

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THANK YOU

As you are aware we have been working hard to improve our nature area so that it can be used regularly by the children. We are very grateful to all the staff and parents who have been helping with this, especially Mrs Prowse, who keeps arriving in the area to cut back more and more bushes! We would like to thank GA Butler and sons who have very kindly donated a significant amount of bark chippings this week that we are going to spread throughout the area to improve the pathways.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently trying to organise our WoW timetable for the Autumn term. We need volunteers to act as marshals from 8:30am – 8:45am each day. Wow helps encourage fitness, teaches children important road safety skills and helps reduce congestion at our main entrance. If you are able to help with this important scheme, please let the school office know by the end of term. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Shakespeare Rocks!

We would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved in the amazing performances of Shakespeare Rocks this week. The singing, dancing and acting was amazing and the upper school children should be incredibly proud of the way they supported each other and put on two very high quality performances. If your child was involved, please make sure you have returned the reply slip regarding the DVD of the performance.

A huge thank you to Mrs Braidley, Mrs Wellings and all the staff and parents that helped ensure the performances were such a success – the number of people who supported with learning lines, practising songs, organising costumes, painting scenery and making props was very impressive!

Activity Week

Years R, 1, 2 and 3 have enjoyed another very successful Activity Week; the first one for Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rennison! The children have worked calmly and sensibly in their mixed age groups, many of them working in different rooms to normal. The Year 3s were our group leaders and they impressed us with their efficiency and patience, especially in their care of the younger members of their teams. Well done Year 3s! As ever in Activity Week, the work produced is not done with lots of staff support, but it does reflect the ability of the children to manage their time and their work independently and to work with new people happily. We

hope you managed to look at the boards in the corridor that the groups have produced and to admire their work and their large group paintings. Thank you so much to the parents who came in and helped with the various art and craft and cooking activities: Jane Bridges, Peter Duffy, Louisa

Rehling, Diane Burgess, Charlie Bennett and Caroline Bridge. Thank you all.

Also thanks to the parents who accompanied us on the trip to Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, Louisa Rehling, Alice Stillman-Hurst, Silvia Defina, Lizzie Hayes, Nicky Bonner, Judith Cameron, Emmanuelle Brooks and Mia Hancock. We hope you enjoyed the day. Other visitors to



the museum commented on the interest our children showed in all the exhibits and on the good questions they posed. They also behaved extremely well which made it a nice day for everyone. Well done children.

Maple Class Mocktail Party

Earlier this week Maple Class made mocktails to thank all the parents who have supported their reading sessions this year. The children practised their measuring skills in preparing the drinks and the adults thoroughly enjoyed the cooling drink, especially considering the recent hot weather.



Thank You Tea Party

It was lovely to see so many people at our thank you tea yesterday. The Year 6 children did an amazing job of decorating the room, laying out the food and then serving our invited guests. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon – just a little thank you for everything you have done over the last year to support our school.

Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills at Park House School



On Tuesday 3rd July Bonnie B, Sebastian B, Esme R, Florence H, James B and Ava SH represented the school at the Multi Skills Festival at Park House. All six children performed brilliantly, showed fantastic teamwork skills and all had a lovely time. Well done we were very proud of you all!

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

Goodbye to Staff

As you are aware, at the end of this year we are saying goodbye to:

- *Mrs Clifton, who will be retiring after 20 years of working at St Martin's School;
- *Mrs Brown, who will be retiring after 25 years of working at St Martin's School;
- *Mrs Andrews, who is finishing the regular supply work that she has been doing for us;
- *Mrs Barrett, who has been offered a SENCO job considerably closer to where she lives – it currently takes her over an hour to get from home to school in the morning;
- *Miss Byrne, who will be leaving us to start a teacher training course at Reading University.

The whole school is planning on gathering together on Thursday 19th July at 1:30pm. We will start in the hall to share memories of each of the members of staff and present them with their leaving presents. We will then move outside for a performance of 'Dance Through The Decades', which the children and staff have been working hard on – we are told that this a favourite of Mrs Clifton's and we are all hoping that she will enjoy the performance. We will finish with everyone enjoying a cold drink and a piece of cake together on the school field. All parents, carers, friends and family are welcome to join us for the afternoon – however please be aware that due to space there may be standing room only at the back of the hall for the first part of the afternoon.

Last Day of Term

As you are aware from the school diary dates, we are holding our Leavers' Service on Friday 20th July at 11:00am. During this service, our Year 6 children will reflect on their time at St Martin's and share their memories of their time here. We will also wish them all the very best as they leave us and move on to their secondary schools. Following the service, parents and carers of our Year 6 children are very welcome to stay on and enjoy a picnic lunch with their children on the school field. The whole school community will then gather on the field at 1:45pm to present various awards and

trophies – everyone is very welcome to join us - we are all hoping for sunny weather! We are aiming to finish at about 3:00pm and children will then be allowed to leave with their parents and carers for the summer break.

