

St Martin's School Weekly News

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Our focus in worship this half term is Humility. We have asked the children to talk to their adults at home about what humility means to them and be prepared to share ideas in worship. We would really appreciate you supporting your children with this. 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

STARS Award – the National School Travel Award

It was lovely to welcome Kirstie Green from the Hampshire School Travel team to present our Bronze Level STARS award. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and are already looking at how we can achieve the silver award.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Congratulations to the Year 1 children who completed their phonics screening this week. All of the children enjoyed reading some special words with Mrs Burke and all tried really hard, even when the words got tricky! We are very proud of all of them.

COINS

The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed the COINS session on Tuesday morning. The activities made them think really carefully about transition to secondary school, the things they are worried about, the things they are excited about and how they can take control of their feelings and ensure they are successful next year.



Y6 Tennis Tournament at Park House

Congratulations to Adam, Katya, Elri and William who represented St Martin's at the tennis tournament at Park House on Thursday. They did an amazing job of demonstrating our school values and showed respect at all times. They also thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Mrs M Hancock for accompanying the children and to those parents who helped with transport and supported the event.

New Year R Tea Party

It was lovely to welcome our new Year R children into school this afternoon for the Cherry tea party. The current Year R children and some Year 6 volunteers did an amazing job of welcoming them and helping them feel at home at St Martin's.

School Photographs

Your child should have bought home proofs of the class photographs this 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 a 1:1 LSA, a class LSA and an After School Club Manager. If you or anyone you know is interested, please see the adverts on the Hampshire website.

Increase in Dinner Money costs

From September 2019, the cost of school dinners will be increasing from £2.30 to £2.40 for a two course, hot school meal. This is following the Executive Member for Children's Services Decision Day on 8th May. This revised charge reflects inflationary pressures associated with food costs and staff pay, which rose by 6.3% in April 2019, when the hourly pay rate for catering assistants was increased nationally.

Books

Can you help? We are currently looking to supplement the books we have in school for the children to read. As you are aware we raised money for new books earlier this year though our sponsored read and we are currently enjoying choosing what to spend this money on. Ideally we would like to ensure that every classroom has an age appropriate selection of books that the children can choose from, in addition to being allowed to borrow a book from the library. If you have any books at home that would be suitable for school, especially for Sycamore, Maple or Willow class and you are happy to donate them, please can you let the school office have them. Many thanks for your support.

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 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

School Eucharist

The school Eucharist will take place on Wednesday 19th June at 9:30am in the school hall. All members of the school community are more than welcome to join us for this service. Revd Canon Christine Dale will be leading our service. During the service Revd Canon Dale will be offering communion to anyone, child or adult, who usually receive communion at their church. All children and adults will also be offered a blessing. We will use the information collected earlier this year from parents and carers regarding communion and blessings. Based on this information children will be offered communion and/or a blessing. It is then up to the children if they wish to receive it. If this information you provided regarding communion and blessings has changed since the beginning of the year, for example if your child has started taking communion at church in this time, please inform the school office.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK:	West	AVERAGE MERITS
House Captain and Vice:		
Jozef S, Natalie E		4.03
Annabelle P, Freddie B	North	3.74
Florence H, Will A	South	3.03
Gabriella A, Logan A	East	2.83

Special Learning Awards



Congratulations to:

Willow G in English for a carefully spelt and powerful description.
Alistair CS in Maths for being amazing at using a number line to take away.
Freddie F in English for great inference when reading a text.
Orlaith in English for great inference when reading.
Freddie R and Alexander R for reading all the words in the trick words book.
Edward R for reading all the words in the sound out book.
Christiaan K in History for working really hard and enthusiastically when comparing seashores from the Victorians, the 1950s and the present day.
Florence H for brilliant fictional instructions.
Holly C for amazing chunking in division.
George D in writing, he wrote the most amazing story full of great story language, completely on his own and from his imagination.



School Values Awards



Creativity Awards

Congratulations to:

Theadora W for always having great ideas. Theadora decided to make a 'proud' face to add to our feelings board.

Respect Awards

Congratulations to:

Conrad B for respect for constructive feedback which has resulted in huge progress in his learning.

Friendship Awards

Congratulations to:

Robyn G and Livi D for showing friendship to our two new children.

As those of you who were able to attend celebration worship today will be aware, we had a few issues with the certificates being left in a 'very safe space'. If your child received a certificate today and they are not included in the newsletter, please let us know and we will include them next week. We are sincerely sorry and appreciate your understanding!

PAYMENT

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)

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: 17th -21st June

School

Monday 17th French Club 12.30pm
Grassroots Football 3.30pm
Tuesday 18th Judo Club 8.00am
Guitar lessons 9.00am
Netball Club 3.30pm
Wednesday 19th
Thursday 20th Y6 Leaver Service at Winchester Cathedral
Brass/woodwind lessons 1.00pm
ACE Dance 3.30pm
Friday 21st Keyboard/Violin lessons
Cross Country 12.00 noon
Year 3 swimming lessons
Story time YR 2019 2.00pm-2.30pm

Church

16 th May	Morning Worship	Woolton Hill	9.30am
Trinity	Family Service	East Woodhay	9.30am
	Parish Communion	Highclere	11.00am
	Evensong	Crux Easton	6.00pm

Flyers

PTA 80's Night

Messy Church

East Woodhay Open Gardens

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

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: Sungrove 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