

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term is Humility. As always, we love to hear about how your children are demonstrating the Christian Values at home. Please share any examples on our board in the hall entitled 'Humility in Action'.

THIS WEEK

Year 5 Taster Day at The Clere

Several of the children in Year 5 attended a taster day at the Clere on Monday. They thoroughly enjoyed all the different activities that they took part in during the day. We have also received very positive feedback from staff at the Clere about the way the children behaved during the day – well done and thank you to the Year 5 children for representing St Martin's so well!

School Eucharist

The whole school came together on Wednesday for our summer term Eucharist. It was lovely to welcome friends, family and members of the church congregation to this service as well and we hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed the coffee and cake afterwards. We spent the service thinking about humility, including listening to a song from Cherry Class and a reading and prayers from Sycamore Class.

Y6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral

Y6 had a lovely day out at Winchester Cathedral for the diocese Leaver's Service. They took with them their bee canvas 'Working Together' - the culmination of several weeks' hard work in class.

Along with two other schools, St Martin's were invited to take part in the service by giving a presentation about our work around the theme 'Stewardship of God's world'. Katya B and Edward B did an amazing job speaking in front of a congregation of over 600 people.

The Bishop of Basingstoke spoke in a very engaging way about the importance of looking after our environment and Isaac R and William F did an excellent job as banner bearers and Louis C of collecting the commemorative candle as part of the service. A huge thank you should also go to Mrs Hopkinson, who came in on her day off to enable the trip to go ahead!

It was a wonderful way to begin celebrating the time Y6 have had at St Martin's and I hope the memory will stay with them for years to come.

Mrs Braidley

New Year R Story Time

It was lovely to welcome our new Year R children into school this week for a 'story time' session. Hopefully they have enjoyed listening to a range of stories and are looking forward to joining St Martin's in September. We still have a few places available in Year R next year so if you know anyone who is looking for a place, please encourage them to contact the school office.

School Photographs

Your child should have bought home proofs of the class photographs last week. Please return any orders to school by 24th June to enable us to order photos and get them to you by the end of term.

Staffing News

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

East Woodhay Flower Show

All of the children in school have been invited to enter the School's competition at the East Woodhay Flower show. If your child would like to take part, they need to write a poem (it can be any type of poem and of any length) based on the theme of Taking Care of our World – something that we know our children are passionate about. They are also encouraged to decorate their poem. Completed entries then need to be taken to the schools competition area on the day of the show – Saturday 18th August. Please ensure that your child's full name, key stage and school are clearly written on the back of their poem. There will be certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each key stage and a prize for the winner. If your child is in Year 1 – Year 6 and has decided to enter this competition they can count it as one of their 'grid' activities for homework this half term. Good luck.

Further information about the flower show can be found at www.eastwoodhayflowershow.co.uk.

NEXT WEEK

Sports Day

We will be holding our traditional sports afternoon on Tuesday 25th June. All friends and families are welcome to join us on the school field from 1:30pm.

We also have our sports activity morning on Monday 24th June, where the children will take part in a range of interesting and exciting sports activities. Please be aware that due to space friends and family are not invited to attend.

Year R Transition Meeting

We would like to invite all parents of children in Cherry Class to a special meeting on Wednesday 26th June at 2:45pm in the school hall. During this meeting we will explain some of the changes that the children will experience as they join Silver Birch Class in September and move from the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum into the Key Stage 1 curriculum.

NSPCC Assembly

The NSPCC are visiting St Martin's on Thursday afternoon to lead assemblies for children in Key Stage 1 and 2. If your child is in Key Stage 1 or 2, please see the letter that came home with the children today for more information.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Opportunity to See Your Children's Work

We would like to invite all parents and carers into school the week after next so that the children can share with you the work they have completed this year and you can celebrate the progress they have made with them. There are two opportunities for you to do this (please be aware that you only need to come in once):

*3:00pm – 3:30pm on Monday 1st July;

*8:45am – 9:15am on Tuesday 2nd July.

Last Day of Term

As you are aware from the school diary dates, we are holding our Leaver's Service on Tuesday 23rd July at 11:00am. During this our Year 6 children will reflect on their time at St Martin's and share their memories of their time here. We will also wish them all the very best as they leave us and move on to secondary schools. Following the service, parents and carers of our Year 6 children are very welcome to stay on and enjoy a picnic lunch with their children on the school field. The whole school community will then gather on the field at 1:30pm to present various awards and trophies – everyone is very welcome to join us (we are all hoping for sunny weather!). This usually takes about an hour and children will then be allowed to leave with their parents and carers.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	South	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captain and Vice:		
Florence H, Will A		3.38
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	2.91
Annabelle P, Freddie B	North	2.61
Jozef S, Natalie E	West	2.32

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to:

Natalie E in maths for wrestling with reasoning about fractions until she got it.
Beth A in English for very thorough answers to reading comprehension.
Joe H in Maths for great reasoning about equivalent fractions.
Toby S for writing a great description.



School Values Awards



Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Danik T for being a supportive friend in class and always helping others.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to:

Theadora W for Swimming 25 metres back stroke.
Archie S for achieving level 4 British Gymnastics Proficiency Award.

COMMUNITY NEWS

East Woodhay Open Garden Safari

Everyone is more than welcome at the East Woodhay Open Garden Safari on Sunday 23rd June. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter or visit www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaygardens for more information.

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.

Your child's dinner money account must show as a zero balance or show in credit, this will mean that you will need to put credit on your dinner money accounts to cover your child's lunches. St Martin's does not allow you to build up a debt on these dinner money accounts.

Should you need help accessing your online account, please email t.carter@st-martins.hants.sch.uk.

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.

CLUBS

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

The Breakfast Club and Fun Club booking form for June and July 2019 is 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.