Inclusion Manager Role

As you are aware Mrs Barrett is leaving us at the end of this term. Earlier this term, we advertised for a new Inclusion Manager. Unfortunately when the Governors and Mrs Bartlett looked at the application forms they felt that none of the applications had the necessary skills and experience to fulfil the role – for us it is important to find the right person for the job. We are planning to re-advertise in September and are hopeful that we will be able to find the right person. However while we are seeking the right person, we have arranged for an experienced Inclusion Manager to support our school. Mrs Amanda Forsey is currently Inclusion Manager at Chalk Ridge Primary School. In the past she has worked as a Headteacher at a small village school and also has experience as a Chair of Governors. She is a highly experienced Inclusion manager and will be able to support us with her knowledge and expertise, while we find the right person to take on the role permanently. Please be aware that Mrs Forsey will be continuing with her role as Inclusion manager at Chalk Ridge and therefore will only be at St Martin's one day a week. However you will be able to leave messages for her with the school office, in the same way you do for Mrs Barrett, and she will contact you as soon as possible. As always, if you need an immediate response about something, Mrs Bartlett is always happy to talk to you.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: West

AVERAGE MERITS

House Captains: Jack R, David S

1.54

Louis K, Milla B	East
Elri K, Brandon W	North
Emily D, Katya B	South

1.47
1.26
1.03

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Florence H for reading all the words in the sound out book.
Seren B for writing an amazing poem.
Walter F for fabulous progress in handwriting.



School Values Awards



Respect Award:

Congratulations to:

George A for always having excellent manners, especially in the lunch queue and for helping the lady when she dropped her big spoon.
Josh B for always being polite, kind and respectful to others.

Creativity Award:**Congratulations to:**

Conrad B for great problem solving.

Other Awards:**Congratulations to:**

Phoebe S for achieving Learn to Swim 3.

Sebastian B for achieving Learn to Swim 5.

Logan A, Jean-Luc S and Grace SH for achieving their Junior Red Belt in Judo

Luke R for achieving a Junior Yellow Belt.

Katya B for achieving RAD Level 1 Grade 3 Ballet with Merit.

Sofia C for achieving Pre-Primary in Dance

NOTICES:**Cashless Office from September 2018**

Please make sure that your accounts with Sco Pay are cleared by the end of term. Please remember that the Finance office is cashless and chequeless from September 2018, we thank you for your support with this. If you are using Sco Pay for the first time please come to the office and we can give you your online access code. If your child is moving into year 3, please be aware that if your child is having school dinners, you will need to keep your dinner money account up to date. Many parents choose to pay half termly in advance so that they don't have to keep checking their accounts.

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

The Breakfast and Fun Club booking form is being sent out as an attachment with this newsletter. Please complete and return it to the office if you are interested in booking places for Autumn Term 2018. We would be grateful if booking forms could be returned by Friday 20th July where possible.

Change to School Lunch Charges

St Martin's uses Hampshire County Council for school meal provision. The price of a meal has remained the same for several years at £2.15. From the 4th September 2018 there will be a price increase, which is set by Hampshire County Council, the meal for KS2 pupils will be £2.30. This new price of £2.30 will still give you a nutritious, healthy and well balanced two course lunch.

School Photos

School photos will be coming home with your children today so please check in their school bags.

School Term Dates 2018-2019

A calendar will be coming home in your children's school bags this week, this calendar also shows the following Inset days which are highlighted.

Inset days:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2018

Monday 3rd June 2018

Medication

Please can you ensure that you take your children's medication home at the end of term.

Lost Property

Anabel M has lost her school cardigan this week, it is named, if you find it can you return it to Anabel or the school office. Thanks.

Work Over the Summer Holidays

We are delighted that over the summer holidays we will be having our reception area redesigned. The plan is to create a 'welcome desk' so that when parents and visitors come into school they are able to talk to Mrs Carter and Mrs James easily, without having to squeeze into the office itself. We will also be having the front door replaced (as you are all aware our current door is a little temperamental) and having a security lock added to the door between reception and the main part of the hall. This majority of the funding is coming from the Diocese of Winchester with the remaining 10% coming from the Governor 10% account. This account is separate from the school budget and there are very strict guidelines on what the funds in it can be used for.

We are also hoping to arrange to have interactive whiteboard panels fitted into every classroom. As you are aware, the School Association have been fund raising for this project since the Autumn term, when Sycamore class trialled an interactive whiteboard on a loan scheme and were amazed with how it could be used. Watch this space for confirmation that we are able to get the necessary plans in place for this work to take place over the summer.

