



St Martin's School Newsletter

Our current
Worship
Value is
Respect and
Reverence

Upcoming Events

9th November
5.00pm St Martin's Firework
Night

10th November
10.45am Remembrance
Sunday

11th November
11.00am 1 minutes silence
in classes
2.15pm St Martin's Day
service at St. Martin's
Church
Deadline for shoeboxes

11th -15th November
National Anti-bullying Week

13th November
Children can wear blue to
show their support for anti-
bullying week

14th November
Christmas Pantomime at
the Watermill Theatre

15th November
Children in Need Day

19th November
World Toilet Day
Stay and Read sessions for
all parents/carers
9.00am Coffee Morning

20th November
6.00pm Assessment
Meeting

Bags2School

Thank you for all the
donations for
Bags2School - we
have raised £144.00

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is Monday 11th November. We will be talking to the children about Remembrance Day, and why many people choose to observe the two minutes' silence, in our school worships.

On Sunday 10th 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.

St Martin's Day

We are all looking forward to celebrating St Martin's Day on Monday 11th November at 2:15pm at St Martin's church. If you are able to join us for our service, please try to car share where possible and we also ask you to try not to arrive at the church before 1:45pm, to allow time for the coach to drop off all the children. Please ensure your children are collected from the church on Monday, at the usual time, unless they are attending Fun Club. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is the national anti-bullying week. At St Martin's, we teach children about bullying, what it is and how to deal with it as part of our PSCH curriculum. Your children are invited to wear blue to show support for the national campaign to eliminate bullying on Wednesday – this can be one item of blue clothing or a completely blue outfit!

Panto Visit

We are all looking forward to our visit to the Watermill theatre on Thursday 14th November, to see The Prince and the Pauper. Thank you to everyone who has made a voluntary donation of £3.50 online to support this trip. If you have not done this yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also, in order to help our kitchen staff, please ensure that you send your child with a packed lunch on panto day or order a school dinner by today. Thank you!

Children in Need

We have organised a special day to show their support for Children in Need. The theme this year is 'Do Your Thing' and after much discussion and debate by the children in each class, we have decided to hold a paper aeroplane competition. The children in Years 1 – 6 will be working in their houses during the morning to design and make a paper aeroplane. Each house will then hold its own competition to find the best aeroplanes. The best two aeroplanes from each house will then take part in a school final, with an overall winner being crowned 'paper aeroplane champion'! Cherry class will be making cakes during the day to share with all children following the Grand Finale. Please send any donations for Children in Need into school with your child on Friday 15th November. Please note there will be no celebration worship on this day.

World Toilet Day

It is World Toilet Day on Tuesday 19th November. The toilets in Bukuya, our link school in Uganda, are not in a good state. As a school, we would like to raise enough money over the next year to pay for a 4 latrine system to be fitted. As you are aware, we sold cakes in memory of Sarah Isherwood at the start of the year and the money raised through this is going to be used to start our toilet fund. Throughout the year, the school council will be looking for ways to raise money and monitoring the amount we raise on our soon to be created giant thermometer in the hall – we need to raise approximately £1500! On world toilet day, we would like to invite all children to wear their own clothes to school and make a donation towards our toilet fund. Thank you for your support for this important cause.

Stay and Read

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our next stay and read session on Tuesday 19th November. The classroom doors will open at the normal time, but adults are invited to stay in school and share a book with their child. If you have children in more than one class you can either split your time between your children or find a space either in one of their classrooms or in the library to share a book as a family. Should you not be able to attend, we will find your child someone else to read with, so please don't worry that they will be on their own. Please be aware that this session will finish at 9.00am and all children will need to be in their classrooms to start their learning at 9:05am.

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite all parent and carers to have a cup of coffee or tea with one of our Co-chair of Governors, Mrs Ann Rowe, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rennison on Tuesday 19th November at 9:00am (after the stay and read session). This is a good opportunity for you to come and chat to us informally and ask any questions that you have. As always, we welcome your views, and look forward to seeing many of you for a chat over a cuppa!

