

St Martin's School

Weekly News

ISSUE 40

20th July 2018

I can't believe that I have reached the end of my first year at St Martin's. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last year and feel very lucky to be Headteacher of such a special school. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome and supported me throughout the past year. I am thoroughly looking forward to next year and all that it brings! I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 4th September (please note that Monday 3rd September is an INSET day).

Mrs Bartlett

THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Goodbye to Staff

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff that are leaving us this term – Mrs Clifton, Mrs Brown, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Andrews and Miss Byrne. It was lovely to see so many friends and family in school yesterday to thank these staff and wish them all the best for the future. The children sang and danced beautifully and all our special guests of honour thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Goodbye to Children

We would like to wish all the children leaving us this year (Cheyenne B, Milla B, Tom C, Spencer C, Harry D, Will D, Zach G, Poppy L, Nina M, Beau P, Jack R, Zak R, Charles S and Nancy F) all the very best for the future. 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.

Barn Dance

The barn dance to celebrate Mrs Clifton's retirement last Friday evening was a huge success. Thank you to everyone in the School Association who helped to organise and run the event and to everyone who was able to attend. The dancing was very impressive and everyone really got into the spirit of things and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, including Mrs Clifton. The barn dance has made a profit of over £2000 before matched funding, which is amazing and will make a real difference to our children. Thank you!

A Message From Mrs Clifton

How can I begin to thank everyone for that lovely send off? It was lovely to hear the kind words from the Parents' Association at the fabulous Barn Dance last weekend; thank you Lorraine! And to receive that lovely bouquet too.

In school I was treated to my very own song, thank you so much Mrs Wellings and to that amazing whole school dance that Mrs Wellings had devised for the Queen's birthday and was performed again... with new pupils of course! Thank you to all of you who contributed to my lovely and generous gifts, including that unique finger print cherry tree, thank you so much Mrs Alexander. But most of all, those smiling faces and kind messages. What a fantastic school to have been a part of for 20 (?) years. No wonder I never left! Mrs C

Monday Funday

After eight years of hard work Geraldine has hung up her apron at Monday Funday. She has made the drinks and looked after visiting families and toddlers for many years; even bringing her own grandson on occasions. Thank you so much for all your contributions Geraldine.

Thank You

Thank you to Mr Waite and Miss Mooney for moving all those bark chippings for us. We are so grateful for your help; all part of making the nature area more usable for our children. Thank you.

We are looking forward to adding to our nature area with all the lovely gifts we have had, both from our Year 6 leavers, who have kindly given us a bird bath and bird feeder and from Mrs Clifton, who has kindly given us a hedgehog home. Thank you – your gifts mean a lot to us.

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. 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. Our two Junior Road safety Officers, Katya B and Louis C helped us with the training. Thank you. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Rennison had their training too, and successfully trained any children from other classes who had missed the WoW training last year, so hopefully all of our children, except for Cherries, are now trained.

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 by the end of term. Thank you!



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: North

AVERAGE MERITS

House Captains: Elri K, Brandon W

2.10

Jack R, David S
Emily D, Katya B
Louis K, Milla B

West
South
East

1.93
1.74
1.63



HOUSE OF THE HALF TERM: NORTH - well done!

HOUSE CAPTAINS: Elri K, Brandon W.

School Cups

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

Leadership through Example: Emily D

Music: Elri K

Leadership through Sport: Harry J

Progress: David S



School Values Awards



St. Martin's Awards

For consistently showing our four school values throughout the year.

Cherry: Jack SH and Flo Thompson

Silver Birch: Tom A and Ava S-H
Sycamore: Willow G and Rufus E
Maple: Jean-Luc S
Willow: Spencer C and Adam K

Other Awards

Congratulations to:

Grace HS, Sofia HS, Orlaith E, Ophelia E, Ava SH and Jack SH for attending Italian Club for this half term.

William H, Libby H and Sebastian B for achieving Beginner stage playing Keyboard.

