

St Martin's School Weekly News

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THIS WEEK

Goodbye to Staff

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff that are leaving us this term – Mrs Braidley, Mrs Webster, Mrs Turner, Mrs Calkin and Mrs Pretorius. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Goodbye to Children

We would like to wish all the children leaving us this year all the very best for the future too. We have thoroughly enjoyed having you at St Martin's and we know that you will continue to work hard and go from strength to strength at your next schools.

School Prayer

As you are aware, we have had a focus on prayer this year and supporting the children in using prayer and reflection time to feel closer to God. As part of this, we are keen to develop our own school prayer. For us it is important that the children are fully involved in creating our prayer. Therefore through our worship this half term we have collected ideas and suggestions from all the children. This week, Mrs Rennison collated their ideas and suggestions into one document that we can then use to create our prayer. We were incredibly impressed with the children's suggestions and wanted to share with you what they value about our school and their lives in general. Therefore we have included the collation of their ideas with this newsletter. We are looking forward to turning these ideas into our school prayer in September and can't wait to share the final prayer with everyone, but we wanted to make sure that the Year 6 children, who contributed ideas, know that they will be included, before they leave us. Thank you to all the children for their amazing ideas and suggestions!

Upper School Performances

We would like to say a huge well done to everyone involved in the amazing performances of Olivia last week. The singing, dancing and acting was amazing and the upper school children should be incredibly proud of the way they supported each other and put on two very high quality performances.

A huge thank you to Mrs Braidley, Mrs Wellings and all the staff and parents that helped ensure the performances were such a success – the number of people who supported with learning lines, practising songs, organising costumes, painting scenery and making props was very impressive!

Activity Days

Years R, 1, 2 and 3 have enjoyed very successful Activity Days. The children have worked calmly and sensibly in their mixed age groups, many of them working in different rooms to normal. The Year 3s were our group leaders and they impressed us with their efficiency and patience, especially in their care of the younger members of their teams. Well done Year 3s!

Sports Day

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our sports afternoon on Tuesday. It was lovely to see how everyone supported each other and encouraged each other to participate and try their best. Huge congratulations to all the children, toddlers, mums, dad, aunties, uncles, grandmas and granddads who took part. The afternoon was the result of a huge amount of work by lots of different people; a huge thank you to all the staff who organised races, prepared the children, put up gazebos, and tidied up at the end of the afternoon; all the governors who did such an amazing job of judging the races and sorting the scoring; all

the friends and family who turned up to support the competitors and everyone who competed – children, toddlers and adults!

As many of you are aware Jack's nanny fell during one of the races. I know you will all be pleased to know that we have had a card from her this week to say thanks you for looking after her and to let us know that other than a few bruises she is fine. We send her all our very best wishes!

Thank You Tea Party

It was lovely to see so many people at our thank you tea last week. The Year 6 children did an amazing job of decorating the room, laying out the food and then serving our invited guests. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon – just a little thank you for everything you have done over the last year to support our school.

Lower School Mini-Performance!

It was lovely to see so many people at the lower school performance yesterday. Their musical ability, both in singing and playing instruments was very impressive. Well done to everyone involved.

WOW training

The Year One children completed their Wow training this week. This means that they are now able to walk to school unaccompanied from The Triangle, once they have returned the permission letter in September. All the children concentrated well and showed that they understood the importance of keeping safe when out walking on a road. Well done Year Ones.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently trying to organise our WoW timetable for the Autumn term. We still need volunteers to act as marshals from 8:30am – 8:45am each day. Wow helps encourage fitness, teaches children important road safety skills and helps reduce congestion at our main entrance. If you are able to help with this important scheme, please let the school office know as soon as you can. Thank you!

Staffing News

We are still advertising for an After School Club Manager. If you or anyone you know is interested, please see the advert on the Hampshire website.

School Association News

As you are aware, we have been looking for volunteers to take on the role of chair and treasurer for the School Association. Last week we were delighted to share that Louise Renouf had volunteered to take on the role of treasurer. This week we have more good news! Mia Hancock and Laura Hunter have volunteered to take on the role of co-chair next year. This is great news as we were really worried that if we could not find anyone to take on these roles, then the school association would have had to fold. A huge thank you to Louise, Mia and Laura.



HOUSE OF THE HALF TERM: SOUTH- well done!
HOUSE CAPTAIN and VICE CAPTAIN: Florence H, Will A



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	West	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captain and Vice:		
Jozef S, Natalie E		0.77
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	0.63
Florence H, Will A	South	0.61
Annabelle P, Freddie B	North	0.45

School Cups

We are delighted to announce the winners of our school cups for this year:

Leadership through Example:	Beth K.
Music:	Albert R.
Leadership through Sport:	Jean Luc S.
Progress:	Sophia C.
Art:	Natalie E.

