

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

School Eucharist

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Christine, Mrs Rosemary, members of our local churches and some parents to our school this week for our annual Eucharist Service. The older children presented the story of the Last Supper through readings and simple drama, representatives from each class read a prayer and the Cherries sang a well-received song called Bread to Eat, which we all enjoyed so much we sang it again together. The beautiful Altar Frontal, created by many Year 6s, over the years, was used for the service.

Opportunity to See Your Children's Work

It was lovely to see so many of you sharing work with your children this week. We hope you found the sessions useful and that you were able to praise your child for the progress and effort they had made.

Uganda Day

It was fun to see the children in their mix of black, red and yellow t-shirts today; particularly when they were mixed in with the Tudor costumes in use for the final practices for the Upper School play!! The children worked on a range of themes based on our shared links with Bukuya School, Mityana in particular. Ugandan instruments and flags, (Cherry Class) Toys and Games, (Silver Birch and Sycamore Classes), Food and Farming, (Maple and Willow Classes). Reverend Dodie Marsden, who is the driving force in our link with Bukuya school, came to join us this afternoon and was able to see, first hand, the learning that the children had done.

School Association AGM

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our School Association AGM at 3pm today after Celebration Assembly. Our association works so hard on our behalf and raises large amounts of money for the benefit of all the children in school. We presented Lorraine Jacobs with flowers and a card as a small gesture of everything she has done in chairing the association over many years. Thank you so much Lorraine. We know you are also going to be around to support the two new chairs next year.

Change to School Lunch Charges

St Martin's uses Hampshire County Council for the school meal provision the price 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 give you a nutritious, healthy and well balanced two course lunch.

Important information regarding payments on ScoPay for the end of the academic year

Please could all parents and carers take some time to make sure that all accounts are **cleared completely** to a zero balance by Friday 20th July, late payment fees of £10 will be applied to outstanding Fun Club amounts.

Statements have gone out this week for Fun Club and Dinner Money, however if you think that you should have received one and didn't please get in touch with j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk alternatively you can view the outstanding amounts on your ScoPay account online.

Lastly; children who have been using the breakfast club; statements will follow for these as St Martin's is waiting for ScoPay to enable the payments as there has been some problems with payments for the Breakfast Club
 Please do get in touch should you have any further questions regarding your current balance or if you need any kind of assistance.

NEXT WEEK'S NEWS:

Activity Week

All set for another busy Activity Week next week! This year our theme is House and Homes. If you have not already offered to help us in one of our sessions and would like to, Monday is not too late!! Our adult helpers enable us to offer a wider range of different activities to the children. Thank you.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: West

AVERAGE MERITS

House Captains: Jack R, David S

3.23

Emily D, Katya B

South 2.29

Louis K, Milla B

East 2.27

Elri K, Brandon W

North 2.19

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Paddy W for taking turns and good effort in PE when playing cricket.
 Martha D for really focusing on telling the time in Maths, she was brilliant.
 Sebastian B for amazing work on a blank number line, what a star.



School Values Awards



Friendship Award:

Congratulations to:

Archie S for showing friendship and being welcoming to the children coming into Silver Birch class next year.

Courage Awards:

Congratulations to:

Molly T for being brave enough to swim the whole length of the pool, despite feeling really nervous, she was amazing.

Ellie S. for being really brave when her friend left our school and for having the courage to play with other people and making new friends.

Other Awards:**Congratulations to:**

Katya B, Josh B for achieving beginner stage on keyboard

Isaac R for achieving Stage 1 in keyboard.

Sophia C for getting Octopus 2 certificate

Katya B, Gabby A, Emily D, Elri K, Bruno H, Louis C, Milla B for taking part in the Rare Productions performance of Buggy Malone at the Corn Exchange.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**BARN DANCE Friday 13th**

Looking forward to seeing you next Friday for some fun entertainment at our school Barn Dance. We will be running a rota for the bar on the night and 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 if you fancy it. Thank you.

Barn Dance Team

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.

Medication

Can we please ask that you take your children's medication home at the end of term. Please bring them back next term if they are still required.

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:

GR Swimming Schools Summer Crash Course

We are running a crash course during the summer, and 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, 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.

ACTIVITIES: 7th July – 13th July 2018

School

Monday 9 th	Shakespeare Rocks – Dress Rehearsal French Club 12.30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 10 th	Milestones Museum Trip Cherry, Silver Birch and Sycamore classes Italian Club 12:25pm Yr 1 and 2 Multi Skills 3:25pm – 4:25pm
Wednesday 11 th	Shakespeare Rocks – 6.30pm Cross Country Club 12:00noon
Thursday 12 th	Shakespeare Rocks – 6.30pm Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 13 th	

Church

Sunday 8 th	Holy Communion	Highclere	8:00am
	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Trinity 6	& <i>Sunday Club</i>		
	Matins	Highclere	11.00am
	Family Communion	East Woodhay	11.00am
	& <i>Baptism</i>		
	Evensong	Ashmansworth	6.00pm

Flyers:

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

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)

Footyskills4kids@aol.com

Footy Skills



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