

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 2

14th September 2018

Thank you

I just wanted to say thank you to everybody for their support and understanding this week. As many of you are aware I have had to cancel several meetings this week as my daughter has been in hospital. She is now making a good recovery and I am expecting to be back in school next week. I will be in contact to re-arrange the meetings that have been postponed as soon as possible.

Mrs Bartlett

Prayer Pebbles

Your child may have explained that we have purchased a number of prayer pebbles. These will be kept in a special basket on the worship table in each classroom. The gold pebbles represent 'thank you', the purple pebbles represent 'sorry', and the green pebbles represent 'please'. If the children wish to say sorry, thank you or please to God, they will be able to take a pebble from the basket and place it in the special basket in the hall during our whole school worship times. There will also be a basket in the reception area so that if any parent, carer or visitor to our school wishes to take a pebble and add it to our basket in the hall, they are more than welcome to do so.

WoW

We are still looking for volunteers to act as Marshalls for our WoW scheme – we need help on a Thursday from 8:30am – 8:45am. Wow helps encourage fitness, teaches children important road safety skills and helps reduce congestion at our main entrance, thereby helping to keep our children safe. If you are able to help with this important scheme, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please be aware that all children using our WoW scheme need to wear a hi vis jacket. We have purchased a number of new jackets, which are different sizes and therefore different colours, so the children will always be able to find one that fits them.

School Grounds

We are very grateful to Mrs Prowse who continues to help maintain our nature area. However the warm weather and recent rain has seen a significant number of weeds grow around our grounds. We are looking for a group of green-fingered volunteers to help weed, cut back and generally spruce up our school grounds. If you are available and willing to help anytime on Monday 17th September between 3:30pm and 6:00pm, please let the school office know. Children are more than welcome to stay and help but they must have an adult with them, who is responsible for them. School has a limited number of gardening tools, so any that you are able to bring with you would be appreciated. We are also hoping to plant a range of bulbs around the school grounds. Therefore we are holding a 'bring a bulb to school' day on Friday 28th September. On this day all children are encouraged to bring a bulb into school which can then be planted somewhere on the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your support.

Change to School Lunch Charges

St Martin's uses Hampshire County Council for school meal provision. The price of a meal has remained the same for several years, at £2.15. From the 4th September 2018 there will be a price increase, which is set by Hampshire County Council; the meal for KS2 pupils will now be £2.30. This new price of £2.30 will still give you a nutritious, healthy and well balanced two course lunch. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 continue to be entitled to have a school lunch free of charge.

Letters

The start of the school year is a good opportunity for us to check that all our paper work is in order and that the details we hold for all children are up to date. Again this week the children will be bringing home a number of letters. Please make sure you read these carefully and return them to school as soon as possible.

Payments for Breakfast, Fun Club and School Lunches.

Thank you for your support with making sure that your account is up to date with the move to a cashless office, it has been a tremendous help and made a noticeable difference.

Your ScoPay account does allow you to put a credit onto your account and that is a really helpful way to stay ahead. All of the bookings for Breakfast and Fun Club are now on the system up until half term.

Any questions please email j.james@st-martins.hants.sch.uk

Highclere Castle Trip – Maple and Willow Classes

The children in Maple and Willow class are looking forward to their trip to Highclere Castle on Friday 21st September. Please make sure that the permission slip for your child is returned by Tuesday 18th September so that we can complete all necessary paperwork prior to this trip. Voluntary donation to enable this trip to take place, can be made on Scopay.

Greenham Trust Family Fun Run

Greenham Trust is offering schools the opportunity to win £500. In order to qualify for the prize draw, we need 10 or more pupils to register to participate in their mini mile, 5K or 10K run on 14th October. If your child would like to take part in the fun run, please register them on the Green Trust website, http://www.stepup4good.co.uk/?page_id=4009, making sure that you state that they attend St Martin's School. Thank you.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: South

AVERAGE MERITS

2.25

West

1.58

North

1.52

East

1.08

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to: Elri K for showing great understanding of how sentence length affects the reader.

