

St Martin's School

Weekly News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS:

Thank You to Mrs Bishop

As you will have seen from her letter, due to work commitments, Mrs Bishop has stepped down as Chair of Governors at St Martin's. Mrs Bishop has been our chair of Governors for the last 4 years and in this role made a substantial contribution to the strategic leadership at St Martin's. I would like to thank Mrs Bishop for everything she has done to support, both me personally through my first year as Headteacher at St Martin's, and the school as a whole. I am delighted that Mrs Bishop is continuing in her role as Governor and know that she will continue to effectively support St Martin's.

Mrs Bartlett

Staffing Update

*Following her operation last half term, Mrs Hopkinson is recovering well and has recently started to drive again. It has been lovely to see her at school over the last week and we are all looking forward to her being able to come back to work again soon.

*Mrs Lovell had an operation at the start of half term. We are all delighted to hear that she is recovering well and hoping to be back at school next week.

*Following interviews last half term, we are delighted to be able to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Lydia Turner, to the role of inclusion Manager. Mrs Turner is an experienced SENCO and has worked as an inclusion manager in several different schools. We are looking forward to her joining us in January 2019.

*We are also delighted to have appointed Mrs Christa Pretorius to the role of LSA. Mrs Pretorius holds the Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) status and currently works as a HLTA at a school in Newbury. We are looking forward to Mrs Pretorius joining our team from Tuesday 13th November.

Work Over Half Term

The half term holiday was a very busy time at St Martin's, with lots happening:

*Hampshire provided dehumidifiers to 'dry out' the annex following the flood at the end of last half term. We are incredibly lucky that there has been very little lasting damage and apart from needing to replace a few cupboards and some games that got water damaged, the classrooms are back in use.

*Mr Novais, our school caretaker, spent half term painting the annex and doing some general repairs around school. This has made a significant difference to Willow and Maple classrooms. To quote one child on Tuesday this week, 'it's like having brand new classrooms.' A huge thank you to Mr Novais for managing to achieve this, despite the disruption caused by the flood.

*Mr Alexander kindly built the new shed to house the big blocks in the Year R area and put up their chalk boards. Thank you – this has made a huge difference to our Cherry children.

School Association Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the school association meeting on Tuesday evening – it was lovely to see so many people there. There are some exciting plans for the year ahead and a variety of events that the school association are organising to help raise money for our school. The next is our annual fireworks night on Saturday – please see flyers at the end of this newsletter for more information.

School Nurse Visit

The school nurse was in school on Wednesday as part of the National Heights and Weights programme. She commented on how polite and respectful our Year 6 pupils were – lovely feedback to receive from someone who spends their time visiting different schools.

St Martin's Kneeler's Group

On Thursday we were delighted to welcome the St Martin's Church Kneelers group into school. The children from Cherry Class thoroughly enjoyed meeting the ladies and finding out all about the kneelers that they create.

Shoebox Gift – Samaritan's Purse

Mrs Tame joined us yesterday for our collective worship to tell the children about Operation Christmas Child (run by Samaritan's Purse). If you would like to fill a shoebox with little gifts and essentials, we will transport any boxes delivered to the school to a local collection point, from where they will be taken to children in developing parts of the world to help make their Christmas special. Postage for each box costs £5 so Samaritan's Purse request this as a donation either online or via cheque - further information can be found on their website (<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>). Please can you ensure completed boxes are returned to the school by 9th Friday November.

Multi Skills

On Thursday six children from Silver Birch and Sycamore went to the Multi-skills festival. They all performed wonderfully and we came second in our group. They were able to have a go at 8 different activities! The children particularly enjoyed; archery, curling and Frisbee. St. Martin's School scored the highest at curling making us the best curlers at the event! Well done to everyone who went Thomas A, Leonardo D, Luca D, Ottilie L, and Penelope P. A huge thank you to Mrs Laws for accompanying the children and all the parents that helped with transport, making this event possible.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

School Firework Menu - Monday 5th November

Please be aware that there will be a special Fireworks menu on Monday 5th November.

Meat option: sausage hotdogs
Veg. option: quorn burgers
both with waffles, baked beans or sweetcorn
or
jacket potato with baked beans
 pudding: catherine wheel shortbread, Ice cream

St Martin's Day

This is a special day for our school and church and we will be celebrating this event on Thursday 8th November at 2:15pm at St Martin's Church. The children will again retell, through drama and music, a version of the life story of St Martin from his own point of view. We are sure that those of you who are able to join us at the Church will enjoy the service.

If you are planning to come along to the Church, please could we ask you not to arrive until after 1:45pm. This will hopefully allow enough time for the coach to drop off the children and to have left. The narrow roads leading to church and the small car park at church are easily blocked by parked cars which can prevent the coach from turning and even getting past.

