tuesday 9th October

We would like to invite all friends and family to join our Harvest Service on **Tuesday 9th 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 long life fruit juice, biscuits, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, custard, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, instant mash, toilet rolls and washing powder. 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 Tuesday 9th October.

Parental Consultations – Monday 8th October and Thursday 11th October

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at parental consultations on Monday 8th October and Thursday 11th October. Please make sure that you have signed up for a convenient time to meet your child's classteacher. If this is difficult, because you do not drop your child off or collect them, please call the school office, who will be happy to help you.

Celebration Worship

Please be aware that due to the Year 5/6 residential, our final celebration worship of this half term will be on Friday 12th October at 9:15am. As well as our usual certificates and awards we will be finding out which house has won the first treat of this year for collecting the most merits.

Wow – Week Beginning Monday 15th October

Please be aware that there will be no WoW during residential week. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Flu Vaccination Consent forms

The Flu Vaccination consent forms were sent out earlier this week for Year R – 5. Please make sure you have returned these by **Monday 15th October** as they are being collected by the School Nurse. Flu Vaccinations will be on Friday November 9th.

School Photographs

School photographs should have come home with the children this week, please check in your child's bags. Please return your photo orders by **Friday 12th October**.

Open Morning and Evening – Wednesday 17th October

We will be holding an Open Morning at 9:15am and an Open Evening at 6:00pm on Wednesday 17th October. There will be a brief talk by Mrs Bartlett and then the opportunity to see round the school, guided by some of our older pupils.

Please spread the word to neighbours or friends who might be interested in joining our school. Although mainly aimed at children due to start Year R in September 2019, any family interested in joining our school is more than welcome. If anyone is not able to make these times, they should talk to the School Office who will be pleased to arrange a convenient appointment.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South
House Captain and Vice:
Florence H, Will A

AVERAGE MERITS

2.12

Jozef S, Natalie C

West

1.64

Gabriella A, Logan A

East

1.44

Annabelle P, Freddie B

North

.87

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to: Libby H and Martha D in Maths for great reasoning about fractions.

Congratulations to: Beth K in English for careful selection of words to convey a particular agenda.

Congratulations to: Izzy H in English for fantastic ants biography.

Congratulations to: Avani A and Ella W in Maths for finding the inverse.



School Values Awards



Respect Award

Congratulations to: Lucy M or always showing respect for everyone, including all adults and children, and having amazing manners.

Other Awards:

Bojana competed on her pony Colne Torpedo at the Royal Berkshire show in the M&M Lead Rein class coming a well deserved second place. This weekend she competed at her BSPS Area show winning her class, getting the Best Member sash, and then going on to win the Reserve Champion for the Mini section. She qualified for the Royal London show back in the summer, which was held on Sunday. She came a respectable eighth place in the M&M Lead Rein class and again eighth place in the Tiny Tots Lead Rein class. An amazing achievement when everyone in both the classes were winners!

NOTICES:

Break time snacks

Please remember that children can bring a healthy snack to school to eat during break time. This can include fruit, cereal bars (as long as they do not include nuts), bread, croissants, hot cross buns, etc. Please do not send crisps or chocolate. Please be aware that all children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive a piece of fruit as a snack as part of the Government fruit scheme.

Nut Free School

Please can we remind everyone that we are a nut free school. Please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts into school. This includes snack bars with nuts in them and Nutella spread.

Statements

Statements will be coming out this week for dinners up to Monday 1st October. Fun Club and Breakfast Club statements will include up to half term. Please can we ask that you clear your balance by half term. Thank you.

School Clubs:

French, Italian and Judo Clubs have now started. If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for either Italian, French or Judo clubs please pick up registration forms from the school office.

Zumba

Zumba classes: Wednesday classes have begun but the Friday class for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is on hold until numbers increase.

Cross Country Club

Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office.

Inset Days

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Missing Shoes

Seren B has lost a pair of black t-bar shoes, size 12 ½E with Clarks insole. If you have found them please return them to Seren.