St. Martin's Awards

For consistently showing our four school values throughout the year.

Cherry:	Frank A. and Oliver W.
Silver Birch:	Livi D. and Ella W.
Sycamore:	Lucy M. and Isla D.
Maple:	Florence H. and Deia A.
Willow:	Grace HS. and Henno P.

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

William G for reading Digraphs.

Ava M for fantastic progress with reading and writing.

Tijana MR for being able to read all the words in the Sound Out Book.

Emily W, George D and Henry H for reading all the trick words in the Trick Word Book.



School Values Awards



Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Jack SH for always showing kindness and helping his friends.

Imogen W for being a great friend to everyone and making sure everyone is ok.

Phoebe S for always being someone who others go to for help and for making sure everyone is ok, and have what they need to learn.

All of Sycamore Class, for being amazing friends to each other, to the adults and everyone in the school community.

Creativity Awards

Congratulations to:

Oliver R. for creating an amazing model church as part of learning in RE and for managing his group effectively.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to:

Frank A. for achieving 10 metres Rainbow Distance in swimming.

Bo MR and her pony came second in the M&M Lead Rein class at the Royal Artillery show at the weekend and went on to get Reserve M&M Ring Champion. She also won her Child Handler class and came Ring Champion. This put her into the Grand Finale which she won and then went on to get reserve Supreme of the whole show.

PAYMENT

Please remember that all Fun Club and Breakfast Club accounts must be cleared by the last day of this term.

Should you have a Year 6 child and you want to be sure that you do not have credit on your account when you leave, please get in touch with j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

From September, please help us by paying for lunches in advance and ensuring that your child's account shows a zero balance or a credit.

Should you need help accessing your online account, please email t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk. Please see the SCOPAY flyer at the end of the newsletter if you are not already registered.

When paying by Childcare Vouchers, please remember to let j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk know that you have made a payment in this way. Please send on your confirmation email. Thank you.

Reptile Encounters

There is still money outstanding for the Reptile Encounters visit - can we please ask that payment is made as soon as possible.

CLUBS

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

The booking form for Breakfast Club and Fun Club is attached, paper copies are also available from the school office.

We have spaces each morning for Breakfast Club and spaces in Fun Club on a Friday, if you would like to make a booking please contact the school office or email t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

Registration forms are attached for the following clubs:

Italian
linkai Judo
French,
Ace Dance

If you are interested in registering your child/children for these clubs please complete and return to the school office. Paper copies are also available from the school office.

Simply Guitar

If you are interested in Guitar lessons with Greg Bakke in autumn term there are spaces so please get in contact with the school office.

Autumn term 2019 dates for clubs

Club	Session Begin	Sessions End
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 10 th September	Tuesday 17 th December
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 13 th September	TBA
Cross Country	Friday TBA	TBA
Grassroots Football	Monday 9 th September	Monday 16 th December
French Club	Monday 16 th September	Monday 2 nd December
linkai Judo	Tuesday 24 th September	Tuesday 9 th July
Italian Club	Thursday 19 th September	Thursday 12 th December
Ace Dance	Thursday 12 th September	Thursday 12 th December
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 12 th September	TBA

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)

School Disco 80's Night

Thank you all to those who supported the 1980's Fund raising event last Friday. The outfits were hilarious! We are delighted to say we made £1000 profit, which we hope will double to £2000 with matched funding. These funds will go towards paying for a new stage. Thank you all so much!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Schools' competition at the Flower and Produce Show

Below is the flyer for the Schools' competition at the Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 17th August, 2.00pm at East Woodhay Village Hall. Entry forms can be found at www.eastwoodhayflowershow.co.uk
Please remember children need to take their poems along on the day of the Show.

Inset Days 2019 - 2020

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

ACTIVITIES: 2nd– 6th September

School

Monday 2 nd	Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd	Holiday
Wednesday 4 th	Inset Day
Thursday 5 th	First day back for children
Friday 6 th	

Flyers

Schools' Competition at East Woodhay Flower and Produce Show

SCHOOLS' COMPETITION

WOOLTON HILL JUNIOR/ST. THOMAS'S INFANT

V

ST. MARTIN'S PRIMARY

**FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FAMILY PASS TO FINKLEY
DOWN FARM (KS1) or 4 KINGDOMS ADVENTURE
PARK (KS2)**

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR POEM at 2PM

TO

EAST WOODHAY FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

EAST WOODHAY VILLAGE HALL (RG20 0AP)

**Lots of classes for the whole family to enter including
the dog! – for details and to print an entry form go to**

www.eastwoodhayflowershow.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you