

St Martin's School Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Parental Consultations

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parental consultations this week. We hope you found the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, and discuss your child's learning, useful. If you were unable to make the meetings this week, please contact the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. We also really appreciate the feedback from those parents and carers who completed the parental questionnaires. If you have not returned your questionnaire, please leave it with the school office by Monday 12th March. If you missed the opportunity to complete a questionnaire, these are also available through the school office.

Poppy Car

We were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Mr Cameron earlier this week with the car that Jaguar had decorated with the words from the 'In Flanders Fields' poem to raise money for Remembrance Day 2017. Mr Cameron explained the reasons behind the project and the impact it had on people from the military who have been injured. The car made us think carefully about the courage these people have shown and what we can do to show them friendship.



World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our World Book Day on Thursday 8th March, after it had to be postponed following the snow last week. The children, and staff!, looked



amazing; it was such fun to watch the children walk so proudly into school in the costumes that you had all produced.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the activities that were organised throughout the day to promote a love of reading. Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success.



Book Sale

Just to remind you that we are holding a book sale this afternoon to raise money to purchase new books for our school library. Thank you to everyone who has donated books. Please feel free to pop into the school hall at the end of the day to see if there are any books that you would like to buy.

School Association

As you are aware, the school association organise and run a variety of events throughout the year that are enjoyed by our children, our parents and the whole community. They also raise a significant amount of money which benefits all the children at St Martin's. Our Chair of the School Association, Mrs Jacobs' term of office is coming to an end and we are looking for someone who would like to take on the role. We are hoping to find someone soon so that Mrs Jacobs can work alongside them over the next months and support them as they take on the role. If you think you might be interested, please let the school office know or if you have any questions, please talk to Mrs Bartlett or Mrs Jacobs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jacobs for everything she has done, and is still doing, for our school.

Zumba Club payments

A gentle reminder to parents from Chantal Tyas, some fees are still outstanding for Zumba Club, please could money owed by brought in to the school office or given to Chantal.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: West

**Average Merits
2.5**

House Captains: Jack R and David S

North:	2.0
South:	1.5
East:	2.2

Special Learning Awards and School Value Awards

Congratulations to: Avani A and Leonardo D for reading all the sound out words in their Sound Out book.

NEXT WEEK:

Mothering Sunday

We will be joining St Martin's Church on Sunday 11th March at 11:00am to celebrate Mothering Sunday and give thanks for those special people who look after us. Earlier today, a few children from each class worked with some volunteers from the church, Kristen Faxon, Sarah Ede, Judy Twallin, Jeanette Chadwick, Joanna Bonner and Norma Bridges, to make posies of flowers that will then be given out in church. We are also looking for some children who would like to read the prayers during the service. If your child would like to do this and you are planning on attending church, please talk to your child's class teacher. Our thanks to the volunteers for all their help making posies today.



Charity Day – Postponed

The children in Upper School have been busy planning various activities to raise money for our school Charity Day. Unfortunately due to the loss of two days last week and the preparation for the Year 5 and 6 residential we are not quite as organised as we would like to be. Therefore we have taken the decision to delay this event until the summer term – please watch this space for further details regarding the new date!

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

School Disco – Friday 16th March

Notice for Cherry parents regarding the disco: We are endeavouring to make the disco an event that all the children will enjoy. However we do know that loud music can be a little overwhelming for the younger children. All Cherry parents are invited to stay with children during the disco or nominate an adult who will do so. The first hour will be focussed on games designed to involve and engage the younger children. You are welcome to stay to check that your child settles and enjoys the disco or to drop them off and go – every child is different and you know your child best! We have created a quiet room in one of the classrooms with colouring for any child who gets overwhelmed by the music and fancies a break.



SATURDAY 17th – SUNDAY 18th MARCH

*******ARTEX 18*******

Hold this date in your diary!