Summer term 2019 dates for clubs

Club	Session Begin	Sessions End
Simply Guitar	Tuesday 23 rd April	Tuesday 23 rd July
Keyboard/Violin	Friday 26 th April	Friday 19 th July
Cross Country	Friday 3 rd May	Friday 19 th July
Grassroots Football	Monday 29 th April	Monday 22 nd July
French Club	Monday 29 th April	Monday 22 nd July
Iinkai Judo	Tuesday 30 th April	Tuesday 16 th July
Italian Club	Thursday 2 nd May	Thursday 18 th July
Ace Dance	Thursday 2 nd May	Thursday 18 th July
Brass/Woodwind	Thursday 25 th April	Thursday 18 th July

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Summer Fair – 29th June 11.30am – 2.30pm



There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 28th June in return for a bottle donation for the bottle tombola.

Paper plates will be coming home on Monday so please check your children's bags. We would be grateful for donations of homemade or bought cakes, biscuits etc. for the cake stall.

School Disco 80's Night

Thank you to those people who have bought tickets for this fund raiser event. Tickets are still available so please contact Caroline Bridge/ Vic Gethin or fill in your forms at the office and pop them into the PTA box. All monies raised will go towards buying a new stage for the school. We are also looking for anyone who works for a company who would provide any matched funding for us. This is such an easy way to increase the profit on this event and make more money for the school. Please contact Caroline Bridge if you can help. Many thanks indeed!

Your School Association (PTA) needs you!

We are currently without a treasurer and urgently need someone to volunteer for this role. No formal training or qualifications are needed and Tracey (our previous treasurer) has offered to provide support if necessary to start with. If you think you may be able to help or if you would like to find out more, please contact either Kirstine or Alex (co-chairs of the School Association) or the School Office.

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: 24th -28th June

School

Monday 24 th	French Club 12.30pm Grassroots Football 3.30pm
Tuesday 25 th	Year 6 Think Safe visit am Judo Club 8.00am Guitar lessons 9.00am Sport Day from 1.30pm Netball Club 3.30pm
Wednesday 26 th	Year R transition meeting 2:45pm
Thursday 27 th	Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm ACE Dance 3.30pm NSPCC assembly
Friday 28 th	Keyboard/Violin lessons Cross Country 12.00 noon Year 3 swimming lessons Story time YR 2019 2.00pm-2.30pm

Church

23 rd May	Holy Communion	Highclere	8.00am
Trinity 1	Parish Communion	Woolton Hill	9.30am
	Messy Church	Ashmansworth	11.00am
	Holy Communion	Crux Easton	11.00am
	Garden Praise (Church Farm)	East Woodhay	5.30pm

Flyers

PTA 80's Night

Messy Church

East Woodhay Open Gardens

The Clere School

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS



80s

80's attire
encouraged!

Night

80's inspired
supper &
welcome drink!!

FRIDAY 12th JULY 2019
EAST WOODHAY VILLAGE HALL

8:00PM
TIL LATE

TICKETS £20 BEFORE 7th JUNE, £25 AFTER.
MONIES RAISED WILL BUY A NEW STAGE FOR SCHOOL.
DROP PAYMENT SLIPS INTO PTA BOX AT SCHOOL
OFFICE.

CONTACT CAROLINE BRIDGE 07971 867712



Friday 21 June

*Brave and Mighty
Warrior*

**In Burghclere Church
3.30 pm**

**For your Diary: Friday 4 October; 8 November
and 6 December 2019**

East Woodhay
Open Gardens Safari EAST WOODHAY,
 NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE

— Sunday 23rd June 2019 —

Five gardens to visit
 cycle, walk or drive
Artists in residence
Teas + cakes
Plant sale TOMBOLA
Silver Band

12.00 to 4.00pm

Service of Garden Praise at 5.30pm



Entry: £8.00 - under 12s free

Tickets available at any of the gardens
 on the day

For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaygardens>

In aid of Prior's Court School and
 St Martin's Church, East Woodhay

East Woodhay
Open Gardens Safari EAST WOODHAY,
 NEWBURY, BERKS

— Sunday 23rd June 2019 —

Something for everyone - fantastic range of five gardens to visit with lots of interest from formal planting schemes to traditional cottage gardens with colours, structure and views - lots to inspire the keen, casual or amateur gardener alike.

Bacon butties for early birds from 11.30 at Bourne House, with off-road parking. Teas and cakes with the East Woodhay Silver Band playing - 2.30 to 4.30pm. Ever popular plant sale and tombola with fantastic prize at Church Farm (parking on-site).

Round off the day with an outdoor service of garden praise at 5.30pm at Church Farm, close to St Martin's Church.

To visit the gardens: either park close to the clusters of gardens, or visit on foot or by bike. A map will be provided with your ticket. Tickets purchased at any of the gardens - no advance booking needed.

Gardens to visit: RG20 ONE: Bourne House
 RG20 OAG: Sun Grove Lodge
 RG20 OAF: Dormer Cottage
 RG20 OAL: Rectory Farm
 RG20 OAL: The Old Rectory

Funds raised will go towards Prior's Court School and the upkeep of St Martin's Church, East Woodhay.

For further details, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/eastwoodhaygardens>

or email: burlyns@btinternet.com



The Clere School

"This is a Good School" (Ofsted, May 2019)



The Clere School was inspected by Ofsted for two days in May 2019 and we are delighted to announce that we are a "Good" school in all areas.

"Teaching is good. Teachers strive to support pupils' learning and challenge them to make strong progress. Pupils receive useful feedback which they value and use to improve their work"

"Pupils are excellent ambassadors for The Clere School. They are polite, courteous and respectful to all and are proud of their school"

"Pupils feel safe in school and have an understanding of how to keep themselves safe"

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