



St Martin's School Newsletter

Our current
Worship
Value is
Generosity

Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd September
3:30 – 5:00 School Grounds
Working Party

Thursday 26th September
Individual and sibling
photographs

Friday 27th September
Bring a Bulb to School Day

Friday 27th September
Elections for School Council
roles

Wednesday 2nd October
6:00 residential meeting for
parents and carers of Yr 5/6

Thursday 3rd October
Census day – special lunch

School Phone Number

The new number is:
01635 597796

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.

A New School Year

It has been a lovely start to the new school year. The children have settled into school routines and their new classes quickly and are fully applying themselves to their learning and making good progress as well as showing respect and friendship to all.

School Ambassadors

On Monday afternoon, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Chorley (one of our governors) interviewed the Year 6 children who applied to be ambassadors. All of the children should be incredibly proud of themselves – they spoke eloquently, showed real passion for their school and thought carefully about what they would bring to the role. Congratulations to:
School Ambassadors – Logan A and Eadie G
Vice School Ambassadors – Joe H and Beth K
Sports Ambassadors – Grace HS and Jean-Luc S
Art Ambassadors – Natalie E and Floss H
Music Ambassadors – Will H and Annabelle P

House Captains

This afternoon, children from Year 1 to Year 6 met in their house groups. Each house listened to speeches from a number of children who wanted to be House Captain 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:
North – Beth A and Conrad B
South – Josh B and Molly T
East – Deia A and Martha D
West – Willow G and Orlaith E

Whole School Worship

This year we will be offering our Year 6 children the opportunity to lead whole school worship every Tuesday. At St Martin's the older children have always been involved in leading worship but in the past it has been class or upper school worship. Following some training from Mrs Rennison during the first week, about the different parts of a worship and how to lead these, the Year 6 children have been eagerly planning worships linked to our current theme of generosity. On Tuesday Annabelle P, Sophia C and Natalie did an amazing job of leading the first one! They shared the story of the Good Samaritan as well as discussing Alistair Brownlee's decision to give up the opportunity to win gold in order to support his brother in finishing the race. This helped all members of the school community to think about the meaning of generosity.

Willow Class

Mrs Bartlett would like to thank everyone for their understanding over the last two weeks while she has been teaching Willow Class. She has thoroughly enjoyed the time she has spent in Willow Class but she is aware that it means she has not been as available to parents and carers as usual. Thank you for your patience in waiting for responses from her. She would also like to thank Mrs Rennison who we know has helped many of you over the last few weeks.

From Monday, Mrs Andrew will be teaching Willow class for the majority of the time, with Mrs Bartlett teaching two afternoons. This means we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Andrews, who has taught Willow Class in the afternoons since the start of term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Mrs Andrews as a teacher and we would like to thank her for all she has done for us. We are sure we will be seeing her in school in this role again in the future!

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.

Nature Area

The children and staff are thoroughly enjoying using the nature area every break time. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help on Monday at the School Grounds Working Party – we are delighted with the offers to donate compost, paint and most importantly your time. Thank you!

Stay and Read

It was lovely to see so many adults in school on Tuesday morning. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share a book with your children. Don't worry if you weren't able to make it this time – there is another opportunity next half term.

WoW

We are still desperate for volunteers to act as Marshalls for our WoW scheme from 8:30am – 8:45am every day. Wow helps encourage fitness, teaches children important road safety skills and helps reduce congestion at our main entrance, thereby helping to keep our children safe. If you are able to help with this important scheme, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

School Photos

The School photographer will be here 8.30am on Thursday 26th September to take individual and sibling photos. If you would like younger siblings in the photos please arrive around 8.45am as these will be taken first.

Charity Collection Points

Please remember that we are still collecting stamps, empty print cartridges, milk top bottles and foreign currency for charity – please see the charity collect point in the School Office for more information.

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>

Club	Time	First session	Last Session
Football	Monday 3.30pm	9 th Sept.	16 th Dec.
French	Monday 12.30pm	16 th Sept.	2 nd Dec.
Judo	Tuesday 8.00am	24 th Sept.	3 rd Dec.
Guitar	Tuesday am	10 th Sept.	17 th Dec.
Dance	Thursday 3.30pm	12 th Sept.	12 th Dec.
Brass	Thursday pm	12 th Sept.	TBA
Keyboard	Friday am	13 th Sept.	TBA
Cross country	Friday lunchtime	TBA	TBA
Italian Club	Thursday 12.30pm	19 th Sept	TBA

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Miss Agatha Nicoll to our staff team at St Martin's. Miss Nicoll will be working as class LSA in Maple Class.

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>

Governor News

The Governors held their first committee meeting of this year this week. The SAC (Standards and Curriculum) committee looked at the outcomes for all year groups from last year. They looked in detail at the outcomes of children in Year 2 and Year 5 and were pleased to see that children in both classes were making similar progress across the year. They also looked at the impact of the new curriculum, analysed attendance data and considered the impact of staff continuing professional development.

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/volunte>

School Association (PTA) News

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual AGM on Thursday – it was lovely to see so many people. A huge thank you to Kirstine, Alex and Tracey for all they have done over the last year, who are stepping down from their roles.

Following the AGM we held our first meeting of the year where we discussed plans for this year – watch this space for details!