Artex needs you

The list for helpers over the weekend (16/17 and 19 March) is now up on the office door. Please do try and spare a few hours to come along - it's a great opportunity to browse some fantastic artwork. We will also need volunteers to help set up on the Friday after 12pm. As it's an event raising funds for school, Mrs Bartlett has agreed that there will be no charge for a limited number of additional children in fun club that day so as to enable parents to help set up. Thank you.

Please keep an eye out for a request for homemade cakes to be sold at Artex coming home in your child's bag next week

Please remember, if you can't help, to come along to look at the artwork - every child has created a piece which is available for sale and they just love having a red dot on their artwork. Proceeds from the sale of the children's artwork go to the charity chosen by the school council.

Please find attached to the school newsletter a poster for you to use to advertise the event and also some invites for you to hand out to any family or friends who may be interested. We also have a facebook page for you to share - look up Artex17.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 13th July 2018 – School Association Barn Dance

The School Association are organising a Barn Dance on Friday 13th July to celebrate the start of the summer and also to wish Beverly Clifton all the best in her retirement. All monies raised will buy interactive panels for each class.

Early bird tickets £20 per person before 30th April (£25 per ticket thereafter) and this includes entertainment and a hog roast. So take your partners by the hand and buy your tickets soon! Deadline 30th April 2018 (thereafter tickets will be £25 per person).

If there is anyone who works for an employer who operates a matched funding scheme, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Anna Wake, Caroline Bridge or Jo Rutter if you can help or have any queries.

MESSAGE BOARD:

Head Lice

Unfortunately we seem to be having reports, on a weekly basis, that head lice are STILL WITH US. Please can we ask that you check (and treat if necessary) your child's hair as a matter of routine and do let your child's teacher know if you have found either the nits (eggs) or the head lice in your child's hair so that they can be on their guard. May we remind you that the school policy/rule is that all shoulder length hair is tied back securely at all times.



We have some new head lice combs in the School Office, which are very effective. If you would like one, please come and ask.

Lost Clothing

Athena L has lost a multi coloured 'Little Bird' zipped sweatshirt it was left behind after Zumba on Monday 26th February. If you have found it please could you return it to Athena. Many Thanks.

ACTIVITIES: 10th – 16th March 2018

School

Monday 12 th	French Club (Yr R/1) 12:25pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Brass/Woodwind Mr. Crouter from 3:00pm Years 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm Years 1 – 6 Zumba Club 3:30pm – 4:20pm PTA Meeting Monday 12 th – 7.45pm
Tuesday 13 th	Judo 8:00am – 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm Year 6 COINS -Woolton Hill Junior School 1.25pm – 3.20pm Years 5 and 6 Saxon Rugby League-Woolton Hill Junior School 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday 14 th	Cross Country 12:05pm
Thursday 15 th	Piano lessons with Xenia Kasper 9:55am Year 5/6 Sport Hall Athletics – Aldworth School, Basingstoke 12.40pm-4.00pm Brass / Woodwind Lessons from 1:00pm
Friday 16 th	

Church

Sunday 11 th	Holy Communion – Highclere 8:00am
Lent 4	Family Communion –Woolton Hill – 9.30am
Mothering	Mothering Sunday Service – Highclere – 11.00am
Sunday	Mothering Sunday Service – East Woodhay – 11.00am Mothering Sunday Service – Ashmansworth – 6.00pm

FLYERS below:

Barn Dance – School Association
All Starts Cricket
Easter Holiday Camps - Sports Xtra
Rugby Tots
Quiz Night – to raise funds to re-open Friends of Wash Common Library
The Clere School Quiz Night



BARN DANCE

13th July 2018

**Join us to celebrate the start of the summer
and wish Beverly Clifton Good Luck in her
retirement.**

**8pm til Late
East Woodhay Village Hall, RG20 0AR.**

**Early Bird tickets £20 per person
(Book before 30th April, tickets thereafter £25 per person).
Includes Entertainment and Hogroast.**

**All monies raised will buy interactive panels for the
classrooms.**

Dress code: Casual and Barn Dance attire if you fancy!