Danik T for achieving levels 1 – 8 in British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards.

NOTICES:

School Clubs

Football Club – will begin again on Monday 10th September.

French Club – will begin again on Monday 17th September.

Italian Club – will start later in the autumn term date to follow.

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

Brass/Woodwind lessons with Mr. Crouter – will begin again on Thursday 13th September.

Keyboard lessons with Xenia Kasper – will start again on Friday 7th September.

Monday Funday

Dates to follow.

Birthday Cards

We would be very grateful for any donations of Birthday Cards that we could use at school. If you have any please bring them into the office next term.

Cashless Office from September 2018

Please make sure that your accounts with Sco Pay are cleared by the end of term. Please remember that the Finance office is cashless and chequeless from September 2018, we thank you for your support with this. If you are using Sco Pay for the first time please come to the office and we can give you your online access code. If your child is moving into year 3, please be aware that if your child is having school dinners, you will need to keep your dinner money account up to date. Many parents choose to pay half termly in advance so that they don't have to keep checking their accounts.

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 be £2.30. This new price of £2.30 will still give you a nutritious, healthy and well balanced two course lunch.

Inset days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2018

Monday 3rd June 2018

Medication

Please can you ensure that you take your children's medication home at the end of term.

Work Over the Summer Holidays

We are delighted that over the summer holidays we will be having our reception area redesigned. The plan is to create a 'welcome desk' so that when parents and visitors come into school they are able to talk to Mrs Carter and Mrs James easily, without having to squeeze into the office itself. We will also be having the front door replaced (as you are all aware our current door is a little temperamental) and having a security lock added to the door between reception and the main part of the hall. This majority of the funding is coming from the Diocese of Winchester with the remaining 10% coming from the Governor 10% account. This account is separate from the school budget and there are very strict guidelines on what the funds in it can be used for.

We are also hoping to arrange to have interactive whiteboard panels fitted into every classroom. As you are aware, the School Association have been fund raising for this project since the Autumn term, when Sycamore class trialled an interactive whiteboard on a loan scheme and were amazed with how it could be used. Watch this space for confirmation that we are able to get the necessary plans in place for this work to take place over the summer.

A huge thank you to everyone who has made these improvements possible – the diocese, the governors, the school association and everyone who has supported the fund raising events!

Lost Property

Anabel M has lost her school cardigan this week, it is named, if you find it can you return it to Anabel or the school office. Thanks

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Park House Open Evening/Mornings:

The dates below received from Park House School:

Open Evening Thursday 20 Sept – 6:00pm to 9:00pm with Headteacher talks on the hours of 6:15pm, 7:15pm and 8:15pm

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

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

Football – Summer Holiday Club Hatch Warren Infant School

Hatch Warren Infant School in Basingstoke is hosting the Active Kids Summer Holiday club from the 23rd July to 30th August. Parents can book up to 5 days for £7.50 per day for each child and this includes a whole day of activities and lunch provided by Sainsbury's. Please see flyer below.

GR Swimming Schools Summer Crash Course

We are running a crash course during the summer. These courses are amazing and the children will benefit immensely from this course.

Below are contact details - please get in touch if you are interested in taking up a place.

As a 'thank you' we are happy to give your PTA a gift for their Christmas Fayre or summer fete as we have before.

GR Swimming Schools Summer Crash Course

23rd-27th July at Brockhurst School, Hermitage, Thatcham

rose@swimlessons.co.uk

01635 201410

Hatha Yoga

Wednesday morning Hatha yoga in the barn will be continuing over the holidays. A x7 week series 9-10.15am costs £56, which runs from 4.7.18 to 15.8.18, or £10 to pre book as a drop in.

Joteyoga@gmail.com or Joanna on 07970 166675.