Brave Day

As you are aware, children in Year 1 – 6 will be taking part in Brave Day on Friday 22nd November. A letter with more details will come home next week.

Assessment Meeting

At the end of last year, we had several parents ask questions about assessments and what it means to be working at age-related expectations or working at greater depth within age-related expectations. Therefore we will be holding an Assessment Meeting on Wednesday 20th November at 6:00pm. During this meeting, we will explain how we assess children while they are at St Martin's, and why.

Kneelers Group

Thank you to the ladies in the Kneelers Group, who gave up their time to come into school this week, to show the children in Year R their embroidery skills and the kneelers that they make for the church, which are beautiful!

Staff Update

We would like to congratulate Mrs Burke, who has got a new job teaching groups of children with SEND in a school in Winchester, and will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn term. We are all very sorry to see Mrs Burke leave St Martin's but we know that she is very excited about this opportunity. We wish her all the best in her new job. We have started the process of appointing a new teacher for Silver Birch Class and will keep you informed as this progresses. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Laws and her husband, who expecting their second child! Mrs Laws is planning on starting her maternity leave around Easter time. This means that she will work the spring term with our new teacher and help to ensure a smooth hand over for the children in Silver Birch.

Windows Update

A huge thank you for your patience while the builders have been finishing off the work on the windows. As you are aware, the work was due to be completed during half term, but due to circumstances beyond our control it over ran. It is now finished – the scaffolding is due to be removed tomorrow morning – and I'm sure you'll agree the windows look amazing. A huge thank you to the diocese for funding 90% of this work.

Awards

Details of children receiving certificates and house merit points can now be found on our website at <https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/awards/418990>

Clubs

If your child would like to join any of our clubs, please speak to the school office. Please be aware that this information will no longer be included in every newsletter but can be found on our school website at <https://www.st-martins.hants.sch.uk/website/clubs/418992>

Fun Club – Help!

We are still urgently looking for a fun club manager. We need someone to manage our after school club from 3:00pm until 6:00pm every day. The role involves planning, organising and running 'fun' activities for children from after school until 5:45pm, whilst ensuring the children are well looked after and safe. If you or anyone you know is interested in this role, please come and talk to Mrs Bartlett – we really don't want to lose Fun Club but we are having to seriously consider whether we can continue to offer this provision.

HC3S

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

Governor News

Mrs Ann Rowe, one of our co-chairs or Governors, will be at the Coffee Morning on Tuesday 19th November at 9:00am. Please feel free to come and have a cup of coffee and quick chat with her after the Stay and Read session finishes.

We are currently looking for Foundation Governors to join our team. If you think you may be interested in becoming involved, please talk to Mrs Rowe (Co-Chair of Governors), Rev'd Canon Christine or Mrs Bartlett. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>

School Association (PTA) News

Fireworks Night 9th November

St. Martin's Fireworks Night will be held on Saturday 9th November at 5.00pm. Tickets will be available on the gate.

Christmas Fair 30th November 2pm-5pm

Preparations are underway for the school Christmas fair! This is an early reminder that we would be grateful for donations of homemade goods, jams, jellies, chutneys or crafts etc.

PTA Secretary Role

Our PTA needs you! We are in need of someone to take on the role of secretary. The secretary responsibilities include:

- Preparing agenda for meetings once a term
- Recording minutes and prepare them to be distributed
- Preparing and submitting a newsletter once a term

If you feel you could step into this role, please get in touch with Laura or Mia either directly at school (let us know if you aren't sure who they are!), through the school office, or you can email smptachair@gmail.com.

Email – keeping you informed

"Your school PTA wants to make sure we keep in touch. We have very few people on our email list and to keep paper-free we need more families to sign up. We won't spam you with loads of emails, keeping it down to one newsletter a term. We have a simple opt out button at the bottom of all of our newsletters so once you move on or no longer want to receive the emails you can easily remove yourself. Please consider signing up to our newsletter so you can stay in touch with what is going on with your PTA. Click here to sign up <http://eepurl.com/glPkaf>