Please complete and hand into message box outside school office:

DATE BOUGHT:

NAME:

NUMBER OF TICKETS:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:



Big Moments

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East Woodhay Cricket Club, Newbury, RG20 0AP

10:00am - 11:00am, Saturdays (May 12th - June 30th)

Contact: dominic.walters@bdo.co.uk

Register at allstarscricket.co.uk



EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES IN READING & NEWBURY

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 14 YEARS OLD



DATES

WEEK 1: TUE 3RD APR TO THU 5TH APR

WEEK 2: TUE 10TH APR TO THU 12TH APR

VENUES

RIVERS HEALTH CLUB
SCOURS LANE
READING
RG30 6AY

PARK HOUSE SCHOOL
ANDOVER ROAD
NEWBURY
RG14 6NQ

COSTS

1 DAY - £20

2 DAYS - £35

3 DAYS - £45

4 DAYS - £55

5 DAYS - £60

6 DAYS - £66



OFFERS:

1. 25% SIBLING DISCOUNT

2. GROUP DISCOUNT - FOR GROUPS OF 5 OR MORE CHILDREN

BOOKING 3 OR MORE DAYS. PLEASE CONTACT MARK ON 07771 592 200
OR EMAIL [MWINCHCOMBE@GLOBALPREMIERSOCCER.COM](mailto:mwinchcombe@globalpremiersoccer.com) FOR INFO.

3. HOT FOOD OPTION AT READING - £3.50 PER DAY

BOOKING:

READING - WWW.OPENPLAY.CO.UK/VIEW-COURSE/7845

NEWBURY - WWW.OPENPLAY.CO.UK/VIEW-COURSE/7838

Sports Xtra Easter Holiday Courses
Danger Mouse Sports Xperience
Book now from only £21 per child per day

Dates	Venue	Time
April 3 rd - April 13 th	Willink Leisure Centre- RG7 3XP	<u>09:30-16:00</u> Xtra time 08:30-17:00
April 3 rd - April 13 th	Kennet Leisure Centre- RG19 4LJ	<u>09:30-16:00</u> Xtra time 08:30-17:00
April 3 rd - April 13 th	St Paul's Primary School RG31 4SZ	<u>09:30-16:00</u> Xtra Time 08:30-17:00

Ages 5-12 Years Old (School Years R- 7)

- RRP *£30 per child per day *(Booking fees apply)
- Xtra time £7 per child per day (08:30-17:00 extended hours)
- Swimming every day at Kennet and Willink

Early booking discounts as follows...

30% off until March 10th

20% off until March 31st

Enter the venue postcode from above to easily find your course online

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Friends of Wash Common Library

Charity Quiz Evening

to raise funds for the Re-opening of Wash Common Library

Tuesday 20th March
at 7.00 pm
at the Bowlers Arms.

Tickets £10 include a Chilli Supper (with Veggie Option)

Teams to be of four or six.

Tickets available from the Bowlers Arms, or at the Book
Exchange every Saturday morning at Wash Common
Community Centre from 10 till 12. Or from Mary Leonard at
Maryfitzpatrick@icloud.com



The Clere School

50th Anniversary Quiz Night

Please join us for our next fundraiser.

Friday 23rd March 2018

6.45pm to 9.30pm

A celebratory quiz for families. Any age welcome, although questions suit age 11+.

Up to 6 players per team.

Create your own team, or singles and couples can be matched up on the night.

Please book your ticket in advance by emailing:

n.hughes@clere.hants.sch.uk

Tickets: £10 adults, £5.00 per child.

Price includes free drink and nibbles.

(Further drinks and refreshments will be available on the night.)

All proceeds will go towards school funds. Payment can be made either by cheque, payable to Hampshire County Council, or cash in advance, or on the evening.