



# St Martin's School Newsletter

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Christian  
Value is  
Perseverance

Our current Learning Skill  
is Resourcefulness

## Upcoming Events

### March

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

School nurse team in school to do Year R health checks

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

8.30am – 9.00am Stay and read session – all parents/carers invited to stay and share a book with their children

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

12:30pm Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival for selected children

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

National Sports Relief Day – children can wear something sporty for a donation to Sports Relief  
6.00pm – 7.30pm School Association Disco for all children

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Cross Country for selected children

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

3:30pm Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition for selected children

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Children making Peace Poles in their houses

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:00am Mothering Sunday at St. Martin's Church – all welcome

## Eucharist

The whole school came together last week for our termly Eucharist service. Revd Christine led us in thinking about Lent and preparing for Easter. Thank you to those children in Willow class who led the bible reading and those children in Silver Birch class who led the prayers - they did an amazing job!

It was the first time Cherry class joined us for Eucharist and it was lovely to hear from Mrs Perry that some of them chose to role-play part of the service, including giving blessings, during their discovery time the following afternoon!

## Visiting Our Neighbours

We have had another really successful Local Collection in East End this week, of both packets for terracycling, and items for our Charity Collection Point (ink cartridges, stamps, bottle tops and old/foreign currency). Many residents had either left out bags of items for us, or had some ready by the door when we knocked. Everyone we spoke to was kind and encouraging, and are happy for us to go back again next month!

## World Book Day

The children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day. We spent time talking about why we love reading, discussing our favourite books and sharing our costumes. All the children should have also have taken home a World Book Day voucher. We have a few spares at the School Office if required!

## Outdoor Prayer Space Grant

Exciting news! We are thrilled to let you all know that we have been awarded a grant for £1,000 to build our outdoor prayer space!

Our chairs of governors, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Chorley, and Mrs James in the office, all worked together to put in an application to Allchurches Trust, detailing the work we wish to do, and we are delighted to have received a cheque last week.

Without grants, it wouldn't be possible to consider such an exciting and special project such as an outdoor prayer space, so we are grateful to those who made it possible.

We look forward to seeing our plans develop over the forthcoming months.

## Tag Rugby - Woolton Hill Junior School

Congratulations to Paddy W, Dominic J, Grace HS, Jean Luc S, Logan A, Olivia B, Josh B, Conrad B and Freddie F who took part in the tag rugby match at Woolton Hill this week. They did an amazing job of representing the school - displaying our school values at all times. Thank you to Mr Doyle who accompanied them from school, Mr Frost for his coaching expertise and all the parents and carers who helped with transport.

## Denzel

Denzel, our trained therapy dog has now spent two afternoons in school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him, and he has thoroughly enjoyed hearing them read!

### **Eco Bricks**

The children have embraced our Eco brick initiative. Please continue to send in bits of Styrofoam, bags, packaging, straws and cellophane or any type of plastic that has been washed, dried and cut up, so that the children can add them to their class Eco brick.

### **Parental Questionnaires**

Thank you to all who returned the parental questionnaires. We are busy analysing the results and will provide you with a summary of the outcomes soon!

### **Facebook Closed Page**

We have had an incredible number of parents and carers request to join our Facebook closed group. If you have joined, we hope that you are enjoying finding out a little more about what goes on in school. If you are not yet a member and would like to be, you need your own Facebook account. You then need to go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMartinsCEPrimarySchoolParentsandCarersGroup/> and answer three questions, then submit your request to join. It will not force you to answer these questions, but for safeguarding reasons, unfortunately we cannot accept requests where these questions have not been answered. It will simply ask you to give the full name of your link child (or one of them, if you have more than one child at our school), their class name and your relationship with that child. For those of you who do not use Facebook, please do not worry you are being left out! We will continue to ensure that all essential information is included in the newsletter, on the school website or sent out by letter or email, if needed.

### **Test Meetings**

We hope the parents in Year 2 and Year 6 who attended the meetings about the end of year tests this week, found them useful. Please be aware that the presentations from both meetings are on the school website under the news section. If you have any questions, please come and talk to us.

### **HC3S**

Menus are available to download from the link below. We have a few paper copies in the School Office and all classes will have a copy displayed in the classroom. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/primaryschools/menu>

### **Schools Grounds Working Party**

Due to the current weather forecast, we have taken the decision to cancel the schools grounds working party that was planned for Monday. We will let you know when we re-arrange this.