

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 7

19th October 2018

A message from Mrs Bartlett

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone in the St Martin's community for your kind words of condolence and support over the last week. Knowing that everyone is thinking of me during this difficult time has been a real comfort. I would also like to thank Mrs Rennison and all the staff for everything they have done in my absence.

Mrs Bartlett

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Residential



The Year 5 and 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed their week at Liddington. They have all worked together and encouraged and supported each other to try new things ranging from staying away from home, tasting new foods to various adventurous activities like canoeing, abseiling and vertical challenge. Both Mrs Rennison and Mrs Bartlett enjoyed visiting them during the week and hearing about their various achievements. They are all looking forward to seeing friends and family this evening, sharing what they have been up to this week and having a good sleep!



Open Morning and Evening

A huge thank you to our Year 4 children who helped with the open morning and evening for prospective parents this week. They did an amazing job of showing our visitors arounds the school and telling them all about St Martin's. We welcomed a total of 11 families new to St Martin's during these events and they all commented on what a warm and friendly school we have.



A Message From Uganda

We have recently received a message from Sserubiri Adonia, the Headteacher of our link school in Uganda. He wanted to share his thanks for our financial, moral and material support for their school and to share news that our sow produced 8 piglets which have been given to a selection of teachers and pupils at the school. They have also recently taken part in a cluster day on healthy eating, similar to our Uganda day in the summer term.

Flood in Annex

As many of you will be aware Maple and Willow classrooms are currently out of action following a flood. Unfortunately a tap was left on and the sink overflowed with water spreading across both classrooms. The Hampshire out of hours emergency team attended on Wednesday evening and have provided us with several dehumidifiers to help dry out the classrooms. It looks as though the damage is minimal but we are not able to confirm this until both classrooms are fully dry. We are hoping that this will happen over half term and the children will be able to use the rooms as normal next half term.

Chicken Pox in School

Please be aware that we have had a report of a child with chicken pox in school this week.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

INSET Day

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Monday 29th October so the children will return to school after half term on Tuesday 30th October.

School Firework Menu - Monday 5th November

Please be aware that there will be a special Fireworks menu on Monday 5th November.

Meat option: Sausage Hotdogs

Veg. option: Quorn Burgers

Both with Waffles, baked beans or sweetcorn.

or

Jacket Potato with baked beans

Pudding: Catherine Wheel shortbread, Ice Cream.

St Martin's Day

This is a special day for our school and church and we will be celebrating this event on Thursday 8th November at 2:15pm at St Martin's Church. The children will again retell, through drama and music, a version of the life story of St Martin from his own point of view. We are sure that those of you who are able to join us at the Church will enjoy the service.

If you are planning to come along to the Church, please could we ask you not to arrive until after 1:45pm. This will hopefully allow enough time for the coach to drop off the children and to have left. The narrow roads leading to church and the small car park at church are easily blocked by parked cars which can prevent the coach from turning and even getting past.

As parking can be so difficult at the church we suggest that if possible you park at school and car share to church. Please park responsibly along the roads – thank you!

All children should be picked up from the Church, after the service, at approximately 3:15pm. Any children booked into Fun Club will be brought back to school from the Church by school staff.

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is Sunday 11th November, we will be talking to the children about Remembrance Day and why many people choose to observe the 2 minutes silence in our school worship after half term.

Lest We Forget.

On Sunday 11th November the school will lay a wreath as part of the service at the War Memorial at the triangle in East End. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at this local event.

After half term children will have the opportunity to make a donation for a poppy or other related item. If this is something your child would like to do, they need to remember to bring their donations into school in a named envelope or purse. Please note that we limit items to one per child (i.e. either a paper poppy or a wrist band or a wooden poppy cross) otherwise we run out of items very quickly. We would suggest a minimum donation of £1:00 for wooden crosses and wrist bands.

If your child makes a donation for a wooden cross, they are invited to place their cross on the green in East End, to add to those placed by the local community. You are welcome to do this with your child, possibly prior to the local service on Remembrance Day, if you are planning to attend the event or school staff will take the children down on the morning of Friday 9th November. If you would like your child to do this with school staff, please make the school office aware.

Wear Blue in Support of Anti Bullying Week

The children are invited to wear blue on Friday 9th November to show their support for anti-bullying week the following week. It is up to the children if they choose to wear one blue item with their normal school

uniform or to come dressed completely in blue. As a school, bullying is something that we regularly address through our curriculum and collective worships but we will be having a special focus on it during national anti-bullying week.

Shoebox Gift – Samaritan's Purse

After half term Mrs Tame will join our collective worship to tell the children about Operation Christmas Child (run by Samaritan's Purse). If you would like to fill a shoebox with little gifts and essentials, we will transport any boxes delivered to the school to a local collection point, from where they will be taken to children in developing parts of the world to help make their Christmas special. Postage for each box costs £5 so Samaritan's Purse request this as a donation either online or via cheque - further information can be found on their website (<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>). Please can you ensure completed boxes are returned to the school by 9th November.