Fund Raising – Thank you to Willow G.

This week Willow G. hosted a fundraising tea party for Macmillan Cancer Research that raised £143. Willow wrote and delivered the invitations herself, planned the menu, and made/decorated lots of the cakes. She worked really hard 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS:

FREE – White boards

Contact the school office if you are interested. Please collect from school hall.

ACTIVITIES: 6th – 12th October 2018

School

Monday 8th	French Club 12:30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 9th	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 10 th	Zumba Club 3:25pm to 4:20pm
Thursday 11 th	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 12 th	Xenia Kasper Keyboard and Violin 9:45am

Church

Sunday 7th
October
Harvest

Holy Communion (trinity19)	East Woodhay	8:00am
Harvest Festival	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Harvest Festival	Highclere	11.00am
Harvest Festival	East Woodhay	11.00am
Harvest Festival	Ashmansworth	11.00am



Messy Church in Ashmansworth

Messy Church has been meeting at Ashmansworth Village Hall for 6 years and now welcomes families from all the Parishes in North West Hampshire Benefice as well as children from St Martin's and St Thomas's Schools and their families.

Messy Church:

- + Provides an opportunity for people to worship together, have fun and be creative together
- + Helps people of all ages feel they belong in church and to each other
- + Introduces Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship
- + Lets us eat together as Church Community

What and When

Messy Church now meets on the fourth Sunday of the month* during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our sessions include craft activities, prayer and celebration and end with a meal which we share together.

In our programme for autumn 2018 we will be looking at the parables which Jesus taught to his disciples, with activities for younger children to enjoy. We are also introducing a Study Group for older children and parents to learn more about Christian faith. Our autumn meeting dates will be:

Sunday 23rd September

The Parable of the Sower

Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"

Sunday 28th October

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Study Group Topics; The Lord's Prayer & "Is It Fair?"

Sunday 25th November

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Study Group Topics; Why we Sing Hymns & "Rejoicing"

Also on Sunday 2nd we will have a Christingle Service at St James' Church

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4th Sundays of January, February, March and April.

Why Not Join Us?

Everyone is welcome at Messy Church but parents do need to stay with their children and participate in the activities. We meet at 10.45 am so that activities can start at 11.00. Lunch is usually finished by 1pm. You don't have to come every month (but we ask you to let us know via mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk if you are planning to come so we can cater for lunch). Alternatively you can support Messy Church by dropping in to tell a story or play a musical instrument.

Want to know more?

Please contact Mike Sarson (07913-943504 / mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

* **NB** Our new 4th Sunday date allows families to attend a Family Service any Sunday of each month: All Together and Sunday Club at St Thomas's and Family Services at St Martin's on the first three Sundays of each month.

Church of the Ascension
Burghclere



Please come and join us for loads of Bible themed Fun, Crafts and Activities in Church at **3:30pm** on the following Autumn 2018 dates:

Friday 21st September

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

Friday 2nd November

Caring for God's World

Friday 7th December - Nativity





EAST WOODHAY FAMILY LUNCH

EW VILLAGE HALL, HEATH END RG20 0AP

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 1230 PM

It has been three years since our last parish harvest celebration and six since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee party.

So come and help us celebrate the work of our farmers and other food producers!

Book your tickets, price £10 adults, £5 children (aged 11 and under) via Sarah Leventhorpe EWLunchTickets@gmail.com or telephone 0779 643 4827

Includes hog-roast + pudding and soft drinks; BYO wine, beer etc

**AN ENTERTAINING CHARITY EVENING WITH
AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEGEND
DAVID CAMPESE**

at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW



In support of
grassroots rugby at
Park House School



**6.30pm Monday
12 November 2018
Tickets: £35***

Tickets available from:
rugbylegend-david-campese.eventbrite.co.uk

*Plus eventbrite admin fee.

Ticket price includes buffet. Event finishes 11pm.

Enquiries: steve.jones@newburyrfc.org.uk

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