Congratulations to: Penelope P for amazing '1 more' work in Maths.

Congratulations to: George A for working independently on map labels in English.

Congratulations to: Olivia Bennett for making a wonderful pyramid for homework.



School Values Awards



Respect Award

Congratulations to: Willow G for adapting quickly to a change of teacher and classroom and making great contributions to both Maths and English.

Congratulations to: Maple Class for great learning and cooperation during Maths and English in class of 57!

Friendship Award

Congratulations to: Ava S-H for being such an amazing friend to everyone. Ava always wants people to feel better.

Courage Award

Congratulations to: Alice R for her contributions to every class discussion.

Congratulations to: Year 6 who applied for Ambassador roles for being brave and putting yourselves forward.

Other Awards:

Congratulations to: Bojana who won the Mountain and Moorland Leading Rein class on her pony Colne Torpedo at Henley County Show on Saturday qualifying for Equifest 2019 and TSR Finals 2019. She was also Champion of all the lead rein ponies and won a huge trophy!

NOTICES:

School Clubs:

French Club – French Club with Dominique Colthurst will be starting again on Monday 17th September.

Italian Club – Italian Club with Silvia Defina will be starting again on Tuesday 18th September.

Judo Club – linkai Judo will begin again on Tuesday 18th September from 8:00am-8:45am.

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

Zumba

Chantal Tyas will be running a free trial Zumba session on Friday 21st September for any children who would like to trial a class. Zumba classes will begin on Wednesday 3rd October and Friday 5th October from 3:25pm to 4:20pm, there will be more information to follow.

Cross Country Club – Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club but it will not start straight away.

Monday Funday

Monday Funday will begin again on Monday 17th September from 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

Inset Days

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2018

Monday 3rd June 2018

Missing Skull

Last term several children brought in props for the upper school play, Unfortunately we are missing a skull! Please return it if you find it.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Park House Open Evening/Mornings

The dates below received from Park House School:

Open Evening Thursday 20th September, 6:00pm to 9:00pm with Headteacher talks at 6:15pm, 7:15pm and 8:15pm.

Open Morning Friday 21st September – 9:15am to 11:00am.

Open Morning Tuesday 16th October – 9:15am to 11:00am.

Clere School Open Day

Thursday 20th September from 6.30pm.

FREE CUPBOARD (this was the first aid cupboard in the office)

Contact the school office if you are interested. Please collect from school hall.

ACTIVITIES: 15th – 21st September 2018

School

Monday 17 th	French Club 12:30pm Monday Funday 2:00pm Yr 2 – 6 Football Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 18 th	Judo Club 8:00am- 8:45am Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 19 th	
Thursday 20 th	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
Friday 21 th	Xenia Kasper Keyboard and Violin – 9:45am Highclere Castle trip – Maple and Willow 1:00pm – 4:15pm

Church

Sunday 16 th	Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9:30am
Trinity 16 th	Family Service	East Woodhay	9:30am
	Parish Communion	Highclere	11:00am
	Evensong (BCP)	Crux Easton	6:00pm

School Association

Monday 17th September School Association meeting at 7:45pm.

Church of the Ascension
Burghclere



Please come and join us for loads of Bible
themed Fun, Crafts and Activities in Church at
3:30pm on the following Autumn 2018 dates:

Friday 21st September

Going on a Mediterranean Journey

Friday 2nd November

Caring for God's World

Friday 7th December - Nativity





EAST WOODHAY FAMILY LUNCH

EW VILLAGE HALL, HEATH END RG20 0AP

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 1230 PM

It has been three years since our last parish harvest celebration and six since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee party.

So come and help us celebrate the work of our farmers and other food producers!

Book your tickets, price £10 adults, £5 children (aged 11 and under) via Sarah Leventhorpe EWLunchTickets@gmail.com or telephone 0779 643 4827

Includes hog-roast + pudding and soft drinks; BYO wine, beer etc