St Martin's School Weekly News

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THIS WEEK

Christmas Fair

Last Saturday was our Christmas fair. There were a wide range of stalls selling a variety of products, craft activities for the children to complete, tombolas and, of course, the opportunity to meet Father Christmas. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A huge thank you to the School Association and everyone who worked so hard to organise, prepare and run the Christmas fair. We are looking forward to hearing how much money was raised to support the school!

Brave Day

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed Brave Day on Tuesday. One of our Governors, Mrs Greer, completed a learning walk during the morning, and commented on just what a wide range of different activities the children had chosen to complete. All the children worked incredibly hard throughout the day, displaying lots of our learning skills (perseverance, concentration, teamwork, resourcefulness, curiosity and reflection), and should be incredibly proud of what they achieved.



Cherry Class Train Trip to Bedwyn



On Tuesday morning, Cherry Class went on a train trip from Kintbury to Bedwyn to support their learning about transport. The children had a great time spotting all different types of transport as they went on their journey. They caught a coach, saw barges, a freight train, a speedy train and even a tractor and plough! The children had a lovely time and they were beautifully behaved, even when they had to wait

in the rain for 10 minutes at Bedwyn station - the biscuit, singing and 'I spy' game probably helped. They have written some brilliant books all

about their trip. Beck B wrote 'I got on a bus' and Oliver R said 'I saw a whizzing train'. Thank you so much to the parents who made this trip possible, Louisa Rehling, Anna Wake and Becky Bonas.



Christmas Tree

After all their hard work digging up the Christmas tree last week, Year 6 have decorated our school Christmas tree this week. I am sure that you will agree that it looks amazing!

News From Bukuya School

Dodie has recently been in touch with news from Bukuya, our link school in Uganda. As a result of the money donated through the link school project, including the money we have raised at St Martin's School, Bukuya school has fixed their windows and doors (and bought new ones where this was not possible), made staff uniforms and are awaiting delivery of new sports jerseys for the pupils. They have asked Dodie to pass on their thanks and best wishes to everyone at St Martin's.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Christmas Post Boxes

Please be aware that our school Christmas post boxes will go out on Monday 3rd December. If children wish to send cards to friends in school, please ensure that they write the child's full name and class on the envelope to help us ensure they are delivered to the right person.

COINS Year 6

The Year 6 children are looking forward to taking part in the COINS workshop on Wednesday and exploring the traditions of Christmas.

Lower School Christmas Nativity

Lower school are currently busy rehearsing for their Christmas nativity. They will be sharing it with the rest of the school on Monday 10th December and friends and family are invited to attend one of the two performances:

- . *9:30am on Tuesday 11th December,
- *2:30pm on Wednesday 12th December,

Please be aware that there will be a donation following each performance to raise money for our school.

Christmas Jumper Day

Please be aware that we are taking part in the National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th December. Children and staff are invited to wear their own clothes, including a Christmas jumper to school for the day. Any donations that you wish to send in will be sent to Save The Children.

School Christmas Lunch

The School Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 18th December. The order form should have come home with your child. Please complete it and return it to school as soon as possible.

Christmas Around The Tree

We would like to invite all friends and family to Christmas Around The Tree on Thursday 20th December at 2:30pm in the school hall. We are looking forward to ending the term by coming together around our Christmas tree to sing a variety of fun Christmas songs.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: North House Captain and Vice: Annabelle P, Freddie B		AVERAGE MERITS
		2.74
Florence H, Will A	South	2.58
Jozef S, Natalie C	West	2.45
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	2.16

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Anabel M for a very evocative setting description in English. Albert R for writing such a lengthy and detailed dragon fact file in English. Louis E, George D, Frank A, Reece L, Harry H, and Beck B for writing about the Zoo in discovery time.

Lucy M for fantastic number line work in Maths.











Courage Awards

Congratulations to:

Leonardo D and Noah RK for showing creativity, teamwork, concentration and perseverance in making a fantastic 'Robin Hood' forest on Brave Day.

Bonnie B for having the courage to stand up and do a reading on behalf of someone else, at the last minute.

Respect Awards

Congratulations to:

Imogen W for always being ready to listen and learn and showing respect to everyone.

Other Awards

Congratulations to:

Anabel M for achieving 3rd place in KD Gymnastics. Logan A for achieving gold in linkai Judo competitition. Eadie G and Robyn G for achieving silver in linkai Judo competition. James G for achieving bronze in linkai Judo competition.

NOTICES:

Payments for Dinners, Breakfast Club and Fun Club

Gentle reminder - please make sure all accounts for Dinners, Breakfast Club and Fun Club are paid up to date.

SCHOOL CLUBS:

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

Zumba

Zumba with Mrs Tyas will be finishing at the end of the Autumn term. We would like to thank her for making the Zumba dance classes so much fun for the children.

Cross Country Club

Mrs Alexander is now running this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office.

Inset Days

Friday 21st December 2018 Friday 5th April 2019 Monday 3rd June 2019

ACTIVITIES: 1st - 7th December 2018

School

Monday 3rd French Club 12:30pm Tuesday 4th Judo Club 8:00am – 8:45am Wednesday 5th Zumba Club 3:25pm – 4:20pm Thursday 6th Italian Club 12:25pm

Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm

Friday 7th Keyboard and Violin lessons 9:45am

Cross Country 12:00pm

Church

Sunday 2nd Paris Communion East Woodhay 11.00am

Advent 1 Matins Highclere 11.00am

Christingle Highclere 3.30pm

Christingle Ashmansworth 3.30pm Christingle Woolton Hill 3.30pm

NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE BENEFICE

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You are invited to a Christingle Service

and help support
The Children's Society

There is a choice of services on:

Sunday 2nd December

3.30pm

...arrive to 'make your own Christingle' before the service from 3.00pm at...

St Michael & All Angels' Church or Highelere St The

St Thomas' Church Woolton Hill

or 3.30pm

at St James', Ashmansworth for Messy Christingle

(please bring a donation for the Children's Society, gift aid envelopes will be available at the services)

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to one of our Christingle services as we celebrate

Jesus the Light of the World

and support the good work of the Children's Society.



Friday 7th December

Nativity in Bethlehem



Bring a costume if you have one!

In Burghclere Church 3.30 pm





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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