Awards:

Congratulations to: Florence H for achieving the mini mile step up 4 Good award.

Congratulations to: Danik T Hampshire Music Service Merit Certificate for practising so well.

Congratulations to: Seren B for achieving the British Gymnastics proficiency award advanced level Bronze in Floor.

NOTICES:

Fireworks Night

Remember, Remember Saturday 3rd November is our Fireworks night, gates open 5.30pm, fireworks 6.45pm.

This year we will not only have the awesome firework display and beacon but also top quality gourmet burgers and sausages provided by Vicars Game Ltd, a tuck shop, glow sticks, hot chocolate, mulled wine, Prosecco and beers.

This is a major fund-raising event for the school, last year raising £5280.

Look out for the ticket form in your children's bags next week.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VARIOUS TEAM MEMBERS TO HELP ON THE NIGHT. THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN RECEPTION BUT WE ARE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP WITH THE MARKETING AND PRE TICKET SALES. PLEASE CONTACT JULIETTE ON 07811947987.

Birthday Cake

As you may have noticed in our celebration worships, our birthday cake is looking a little past its best. We were hoping that someone creative may like to make us a new one over half term. If you are able to help, please talk to the School Office.

Christmas fair

Preparations are well under way for our Christmas Fair. We are currently looking for donations to offer as raffle prizes. If you, or the company you work for, may be in a position to help, please talk to Mr Doyle. Thank you!

Dinner Money

Please can all accounts for dinner money be brought up to date - the cost of the meal is £2.30 - please can you make sure that your account is completely cleared by Friday 19th October. Statements that go out will only show dinners taken up to the day that the statement is printed.

Fun Club and Breakfast Club

Please can all accounts be cleared for Fun and Breakfast Club by Friday 19th October. The statements for these will show all bookings that have been made ahead of time, if you have made bookings up until Friday 19th October it will show as money owed which is slightly different to the dinner money statement.

Please remember to forward on to J.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk your childcare voucher payment reference confirmations so that these can be matched on the system swiftly - this is only for people paying with childcare vouchers.

The Fun Club and Breakfast Club Booking form for the next half term is attached to this Newsletter. Please complete and return to the school office by 19th October.

SCHOOL CLUBS:

French, Italian and Judo Clubs have now started. If you are interested in enrolling your child/children for either Italian, French or Judo clubs please pick up registration forms from the school office.

Zumba

Zumba classes: Wednesday classes have begun but the Friday class for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is on hold until numbers increase.

Cross Country Club

Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office. Mrs Alexander is still looking for any adults who are able to commit to supporting this club on a regular weekly basis. Please talk to either Mrs Alexander directly, or to the School office, if you are able to help each week. The club will take place on Friday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm.

Inset Days

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Missing Shoes

Seren B has lost a pair of black t-bar shoes, size 12 ½E with Clarks insole. If you have found them please return them to Seren.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

THE WOLF PACK FOREST SCHOOL

Half Term play sessions

Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th October

Drop-and-run 10am to 4pm - £30 per child (including cooked lunch).

Children must be 8 years old or over.

Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October

Parent-stay-and-play 10.30am to 12.30pm - £8 per child

Open to all ages.

Come and join us at Pen Hill Wood near Newbury to explore our amazing woodland, get creative in the mud kitchen, laze in the hammocks, play on the rope swings or take part in our woodland crafts...and don't forget, there are always s'mores and hot drinks from the campfire.

Drop-and-run sessions will include a pasta-based lunch with meat or veggie options. Our sessions go ahead in all weathers except for high winds and lightening. In the event of a session being cancelled customers can expect a full refund.

Please contact us through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/wolfpackforestschool/> or drop us an email at thewolfpackforestschool@gmail.com for more details or to book.

Next Week is Half term 23rd – 26th October

Church

Sunday 21 st	Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9.30am
<i>Trinity 21</i>	Family Service	East Woodhay	9.30am
	Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
	Harvest Evensong (BCP)	Crux Easton	5.00pm

ACTIVITIES: 27th October – 2nd November 2018

School

Monday 29th	INSET Day
Tuesday 30th	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:45am
	Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 31 st	Zumba Club 3:25pm to 4:20pm
Thursday 1 st	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 2 nd	Keyboard or Violin lessons 9:45 am

Church

Sunday 28 th	Holy Communion	Highclere	8.00am
<i>Bible Sunday</i>	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11.00am
	Matins	Crux Easton	11.00am
	<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Ashmansworth</i>	<i>12 noon</i>
	Evensong (BCP)	East Woodhay	6.00pm



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academic excellence**



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**One of the most improved schools in the area -
another good reason to choose The Clere School**

Our best ever results in 2018

55% Grade 5 and above (English and Mathematics)

**6% of our pupils achieved the top grade 9 which is
above national average.**

(New grade 9 - 1 (5 = B - good pass)

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Our rural location and relatively small size provide a secure and caring environment, where the nurture and development of every pupil lies at the heart of everything we do, supporting pupils to be happy, confident and have high aspirations.