A huge thank you to everyone who has made these improvements possible – the diocese, the governors, the school association and everyone who has supported the fund raising events!

Horse Riding Opportunity

Nigel Smith, one of our school governors, has organised an opportunity for our children to experience horse riding. If your child is interested in giving this sport a go, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Thank you Nigel!

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

BARN DANCE Friday 13th

We are looking forward to seeing you this evening for some fun entertainment at our school Barn Dance. We will be running a rota for the bar so if you fancy helping out for a short slot we would be very grateful. Please put your name down on the rota list by the office door or let us know as you arrive. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Park House Open Evening/Mornings:

The dates below received from Park House School :

Open Evening Thursday 20 Sept - 6pm to 9pm with Headteacher talks on the hours of 6.15, 7.15 and 8.15

Open Morning Friday 21 September - 9.15 to 11am

Open Morning Tuesday 16 October - 9.15 to 11am

Football – Summer Holiday Club Hatch Warren Infant School

Hatch Warren Infant School in Basingstoke is hosting the Active Kids Summer Holiday club from the 23rd July to 30th August. Parents can book up to 5 days for £7.50 per day for each child and this includes a whole day of activities and lunch provided by Sainsbury's. Please see flyer below.

GR Swimming Schools Summer Crash Course

We are running a crash course during the summer. These courses are amazing and the children will benefit immensely from this course.

Below are contact details - please get in touch if you are interested in taking up a place.

As a 'thank you' we are happy to give your PTA a gift for their Christmas Fayre or summer fete as we have before.

GR Swimming Schools Summer Crash Course

23rd-27th July at Brockhurst School, Hermitage, Thatcham

rose@swimlessons.co.uk

01635 201410

Hatha Yoga

Wednesday morning Hatha yoga in the barn will be continuing over the holidays. A x7 week series 9-10.15am costs £56, which runs from 4.7.18 to 15.8.18, or £10 to pre book as a drop in.

Joteyoga@gmail.com or Joanna on 07970 166675.

ACTIVITIES: 14th July – 20 July 2018

School

Monday 16th	French Club 12.30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Brass/Woodwind lesson Mr. Crouter – 2.30pm-3.30pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 17th	Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 18 th	Cross Country Club 12:00noon
Thursday 19 th	Goodbye to staff leaving 1:30pm
Friday 20 th	Year 6 Leavers assembly 11:00am followed by family picnic for Year 6 Whole school assembly 1:45pm

Church

Sunday 15th	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8:00am
	Benefice Communion	Highclere	10.00am
Trinity 7	Baptism	Woolton Hill	12.00 noon
	Evensong	Crux Easton	6.00pm

Flyers:

Active Kids Holiday Club
Top Club Horse Riding
St. Swithun's Day Fun
Summer Football Club

Attachments:

Breakfast and Fun Club Booking Form



Active Kids holiday club

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For children aged 5-10. Trial run in 25 locations between 2 July and 28 August 2018. Runs 4pm-5pm. Places subject to availability. Offer open to UK Nectar card holders. In exchange 200 Nectar points for an active code during the booking process. Max 5 sessions per child and 10 children per booking. You will contract with Premier Education PLC. Full terms and conditions at <http://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>. Promoter is Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, 32 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT.



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9.30 – 10am

Sat 23rd June

Sat 30th June

Sat 7th July

Sat 14th July

(Call / Text or leave a message for Sandra)

Holtwood Farm Riding Stables

Watery Lane, Holtwood, Nr Gore End,

Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 0JH

Tel: 07548-071362



Come along to Combe Church at 2.45pm to hear the story of St Swithun, followed by fun and games in the Barn with superb children's entertainers Sharky & George, including free tea, cakes & soft drinks, plus an ice cream van on site too!

Sunday 15th July 2018 2.45-5.00pm
Combe Manor Barn, Combe, Hungerford, RG17 9EJ
Tickets - Adults: £3 Children: £2.50
Please email: combechurch@gmail.com to register

Summer Holiday Football Camps



23rd July - 27th July - @ Robert Sandilands, Newbury
30th July - 3rd Aug - @ Francis Baily, Thatcham
6th Aug - 10th Aug - @ Robert Sandilands, Newbury
13th Aug - 17th Aug - @ Francis Baily, Thatcham
20th Aug - 24th Aug - @ Robert Sandilands, Newbury
28th Aug - 31st Aug - @ Francis Baily, Thatcham (4 day week £60)

Specialist Goalkeeper Training Dates

Friday 3rd, 17th, 24th August - limited spaces

£18 per day

£75 per 5 day week

10am - 4pm

Early drop off 9am (£2.50 per day)

Late pick up 5pm (£2.50 per day)

Footyskills4kids@aol.com

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