# St Martin's School Weekly News

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## A very Happy New Year to everyone!

All of the staff at school would like to say a huge thank you for the Christmas wishes, cards and presents that the parents and children so generously gave us at Christmas. We all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and hope that you did too. The children have returned to school and seem well rested and ready for a busy term of learning!

#### THIS WEEK

#### **Sports at St Martin's**

Our Sports Ambassadors were busy over the last few weeks of the Autumn term, producing the attached Sports Newsletter, which will give you an update of all the sporting activities that have been taking place at St Martin's over the last term. Well done to our Sports Ambassadors – we look forward to your next update!

#### **Term Dates**

In order to try to help with planning we have attached a list of dates of various events for this term – your child should also bring home today a paper copy for you to keep and refer to as necessary. Further information about the different events will be provided nearer to the times but we hope this list of planned dates is helpful.

#### School PE kit

In these colder months, it is helpful for children to have a track suit, leggings and /or a sports top in their PE kits to keep them warm during outdoor PE.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### School Lunch Census Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

All schools receive money from the Government to cover the cost of providing free school meals for children in Year R, 1 and 2. At the start of the year the school is given a sum of money for the Universal Free School Meal Scheme based on a take up of over 85% on the Census Day in the Autumn term and the Spring term. If we do not have the expected number of children taking up the free school meal offer on Census Day, then a significant amount of money is taken away from our budget, which is something we do not want! The census day this term is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Therefore if you have a child in Year R, 1 or 2, please make sure they have a school dinner on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. This will make a big difference to our income for the year.

The menu for Census day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January:

Meat option - Fish Fingers and Chips Vegetarian option - Veggie sausage puff Both with peas and sweetcorn

Jacket Potato – Beans and cheese topping

Pudding - Shortbread biscuit

#### Bags2school

The School Association have organised a Bags2School collection. The bags came home before the Christmas holidays so please check in your children's school bags! Please fill these bags with any unwanted clothes or other items accepted (there will be a list with the bag). Then please bring full bags into school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January (not before please) and leave in the undercover area for collection. The school will receive money based on the amount of donations we collect, which will help raise valuable funds for our children. More bags are available if you need them, thank you for your support.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South AVERAGE MERITS House Captain and Vice: 2.25

Florence H, Will A

Jozef S, Natalie E West 1.96 Gabriella A, Logan A East 1.94 Annabelle P, Freddie B North 1.81

#### **Special Learning Awards**



#### Congratulations to:

Jack J, Tom M and Esme R for amazing time learning in Maths. Bruno H for persuasive writing in English.









#### School Values Awards

## Respect Awards Congratulations to:

Anabel M for respecting her learning by always doing her best. Molly T for respecting her learning by always trying her best. Henry H for always being polite and well mannered.

## Friendship Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Morgan H for always being kind, thinking of others and being mindful of their feelings.

#### Other Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Florence H for achieving the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 5 Elri K for achieving Grade 3 Piano with Merit

#### **NOTICES**

#### School Office - update

We are pleased to tell you that Mrs James has had her operation and is now at home recovering. I am sure you will all join with us in wishing her a speedy recovery. Please be aware that while Mrs James is not in school we will be receiving locum support from Hampshire Education Finance Services but this will only be once a week. This means that it may take longer than usual to process payments for things like dinners and after school. Thank you for your understanding during this period of time.

#### **Front Door**

Please can we ask all parents and carers not to ask the children to open the main front door. The emergency release button is located at a height that children can reach in case they need to use it in an emergency. However for safeguarding reasons we ask the children not to open the front door to anyone, even if it is someone they recognise. Many thanks for your support with this.

#### **Near Miss Procedures**

Near misses are accidents that nearly happen but don't; for example when you catch your foot on an uneven piece of ground but don't fall, when a box falls off a shelf but doesn't hit you, etc. As part of our Health and Safety Procedures, St Martin's has a procedure for reporting 'near misses'. We monitor all near misses and use this monitoring to try to prevent accidents. Therefore if you or your children have a near miss on the school site, please let the school office know the details. Thank you.

#### **Nut Free School**

Please remember that St Martin's CE (Aided) Primary School is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please take extra special care when making packed lunches and ensure they do not include any nut products such as peanut butter spread or cereal and chocolate bars containing nuts; these are hazards for children with severe allergies.

#### **Snow Procedures**

We have recently reviewed our snow procedures. We will make a decision as early as possible as to whether the school can open. This decision will be made based on Health and Safety – in order to safely operate we need at least 50% of staff to be able to make it safely to school and the school site needs to be safe. Unfortunately it is difficult to make these assessments before it is light. As soon as the decision to close has been made we will aim to send a text to all parents and carers (that are on our text list), and publicise the decision on our school website and the local radio. Obviously if we are able to open, parents and carers will need to decide if it is safe for you to transport your child to school, which will depend on where you live and the road conditions between your house and school. If you are not able to make the journey safely, please call the School Office to make us aware.

