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"Through Jesus we achieve our very best."

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Attendance & Punctuality since the last Newsletter. Congratulations to Years 3 & 4.

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.3%	97%	97.8%	98.3%	98.2%	97.6%	96.7%
No of Lates	19	16	12	9	9	12	18
Whole school attendance this year			94.7%	School Target		96%	

School Photographs. Children have today been given the proof of their photograph which was taken in school this week. Should you wish to make a purchase, all orders will be collected from school on **Monday 26th February**. Please complete your order form and return it to the school office with full payment.

Many Thanks



Curious and Active. This half term, we are focussing on the Catholic virtues of being curious and active. All things are worthy of our attention and curiosity because in each one of them there is the possibility of finding God. This is why, at St Martin de Porres, we offer the broadest curriculum and the widest variety of extra-curricular activities we can.

DIARY DATES

- **Tues 13th Feb - Year 4 Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Wed 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday** Service 10.45am - all welcome
- **Wed 14th Feb - Y5/6 Basketball** School Games Final
- **Fri 16th Feb - SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM HALF-TERM BREAK**
- **Mon 26th Feb - SCHOOL RE-OPENS**
- **Tues 27th Feb - Year 3 Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Thurs 1st March - FHC Parents' Meeting** 2.30pm @ St Martin de Porres School/7.00pm @ Presbytery
- **Fri 2nd March - Boys' Football** @ St Bernard's 4pm
- **Sun 4th March - FHC Gift of Baptism Mass** 10am Ss John & Martin Church
- **Tues 6th March - Year 2 Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Tues 6th March - Parents' Evening** Early appointments - details to follow
- **Tues 6th March - Basketball Finals** - Kings Heath Boys School
- **Mon 12th March - Year 4** 2 week swimming block commences - details to follow.
- **Tues 13th March - Year 6 Mass** - 9.30am - all welcome
- **Thurs 15th March - Parents' Evening** late appointments - details to follow
- **Fri 16th March - Year 4/5 Football** - Yardley Wood Playing Fields
- **Tues 20th March - Year 5 Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Tues 20th March - Boys' Football** @ Moseley CofE School
- **Fri 23rd March - Year 2 Class Assembly.** 9am All welcome
- **Thurs 29th March - SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM EASTER BREAK**
- **Mon 16th April - SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

Ash Wednesday – Father Dominic will be leading our ceremony for the serving of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday next week (14th February). The service, which marks the beginning of Lent, will begin at 10.45 in the school hall. All family and friends are welcome to attend.



Reading Diaries. We really appreciate the time you spend at home listening to your children read - it is so important for their development. Please remember to sign their reading diaries and send these into school with them each day.

Thank you

Letters were sent home this week with children detailing outstanding monies for dinners, breakfast club and afterschool club. These should be paid no later than Monday 12th February. If your child has mislaid the letter, please see Mrs Sullivan for details.



Congratulations to the following children who have recently been selected for afternoon tea. This is held weekly and rewards children for their excellent attitude and behaviour.

Well done to: Maya, Tiana & Maryam – **Reception** Tzurriel & Kassim – **Year 1**
 Aidan & Taimoor – **Year 2** Maira – **Year 3**
 Ozair & Ayaan – **Year 4** Iman & Rahim – **Year 5**
 Saiem & Alem – **Year 6**

Internet Safety Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day which was celebrated all over the world. Children were each given a copy of "Digital Parenting", which is full of useful tips and information about how to keep safe while using the internet.

Our website has various links to parent guides and information in relation to social media sites and general internet use. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you all that children under the age of 13 should not hold social media accounts, for example Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter.

Please do take time to look at both our website and the Digital Parenting publication with your children and talk about the importance of internet safety.



This years' **Walk to School'** badge competition is based on seasons. Children have been given an entry form if they wish to enter the competition. The design should depict **one** of the four seasons, and every entry made in school will receive a prize. There will be a winner selected for each season. Further copies of the entry form are available in the carousel in the school entrance.



Children's safety is of utmost importance to us all. **All children in Key Stage 1 should have an adult with them on the playground every morning until they are collected by their class teacher at 8.55am**

St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival. 15th – 17th June 2018 The theme for this year's flower festival is "Mary, Mother of God" for all three categories: parishes, convents & flower clubs, primary schools and secondary schools. If you are interested in taking part, there will be a coffee morning at the Cathedral in March. To register your interest, email either david.dsace@outlook.com or annets103@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 0121 249 1487/07976 165799.

We have so much to thank you for,
 Our heavenly Father dear:
 For life and love and tender care,
 Through all the happy year:
 For homes and friends and daily food,
 Each one a gift of love.
 For every good and perfect gift
 Is from our God above. Amen

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy We are looking to appoint a caring and observant person to join our well-established and committed lunchtime team. You will be responsible for the safety and welfare of the pupils during lunchtime, both inside and in the playground. You will also be involved in the organisation of play for the children to ensure that they have a positive lunchtime experience. You will need good interpersonal skills, and must be trustworthy, reliable, punctual, and enthusiastic about working with children. Previous experience, although desirable, is not essential. **Full application details are available to download from the school website www.stmartindepordes.org.uk**

School will close next Friday for our half-term break. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing children back in school on Monday 26th February.