As parking can be so difficult at the church we suggest that if possible you park at school and car share to church. Please park responsibly along the roads – thank you!

All children should be picked up from the Church, after the service, at approximately 3:15pm. Any children booked into Fun Club will be brought back to school from the Church by school staff.

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is Sunday 11th November. We will be talking to the children about Remembrance Day and why many people choose to observe the two minutes silence in our school worships.

Lest We Forget.

On Sunday 11th November the school will lay a wreath as part of the service at the War Memorial at the triangle in East End. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at this local event.

After half term children will have the opportunity to make a donation for a poppy or other related item. If this is something your child would like to do, they need to remember to bring their donations into school in a named envelope or purse. Please note that we limit items to one per child, but we do have more variety this year (i.e. either a paper poppy, a wooden poppy cross, pencil, sharpener, rubbers, reflectors and

rulers.) otherwise we run out of items very quickly. Suggested donations range from £1.00 for wooden crosses and rulers to 50p for all other items.

If your child makes a donation for a wooden cross, they are invited to place their cross on the green in East End, to add to those placed by the local community. You are welcome to do this with your child, possibly prior to the local service on Remembrance Day, if you are planning to attend the event, or school staff will take the children down on the morning of Friday 9th November. If you would like your child to do this with school staff, please make the school office aware.

Wear Blue in Support of Anti Bullying Week

The children are invited to wear blue on Friday 9th November to show their support for anti-bullying week the following week. It is up to the children if they choose to wear one blue item with their normal school uniform or to come dressed completely in blue. As a school, bullying is something that we regularly address through our curriculum and collective worships but we will be having a special focus on it during national anti-bullying week.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK: North
House Captain and Vice:
Annabelle P, Freddie B

AVERAGE MERITS

4.00

Jozef S, Natalie C	West
Florence H, Will A	South
Gabriella A, Logan A	East

3.22

3.03

2.30

Special Learning Awards

Congratulations to: Olivia B in maths for representing multiplication in different ways.



School Values Awards



Friendship Award

Congratulations to: Reece L for making another child happy by giving him his green beanbag just to be kind.

Congratulations to: To the whole of Sycamore class for an amazing start to the new half term focusing both on learning and on having fun.

Congratulations to: Libby H for helping another pupil with his English (Lambton Worm)

Other Awards:

Congratulations to: Phoebe S. for achieving Proficiency award in level 5 Gymnastics

NOTICES:

Fireworks Night

Remember, Remember Saturday 3rd November is our Fireworks night, gates open 5.30pm, fireworks 6.45pm.

This year we will not only have the awesome firework display and beacon but also top quality gourmet burgers and sausages provided by Vicars Game Ltd, a tuck shop, glow sticks, hot chocolate, mulled wine,

Prosecco and beers. In order to make things as easy as possible on the night, please bring coins rather than notes.

Birthday Cake

As you may have noticed in our celebration worships, our birthday cake is looking a little past its best. We were hoping that someone creative may like to make us a new one over half term. If you are able to help, please talk to the School Office.

Christmas fair

Preparations are well under way for our Christmas Fair. We are currently looking for donations to offer as raffle prizes. If you, or the company you work for, may be in a position to help, please talk to Mr Doyle. Thank you!

SCHOOL CLUBS:

French, Italian and Judo Clubs 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

Zumba classes: Wednesday classes have begun but the Friday class for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is on hold until numbers increase.

Cross Country Club

Mrs Alexander has kindly agreed to run this club. Letters are now available from Mrs Alexander or the school office. Mrs Alexander is still looking for any adults who are able to commit to supporting this club on a regular weekly basis. Please talk to either Mrs Alexander directly, or to the School office, if you are able to help each week. The club will take place on Friday lunchtimes, 12-12.30pm.

Inset Days

Friday 21st December 2018

Friday 5th April 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

COMMUNITY NEWS:

ACTIVITIES: 3rd – 9th November 2018

School

Monday 5 th	French Club 12.30pm
Tuesday 6 th	Judo Club 8:00am – 8:45am
	Italian Club 12:25pm
Wednesday 7 th	Zumba Club 3:25pm – 4:20pm
Thursday 8 th	Brass/Woodwind 1:00pm
	St Martin's Day Service at the church 2:15pm
Friday 9 th	Keyboard or Violin lessons 9:45 am
	Cross Country 12.00pm

Church

Sunday 4 th	All Together	Woolton Hill	9.30am
<i>All Saints</i>	Matins	Highclere	11.00am
	Parish Communion	East Woodhay	11.00am
	All Souls Thanksgiving	Woolton Hill	3.00pm
	Evensong	Ashmansworth	6.00pm



Artex 2019

is at risk of not happening!!!!