#### **Change 4 Life**

Packs are coming home this week so please check your children's bags, with information about creating healthier habits to prevent childhood obesity.

#### **ACE Dance**

ACE Dance will be starting Thursday 17th January 2019 for Years 1 – 3. If you are interested in your child/children taking part in dance lessons with Laura Kelleher-Byrne please complete and return the registration form in the attachment with this week's newsletter. Please remember to bring back your enrolment forms to the office as places are limited. When paying online, please remember to include your child's name as reference on the bank payment. Some places for Fun Club will be available from 4pm to accommodate children who do ACE, so please check for availability.

#### **Simply Guitar**

Guitar lessons with Greg Bakke began on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January and the children who had their first lesson thoroughly enjoyed it! If you are interested in your child having guitar lessons please pick up a registration form from the office.

#### **Keyboard and Violin lessons**

On Friday's Xenia Kasper from Hampshire Music Service is at St. Martin's teaching Keyboard and Violin lessons. We have a small waiting list. If you are interested in your child having music lessons, please contact the school office for more information. Please be aware that there is a cost associated with these lessons.

Invoices for Spring term music lessons will be produced when Mrs. James is back in the office and these will need to be paid in accordance with the payment terms on the reverse of the invoice from Hampshire. Any invoices outstanding will mean that children will not be able to carry on with music lessons next term.

#### **Breakfast Club and Fun Club**

Thank you for clearing all Breakfast and After School Club accounts at the end of December, the bookings for Spring term up to half term are now in place.

When paying by Childcare Vouchers please remember to let <u>i.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk</u> know that you have made a payment with a childcare voucher. Please send on your confirmation email.

Attached is the Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for January and February 2019. If you are interested in booking spaces in either, please complete and return the booking form to the school office or by email to <a href="mailto:t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk">t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk</a>.

Please be aware we have lots of spaces in our Breakfast club each morning and spaces in Friday's Fun Club session.

#### **Fun Club**

Thank you for the games and puzzles donated to Fun Club, your continued support is much appreciated.

#### **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Spring term 2019 dates for clubs - to half term break

Club	First Session	Last Session
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Cross Country	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Grassroots Football	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
French Club	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Linki Judo	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Italian Club	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Ace Dance	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Netball Club	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February

If you are interested in enrolling or re-enrolling your child/children for the above school clubs for the spring term, please pick up registration forms from the school office. Please be aware you do have to enrol again each term for these clubs. The Judo Registration form is attached below.

#### St. Martin's School Association

#### **Cinema Night**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Cinema Night – 5.45pm

'The Boss Baby'

Please find a flyer with more details at the end of the Newsletter. Booking forms are available from the Association Dropbox in Reception. Any booking requests and money should be returned to the dropbox in an envelope marked Cinema Night.

#### **Inset Days**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

ACTIVITIES: 14th - 18th January 2019

**School** 

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> French club 12.30pm

Grassroots football 3.30pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Judo club 8.00am

Guitar lessons 9.00am

Wednesday 16th

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Italian club 12.25pm

Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm Ace dance 3.25pm – 4.00pm

Friday 18th Keyboard and violin lessons 9.45am

Spring term dates are from 07.01.19 – 05.04.19. Please be aware that Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April is an Inset Day.

## **Church**

Sunday 13th	Holy Communion	East Woodhay	8.00am
Baptism of	Parish Communion - with Woolton Hill		9.30am
Christ	Sunday Club		
	Matins	Highclere	11.00am
	Holy Communion	Ashmansworth	11.00pm

Flyers Cinema Night Judo Registration form Cricket 4 Girls EW Cricket Club

#### ST MARTIN'S ASSOCIATION presents A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



### School Hall, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - 5.45pm

After popular demand St Martin's Association will be holding a movie night for the children.

The cost of the evening will be £3.00 and will include a drink & popcorn.

The event gives children another chance to 'go to the cinema' with their friends safely without parents and guardians. For safety reasons however we do need to ask for parents' contact numbers.

We need volunteers to help with supervising trips to the loo and general crowd control – volunteers come free of charge.

There are also some spare places in Fun Club should you wish your child to stay at school before the film. Please select on the booking form if you are interested in booking a place and we you will contact you with further details.

Book early to avoid disappointment – places are limited, please complete the booking form and return to the office by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at the latest.

List for volunteers for each session will be posted outside the office or please let Lorraine Jacobs know if you are available to help.

## **The Baby Boss**

ENTRY & registration 5.45pm at Hall door.

Interested in a Funclub place/further information before event Yes/No

NB: movie night is a non-ticketed event, register of names held in office.



linkai Judo & Self Defence Clubs
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#### **Iinkai School Judo & Fundo Club 2019**

Dear Parent,

My name is David Edmonds and I am a fully qualified and insured Judo, Fundo and Self-Defence Coach. I started studying Judo in 1982 and started coaching students of all ages and abilities in 1996. I am currently Head Coach at Reading University as well as over 50 School Judo Clubs. I have a team of qualified and insured coaches that work with me to provide Judo, Fundo, & Self Defence to local schools.