Church

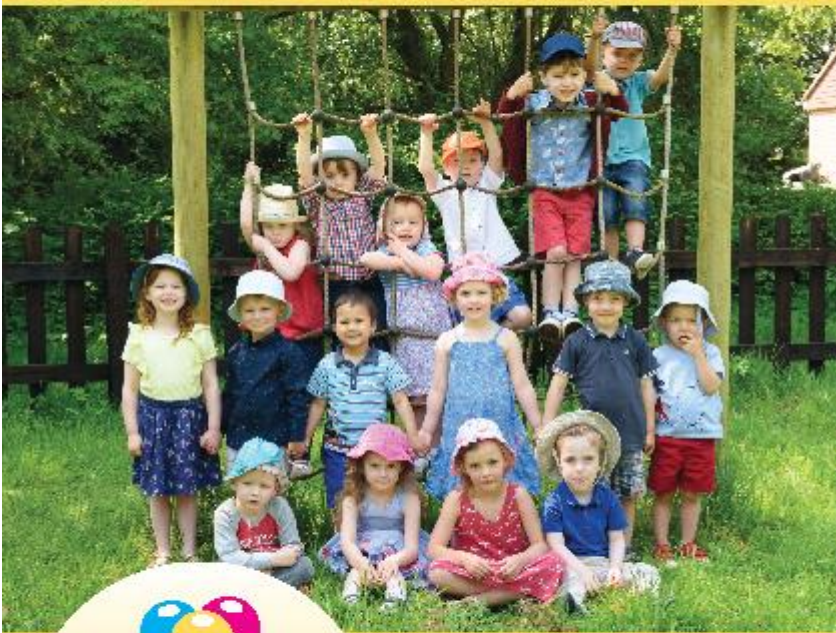
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| Sunday 22nd | Holy Communion | Highclere | 8:00am |
| Mary | Morning Worship | Woolton Hill | 9.30am |
| Magdalene | Family Service | East woodhay | 9.30am |
| | Matins | Highclere | 11.00am |
| | Holy Communion | Ashmansworth | 11.00am |

Flyers:

Active Kids Holiday Club
Summer Football Club
Woolton Hill Argyle Football Club
Bright Sparks Flyer

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WOOLTON HILL ARGYLE FOOTBALL
CLUB

Football for Year 2 Boys and Girls starting September 2018

Woolton Hill Argyle will be running a new team from September 2018 for Year 2 Boys and Girls.

Training will start at 9am on Saturday 1st September 2018 at Woolton Hill Junior School.

Matches will be played on Sunday mornings against other local Year 2 teams.

We have spaces available and welcome all families to come along and enjoy playing football in a friendly professionally run local football Club.

If you are interested in joining please contact Alfie on

alfonsodefina@gmail.com or 07973 504888.

Active Kids holiday club

Coming to a school near you



200  **+** **£7.50**
Nectar points per booking per child, per day

Find out more and sign up at activekids.sainsburys.co.uk

For children aged 5-10. Trial run in 25 locations between 2 July and 28 August 2016. Runs 4pm-5pm. Places subject to availability. Offer open to UK Nectar card holders. In exchange 200 Nectar points for an active code during the booking process. Max 5 sessions per child and 10 children per booking. You will contract with Premier Education PLC. Full terms and conditions at <http://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>. Promoter is Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, 32 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT.



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Summer Holiday Football Camps



23rd July - 27th July - @ Robert Sandilands, Newbury
30th July - 3rd Aug - @ Francis Baily, Thatcham
6th Aug - 10th Aug - @ Robert Sandilands, Newbury
13th Aug - 17th Aug - @ Francis Baily, Thatcham
20th Aug - 24th Aug - @ Robert Sandilands, Newbury
28th Aug - 31st Aug - @ Francis Baily, Thatcham (4 day week £60)

Specialist Goalkeeper Training Dates

Friday 3rd, 17th, 24th August - limited spaces

£18 per day

£75 per 5 day week

10am - 4pm

Early drop off 9am (£2.50 per day)

Late pick up 5pm (£2.50 per day)

Footyskills4kids@aol.com

Footy Skills



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