Our core purpose is to inspire enjoyment of learning where every pupil matters and no child is left behind.

Our commitment to providing outstanding teaching and high quality feedback, together with our dedication to empowering pupils to become confident, independent learners, leads to excellent GCSE examination results.

Our demand for high standards of behaviour ensures pupils display good manners, respect and consideration for others at all times, valuable qualities for life beyond school and the workplace.

Our excellent facilities and resources including a superb Sports Hall, Fitness Suite, Gym and swimming pool.

"Teachers and staff have created a positive climate which makes the school a friendly community."

Oxford, March 2017

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!



4 weeks FREE

Football Coaching Sessions
by FA Qualified Coaches

We are looking for new players

No experience needed!

Come along, learn football and have fun!



We have over 120 girls playing for us, and have over 12 years experience of providing football for girls. We pride ourselves for being the only local club that is dedicated to girls playing football.

Along with learning football, they will:

- Make new friends and have lots of fun
- Get active and lead a healthier lifestyle
- Gain confidence, build self-esteem and learn to work as a team.

All that's needed is a pair of shin pads, a drink and trainers or football boots.

Winter training sessions are every Wednesday held at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW and in the Summer they are held at Lower Way, Thatcham.

Training times:

6.15pm-7.30pm – School years 1 - 7

7.00pm-8.00pm – School years 8 – 11 & Ladies

**For more
information on
training times and
venues please
contact Nick.**

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Messy Church in Ashmansworth

Messy Church has been meeting at Ashmansworth Village Hall for 6 years and now welcomes families from all the Parishes in North West Hampshire Benefice as well as children from St Martin's and St Thomas's Schools and their families.

Messy Church:

- + Provides an opportunity for people to worship together, have fun and be creative together
- + Helps people of all ages feel they belong in church and to each other
- + Introduces Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship
- + Lets us eat together as Church Community

What and When

Messy Church now meets on the fourth Sunday of the month* during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our sessions include craft activities, prayer and celebration and end with a meal which we share together.

In our programme for autumn 2018 we will be looking at the parables which Jesus taught to his disciples, with activities for younger children to enjoy. We are also introducing a Study Group for older children and parents to learn more about Christian faith. Our autumn meeting dates will be:

Sunday 23rd September

The Parable of the Sower

Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"

Sunday 28th October

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Study Group Topics; The Lord's Prayer & "Is It Fair?"

Sunday 25th November

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Study Group Topics; Why we Sing Hymns & "Rejoicing"

Also on Sunday 2nd we will have a Christingle Service at St James' Church

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4th Sundays of January, February, March and April.

Why Not Join Us?

Everyone is welcome at Messy Church but parents do need to stay with their children and participate in the activities. We meet at 10.45 am so that activities can start at 11.00. Lunch is usually finished by 1pm. You don't have to come every month (but we ask you to let us know via mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk if you are planning to come so we can cater for lunch). Alternatively you can support Messy Church by dropping in to tell a story or play a musical instrument.

Want to know more?

Please contact Mike Sarson (07913-943504 / mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

* **NB** Our new 4th Sunday date allows families to attend a Family Service any Sunday of each month: All Together and Sunday Club at St Thomas's and Family Services at St Martin's on the first three Sundays of each month.

Church of the Ascension
Burghclere



Please come and join us for loads of Bible
themed Fun, Crafts and Activities in Church at
3:30pm on the following Autumn 2018 dates:

Friday 21st September

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

Friday 2nd November

Caring for God's World

Friday 7th December - Nativity



**AN ENTERTAINING CHARITY EVENING WITH
AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEGEND
DAVID CAMPESE**

at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW



In support of
grassroots rugby at
Park House School



**6.30pm Monday
12 November 2018
Tickets: £35***

Tickets available from:
rugbylegend-david-campese.eventbrite.co.uk

*Plus eventbrite admin fee.

Ticket price includes buffet. Event finishes 11pm.

Enquiries: steve.jones@newburyrfc.org.uk

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Artex 2019



is at risk of not happening!!!!

Artex is one of the biggest fundraisers for St. Martin's and one of several 'flagship' events in the local community.

In the last ten years it has raised over £40,000 for our school.

However ...

Next year's Artex may not happen
as we have no leader for our team.

There are plenty of people to help with organising the event through the year and on the day, but we need someone or two, to co-ordinate things and keep us all in check!

Two people together could work well and a lot of this co-ordinator role can be done from home.

Please think if you, and a friend, could help keep this super event running.

For more details please chat to Nicky Bonner, Karen Bennett or Kirstine Duffy-McBride in school...

or simply mention to Teresa in the office that you might be interested.

Thank you!!

The **Artex** team