Judo is both a Martial Art and Olympic Sport that provides students with discipline, confidence, and in later years an effective method of self-defence. It is also an excellent form of exercise, and can be a lot of fun! Fundo is a new activator sport that develops judo and other sports skills through specifically tailored exercises and games. Beginners are welcome and should wear appropriate clothing (durable without zips or sharp or hard objects) a P.E kit is fine and if necessary a hair band at each lesson.

The Term consists of 10 Lessons, commencing on <u>15<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u>.

There will be a break for half term.

The Club runs on <u>Tuesdays from 0800 to 0845</u>

#### Term fees are as follows:

Term Fees for ALL Students - £68.50

The above fees include a Grading Licence & Insurance to December 2019, the End of term Grading Fee, and the Latest KOKA KIDS MAGAZINE

Payment by: Card over the Phone (Debit or Credit Card),
Bank Transfer (09-01-50 & 06912400 & Note Childs Full Name), Cheques (Payable to Iinkai Ltd.)

If you would like your child to attend the Judo club please complete the attached consent form and return it, with payment, to myself or the school before the Club starts. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

A completed Consent Form and Payment of Fees are required for your child to attend the club. Your child may not be able to participate if consent and payment have not been received.

Kind Regards

DA Edmonds

#### David Edmonds 5<sup>th</sup> Dan

EJU Master Coach (Level 6)
Iinkai Director and Head Coach
IINKAI JUDO & SELF DEFENCE CLUBS

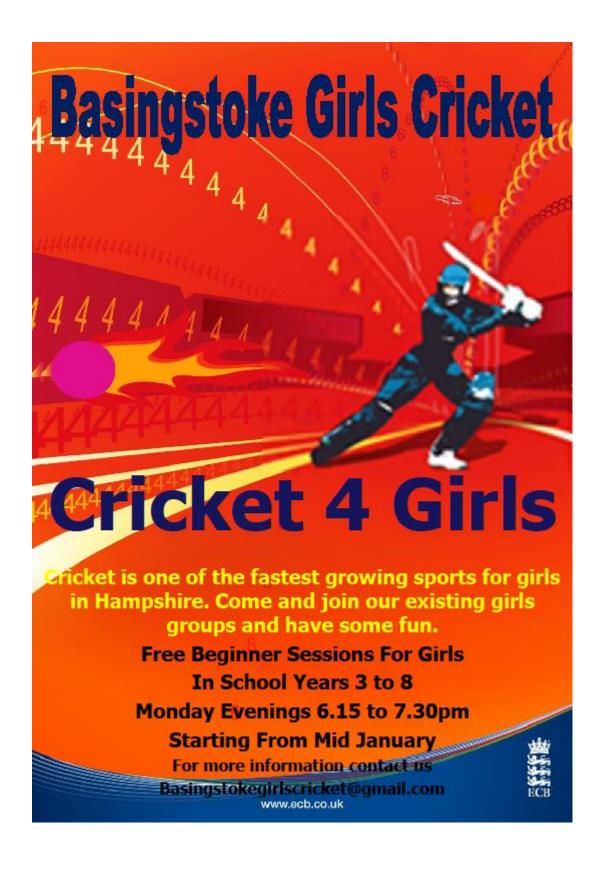




(Please note in the event of a cheque bouncing a charge of £7.50 will be made to cover bank charges & we have a No-Refunds policy)

Parental Consent Form (St Martins) – <u>PLEASE CON</u>	MPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS	
Child's Name:		Year Group:
I would like my child to take part in the school jud I enclose a cheque as requested (or note other pa	lo club for the Spring Term 2019.	
Signed:	Name:	
Phone Number:	_ e-mail Address:	

Your Data will not be shared with any third parties and Iinkai Ltd is compliant with GDPR regulations.







#### COME AND PLAY CRICKET AT EAST WOODHAY CRICKET CLUB

#### HAVE FUN PLAYING SPORT

- GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 10
- COME ALONG AND ENJOY LEARNING A NEW SPORT AND HAVE FUN!
- COACHING LED BY ECB LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED COACHES AT ALL AGE GROUPS
- COACHING SESSIONS START ON SUNDAY 3 MARCH AT TRINITY SCHOOL, NEWBURY
   YR 3 & 4 3pm to 4pm

YR 5 & 6 - 4pm to 5pm

YR 7 & 8 - 5pm to 6pm

- OUTDOOR TRAINING BEGINS FRIDAY 26 APRIL AT THE EAST END CRICKET GROUND
- LOW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES COVERING COACHING AND JUNIOR MATCHES
- ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
- WE HAVE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE BERKSHIRE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE FROM UNDER 9 TO UNDER 15
- FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

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