

# St Martin's School

## Weekly News

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23rd November 2018

### THIS WEEK

#### Watermill Theatre Trip

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Watermill Theatre and have been busy planning various activities based on it for Brave Day on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to all the adults that supported this trip. If you have not yet paid a voluntary donation of £3.00 per child towards the cost of transport for this trip, you can still make this payment online using SCO pay. If you need a link code for SCO pay please ask at the office. Thank you.

#### School Eucharist

Children in Year 1 – 6 came together on Wednesday for our first Eucharist of the year. It was lovely to welcome friends, family and members of the church congregation to this service as well. We spent the service thinking about advent and preparing for the arrival of Jesus, including listening to a reading from children in Sycamore class about John the Baptist and joining in prayers written by Silver Birch Class

#### Year 6 Christmas Tree Dig



The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed visiting Yew Tree Garden Centre this week and selecting the School Christmas Tree. They then showed great perseverance and teamwork to dig up the tree. We are all looking forward to seeing it decorated in the school hall soon. A huge thank you to Yew Tree Garden Centre, Mrs Braidley, Mrs Lovell, Year 6 and their parents for making this possible.

#### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle for the Christmas Fair today in exchange for wearing their own clothes. We look forward to seeing everyone at the village hall tomorrow between 2:00pm and 5:00pm.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the day. There are some fantastic prizes (see below). Can you return any unsold raffle tickets for sale on the day, the raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair.



- Apple TV 32GB
- Red House, Highclere, meal voucher
- Highclere Castle family pass
- Newbury Racecourse premier enclosure tickets
- Yew Tree, Highclere, meal voucher
- Family Pass - The Hawk Conservancy
- Furze Bush, meal voucher
- Finkley Down Farm family pass

Plus many more prizes

#### ADVANCE NOTICE:

#### YR National Child Measurement Programme – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

The School Nurse will be in school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November to measure the children's heights and weights and to complete a hearing and vision screening, for every child in Year R.

#### Cherry Class Train Trip to Bedwyn - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Cherry class are looking forward to their first class trip to support their learning about transport. Please make sure you have returned the permission slip and made the voluntary donation online. Many thanks.

## School Christmas Lunch

The School Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The order form should have come home with your child earlier this week. Please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible.

## Christmas Post Boxes

Please be aware that our school Christmas post boxes will go out on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. If children wish to send cards to friends in school, please ensure that they write the child's full name and class on the envelope to help us ensure they are delivered to the right person.



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

**AVERAGE MERITS**  
**3.32**

<b>Annabelle P, Freddie B</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>2.97</b>
<b>Jozef S, Natalie C</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>2.64</b>
<b>Gabriella A, Logan A</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>2.30</b>

## Special Learning Awards

### Congratulations to:

William G for English, beautiful handwriting with his special pencil.  
Brandon W for using powerful descriptive language in English.  
Henno P and Emily D for a hugely creative dragon description in English.  
Will S in English for powerful use of alliteration and similes.



## School Values Awards



### Friendship Award

#### Congratulations to:

Oliver W for always being kind to his friends, he shared his winter hat with a friend who was cold.

### Courage Award

#### Congratulations to:

Louis E for being brave at the pantomime.

### Respect Award

#### Congratulations to:

Katya T for working so hard to keep the classroom tidy and looking after all our resources.  
Annabelle P, Will H and Albert R, for listening carefully and setting a good example.

## NOTICES:

### School Uniform

Thank you to Laura Hunter and Laura Hill for organising a second hand school uniform sale earlier this week - they raised £20. There will be another sale at the Spring Fair next year, so please continue to donate.

## Payments for Dinners, Breakfast Club and Fun Club

Gentle reminder - please make sure all accounts for Dinners, Breakfast Club and Fun Club are paid up to date. Statements will be going out next week.

## SCHOOL CLUBS:

**French, Italian and Judo Clubs** If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for 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 is now running this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office.

### Inset Days

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

## ACTIVITIES: 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### School

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	French Club 12:30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Brave Day Cherry Class Train Trip Judo Club 8:00am – 8:45am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Zumba Club 3:25pm – 4:20pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Italian Club 12:25pm Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Keyboard and Violin lessons 9:45am Cross Country 12:00pm

### Church

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Highclere	8:00am
<i>Christ the King</i>	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9:30am
	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11:00am
	Matins	Crux Easton	11:00am
	<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Woolton Hill</i>	<i>12noon</i>
	Evensong (BCP)	East Woodhay	6:00pm

**NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE BENEFICE**

ASHMANSWORTH + CRUX EARTON + EAST WOODHAY + HIGHCLERE + WOOLTON HILL



*You are invited to a*

# Christingle Service

*and help support  
The Children's Society*

*There is a choice of services on:*

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### 3.30pm

*...arrive to 'make your own Christingle'  
before the service from 3.00pm at...*



*St Michael & All Angels' Church or  
Highclere*

*St Thomas' Church  
Woolton Hill*

*or 3.30pm*

*at St James', Ashmansworth for Messy Christingle*

*(please bring a donation for the Children's Society,  
gift aid envelopes will be available at the services)*

*We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to one of  
our Christingle services as we celebrate*

**Jesus the Light of the World**

*and support the good work of the Children's Society.*



## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> September

***The Parable of the Sower***

*Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

***The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard***

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

***The Parable of the Lost Sheep***

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

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

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk)) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / [ann\\_rowe\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk)) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

\* **NB** Our new 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Caring for God's World

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity**





**East Woodhay  
Cricket Club**



## COME AND PLAY CRICKET AT **EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB**

### HAVE FUN PLAYING SPORT

- **GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 10**
- **COME ALONG AND ENJOY LEARNING A NEW SPORT AND HAVE FUN!**
- **COACHING LED BY ECB LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED COACHES AT ALL AGE GROUPS**
- **COACHING SESSIONS START ON SUNDAY 3 MARCH AT TRINITY SCHOOL, NEWBURY**  
YR 3 & 4 – 3pm to 4pm  
YR 5 & 6 – 4pm to 5pm  
YR 7 & 8 – 5pm to 6pm
- **OUTDOOR TRAINING BEGINS FRIDAY 26 APRIL AT THE EAST END CRICKET GROUND**
- **LOW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES COVERING COACHING AND JUNIOR MATCHES**
- **ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**
- **WE HAVE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE BERKSHIRE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE FROM UNDER 9 TO UNDER 15**
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER**

**DOMINIC WALTERS**

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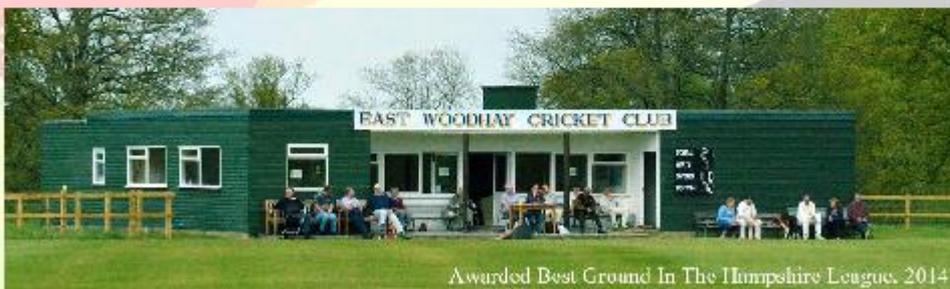
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**EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB**



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