

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Sports Day



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our sports afternoon on Tuesday. It was lovely to see how everyone supported each other and encouraged each other to participate and try their best. Huge congratulations to all the children, toddlers, mums, dad, aunties, uncles, grandmas and granddads who took part. The afternoon was the result of a huge amount of work by lots of different people; a huge thank you to all the staff who organised races, prepared the children, put up gazebos, and tidied up at the end of the afternoon; all the governors who did such an amazing job of judging the races and sorting the scoring; all the friends and family who turned up to support the competitors and everyone

who competed – children, toddlers and adults!

Unfortunately due to the heat we were not able to run the long distance races. We are hoping to hold these at 2:45pm one afternoon and will try to let parents know by a text on the day so that if you are around you can turn up to cheer the children on – however please be aware that as there will only be two races we will not be bringing out gazebos and chairs!

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

Opportunity to See Your Children's Work

We would like to invite all parents and carers into school next week so that the children can share with you the work they have completed this year and you can celebrate the progress they have made with them. There are two opportunities for you to do this (please be aware that you only need to come in once):

*2:45pm – 3:15pm on Monday 2nd July;

*9:00am – 9:30am on Tuesday 3rd July.

School Eucharist

The school Eucharist will take place on Wednesday 4th July at 9:30am in the school hall. All members of the school community are more than welcome to join us for this service. If your child takes communion at your church and you would like them to receive communion at the school Eucharist, please inform their class teacher. During the service all the children will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you do not want your child to receive a blessing, please inform their class teacher.

Uganda Day

Our Uganda day is being held on Friday 6th July. During this day the children will take part in a variety of activities to raise their knowledge and understanding of what life is like for children at Bukuya School, our link school in Uganda. On this day the children can come to school wearing a red, yellow or black T-shirt – the colours of the Ugandan flag.

Celebration Worship

Please be aware that our celebration worship is being held at 2:30pm on Friday 6th July.

School Association AGM

The School Association meeting will be held at 3:00pm on Friday 6th July, immediately after celebration worship. The money that the school association raises makes a significant difference to our children. For example, we have just placed an order for Interactive Panels, costing a total of approximately £15,000, to be fitted in all 5 classrooms. This would not be possible if it was not for the £12,000 the School Association have raised for this project. We are hoping that these will be installed over the summer holidays. Please come to the AGM to support the work of the School Association – all welcome!



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: North

AVERAGE MERITS

House Captains: Elri K, Brandon W

2.58

Emily D, Katya B

South

2.32

Jack R, David S

West

2.32

Louis K, Milla B

East

2.11

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Naya T and Oliver R for lovely, neat joined up handwriting.



School Values Awards



Friendship Award:

Congratulations to:

Thomas B for helping a child from another school with science on a Y5 visit day to The Clere School.

Courage Awards:

Congratulations to:

Thomas M for leading a whole class prayer and singing it three times.

Creativity

Congratulations to:

James G for a dinosaur toy he made himself.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to:

Orlaith E for achieving a Certificato Di Merito in Italian.

Bojana M-R who went to Hickstead Derby Show, mountain and moorland leading rein class, Horse of the Year qualifier, and came 9th.

Deia A for dancing so well in ACE studio dance at Arlington Arts.

Jozef S for Match Player of the Day at U9s Falkland Cricket Club, for brilliant bowling and great fielding.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Fireworks

We have an update on the money raised at last year's Fireworks; we made a profit of £3,850. We then received matched funding from Martin Aberg (Vodafone) £350, Lorna Rossi (Vodafone) £350 and Natalie Bennett (Cushman and Wakefield) £1000. This meant we made a total profit of £5,550 - our best year ever! Thanks to the parents and their employers who made this possible and to all of you for supporting the event.

The matched funding makes such a difference to our overall profit. Does anyone have an employer who would be able to offer us matched funding for our Barn Dance? Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

NOTICES:

Breakfast Club

We are delighted that we are now able to offer a breakfast club on site from 8:00am every morning. The cost of a session is £5.00. If you wish to book your child in, please request a booking form from the School Office.

Cashless Office

Thank you to everyone for your support with moving to the Finance Office being cashless and "chequeless" here at St Martin's School.

As previously explained, it takes quite a lot of time to count all the money, record it and then take it to the post office, however if you pay online through your ScoPay accounts, this reduces that activity down to nothing for the Finance Office, which is why the school is keen for everyone to support this move.

There is also another reason that this move is good, as the school is not allowed to keep cash on site over a certain level, meaning that the insurance would not cover any losses.

Anyone who hasn't registered is being sent a letter this week in order to do so; any problems please email j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk and please remember to use ScoPay so that we do not have cash and cheques in the office.

Cloths for Worship Tables

Thank you to Mrs Hopkinson and Mrs Wake who have offered to help us make new cloths for our worship tables in the hall and in the classrooms.

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.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Hatha Yoga

Wednesday morning Hatha yoga in the barn will be continuing over the holidays. A x7 week series 9-10.15am, cost £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.

Charity Walk and Cake Competition

Vic Gethin and Nicky Bonner are scaling the Yorkshire 3 Peaks in aid of the British Red Cross on the 21st July!!

In order to raise sponsorship, Vic will be hosting a cake competition at the Yew Fest, a one day festival at the Yew Tree pub in Highclere on Saturday 30th June. The winner gets a meal for 2...with cocktails! See the attached flyer.

There will also be a free gin bar, beer tasting, live music and local craft stalls!

Please go along to support them, enter a cake or just go for a cuppa (or a gin) and taste the entries! Contact Vic for more details victoriagethin@yahoo.co.uk.

ACTIVITIES: 30th June – 6th July 2018

School

Monday 2nd	French Club 12.30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm Brass/Woodwind 3:00pm
Tuesday 3rd	Final Judo Club 8:00am – 8:30am Italian Club 12:25pm Yr 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm Yr 1 and 2 Striking and Fielding Competition 4.00pm – 5.30pm at Park House School
Wednesday 4 th	Cross Country Club 12:00noon
Thursday 5 th	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm Dynamo Dance Day – for selected children at St Gabriel's School
Friday 6 th	Celebration Worship 2:30pm School Association AGM 3:00pm

Governors

Thursday 5 th	Full Governing Body meeting 7.30 pm
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Church

Sunday 1st	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8:00am
July	All Together	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Trinity 5	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11.00am
	Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
	Evensong	East Woodhay	6.00pm

Flyers:

The Great Highclere Bake Off
Top Club Horse Riding
St. Swithun's Day Fun
Summer Holiday Football Club

THE YEW TREE

THE GREAT HIGHCLERE CHARITY BAKE OFF

YEW FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

WINNER ANNOUNCED AT 14:00

 **British Red Cross**

TALK TO US:
INFO@THEYEWTREE.CO.UK
01635253360

TOP CLUB



Experience the thrill of Horse Riding

- £15 each for a 30 minute lesson (6 to 8 children max)
- Ride with your friends
- Helmets and instruction included
- Indoor & Outdoor riding facilities
- Pay on the day

BOOK YOUR LESSON NOW

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

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)

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Footy Skills



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