



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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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
%	89.4%	92.9%	93.5%	95.8%	95.9%	90.9%	93.7%
Attendance							
No of Lates	31	24	17	16	25	34	34
Whole school attendance this year			94.5%	School Target			96%

**Intentional & Prophetic** This half term, we are focussing on the Catholic virtues of being **intentional** and **prophetic**. We are talking to the children about living intentionally by ensuring our choices reflect our faith. The children are then prophetic because they are spreading the good news through their deliberate actions.

**Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Basketball Team.** On 14<sup>th</sup> February they participated in the School Games Finals from schools across the city and gained the accolade of 2<sup>nd</sup> best team in the city. They then went on to compete in the league grand final against schools from South Birmingham on Wednesday and won both matches, therefore becoming league champions. Well done to Kamill, Lucas, Dominic, Raeden, Chaela, Amour, Isa & Esa. Thanks to all parents/family members who have been involved in transporting children to these events - the support that you give to the team & Miss Haydon is fantastic. A special thanks also to Mr Downie who has helped and advised the team alongside Miss Haydon. Without this great support network, achievements such as these would not be possible.

## DIARY DATES

- **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4** 2 week swimming block commences.
  - **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Mass** - 9.30am - all welcome
  - **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' Evening late appointments
  - **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 4/5 Football - Yardley Wood Playing Fields
  - **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
  - **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Boys' Football @ Moseley CofE School
  - **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March-Year 2** Class Assembly. 9am All welcome
  - **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Netball Match @ St Martin de Porres
  - **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Boys Football Match @ Yardley Wood Playing Fields 4pm
  - **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
  - **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Boys Football @ Yardley Wood Playing Fields - 4pm
  - **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March - SCHOOL CLOSES 3.15PM**
- EASTER BREAK**
- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April - SCHOOL RE-OPENS**
  - **Tues 24<sup>th</sup> April - Year 1** workshop 9.30am

If your child is in Year 1 or above and is interested in learning to play the guitar, there are spaces available in the lessons which take place each Wednesday from 3.20 until 4.20pm. Lessons cost £4 per session and children will need their own guitar.

Please ask at the school office if you require any further details.

I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing Mrs Sullivan a speedy recovery as she undergoes surgery this week. We are hoping that she will be back with us after the Easter break. In the meantime, we will do our best to ensure that the office is staffed at all times, however, please do bear with us during her absence.

Our **School Nurse** will be holding drop in sessions on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. Please pay her a visit if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns regarding your child's health/well-being.



Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted school sweatshirts. As you can see from this wonderful photograph, they were taken to Uganda and the children in a local school are now proudly wearing them. Please do continue to donate any more used and unwanted school sweatshirts as we would love to be able to continue to support this fantastic cause.

Well done to our school netball team who played very well in defeating Moseley C of E school 12-11. Anna, Dominic, Raeden, Chaela, Amour, Esa, Elena and Evie all performed heroically in a hard fought victory



Our children benefit greatly from being heard reading – it helps with their understanding and interpretation of text. If you are able to volunteer to help us offer children more opportunities to do this, even for an hour a week on a regular basis, please leave your name with the school office or speak to Mrs Braithwaite. Thank you.

Thank you for your understanding last week with the unforeseen closure of school on Friday due to the adverse weather conditions. A reminder that, in the event of such a closure, we endeavour to notify parents by text message as soon as a decision has been made. There will also be notification on the school website and Twitter feed.

God, who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
Careth for me.

God, who made the grass,  
The flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass,  
Careth for me.

God, who made all things,  
On earth, in air, in sea,  
Who changing seasons bring,  
Careth for me.

#### PTA -dates for your diaries

**Friday 16th March** St Patrick's Day Cake and Samosa sale after school in the Key Stage 2 playground- donations of shop bought cakes welcome.

**Friday 20th March** 2pm -Next PTA meeting. All welcome

**Saturday 30th June** Summer Fete – we will need lots of volunteers to help set up in the morning as well as run stalls

Many thanks to those parents who give up their time to raise money and support the education of all our children.

#### Parish Events

Sunday Mass in Church 10 am

Youth Club (Y6 and above) 7pm Fridays in the parish hall

Young Children's Club after Sunday Mass in the parish hall

#### Holy Week

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Penitential Service

Maundy Thursday 29th 8 pm Evening Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 30th 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### To all our mothers and grandmothers

**We wish you a very happy and restful  
Mothering Sunday**