Artex is one of the biggest fundraisers for St. Martin's and one of several 'flagship' events in the local community.

In the last ten years it has raised over £40,000 for our school.

However ...

Next year's Artex may not happen
as we have no leader for our team.

There are plenty of people to help with organising the event through the year and on the day, but we need someone or two, to co-ordinate things and keep us all in check!

Two people together could work well and a lot of this co-ordinator role can be done from home.

Please think if you, and a friend, could help keep this super event running.

For more details please chat to Nicky Bonner, Karen Bennett or Kirstine Duffy-McBride in school...

or simply mention to Teresa in the office that you might be interested.

Thank you!!

The **Artex** team



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An exceptional Sixth Form for
"an exceptional school" Ofsted

Student attainment is
"well above the national average" Ofsted


Our students enjoy
"a strong sense of community" PH6 Student

Open Evening Thursday 8 November 6.00pm–9.00pm

Presentations by the Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form and students at 7.00pm

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Our core purpose is to inspire enjoyment of learning where every pupil matters and no child is left behind.

Our commitment to providing outstanding teaching and high quality feedback, together with our dedication to empowering pupils to become confident, independent learners, leads to excellent GCSE examination results.

Our demand for high standards of behaviour ensures pupils display good manners, respect and consideration for others at all times, valuable qualities for life beyond school and the workplace.

Our excellent facilities and resources including a superb Sports Hall, Fitness Suite, Gym and swimming pool.

"Teachers and staff have created a positive climate which makes the school a friendly community."

Ofsted, March 2017

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!



The
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Football Coaching Sessions
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We are looking for new players

No experience needed!

Come along, learn football and have fun!



We have over 120 girls playing for us, and have over 12 years experience of providing football for girls. We pride ourselves for being the only local club that is dedicated to girls playing football.

Along with learning football, they will:

- Make new friends and have lots of fun
- Get active and lead a healthier lifestyle
- Gain confidence, build self-esteem and learn to work as a team.

All that's needed is a pair of shin pads, a drink and trainers or football boots.

Winter training sessions are every Wednesday held at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW and in the Summer they are held at Lower Way, Thatcham.

Training times:

6.15pm-7.30pm – School years 1 - 7

7.00pm-8.00pm – School years 8 – 11 & Ladies

**For more
information on
training times and
venues please
contact Nick.**

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Messy Church in Ashmansworth

Messy Church has been meeting at Ashmansworth Village Hall for 6 years and now welcomes families from all the Parishes in North West Hampshire Benefice as well as children from St Martin's and St Thomas's Schools and their families.

Messy Church:

- + Provides an opportunity for people to worship together, have fun and be creative together
- + Helps people of all ages feel they belong in church and to each other
- + Introduces Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship
- + Lets us eat together as Church Community

What and When

Messy Church now meets on the fourth Sunday of the month* during Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our sessions include craft activities, prayer and celebration and end with a meal which we share together.

In our programme for autumn 2018 we will be looking at the parables which Jesus taught to his disciples, with activities for younger children to enjoy. We are also introducing a Study Group for older children and parents to learn more about Christian faith. Our autumn meeting dates will be:

Sunday 23rd September

The Parable of the Sower

Study Group Topics; The Creed & "Making Choices"

Sunday 28th October

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Study Group Topics; The Lord's Prayer & "Is It Fair?"

Sunday 25th November

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Study Group Topics; Why we Sing Hymns & "Rejoicing"

Also on Sunday 2nd we will have a Christingle Service at St James' Church

In 2019 we will be meeting on the 4th Sundays of January, February, March and April.

Why Not Join Us?

Everyone is welcome at Messy Church but parents do need to stay with their children and participate in the activities. We meet at 10.45 am so that activities can start at 11.00. Lunch is usually finished by 1pm. You don't have to come every month (but we ask you to let us know via mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk if you are planning to come so we can cater for lunch). Alternatively you can support Messy Church by dropping in to tell a story or play a musical instrument.

Want to know more?

Please contact Mike Sarson (07913-943504 / mike.sarson@hotmail.co.uk) or Ann Rowe (01635 2530404 / ann_rowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk) for more information or if you would like to help. Volunteers are always welcome.

* **NB** Our new 4th Sunday date allows families to attend a Family Service any Sunday of each month: All Together and Sunday Club at St Thomas's and Family Services at St Martin's on the first three Sundays of each month.

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



**AN ENTERTAINING CHARITY EVENING WITH
AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEGEND
DAVID CAMPESE**

at Newbury Rugby Club, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7RW



In support of
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**6.30pm Monday
12 November 2018
Tickets: £35***

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