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www.stmartindeporres.org.uk

The next Newsletter will be issued on Friday 13th October 2017.

Please ensure that all medical appointments are made outside of school hours whenever possible. If your child is unable to attend school due to sickness, please telephone the school office on 0121 464 5500 before 9.15am.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance since the last newsletter is:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
96.6%	97.8%	95.8%	98.2%	99.4%	92.2%	95%

Congratulations to Year 4 who are our winners this time - what a wonderful start.

School Target is 96% Overall attendance since the beginning of the year is 96.4%.

Late marks since the last newsletter are:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
5	9	8	12	18	26	26

Well done Reception. Children's learning is affected even by arriving a few minutes late and children are often embarrassed at having to enter the classroom after the rest of the class. These figures are disappointing and need to be improved.

Children MUST be on the playground by 8.50am in readiness to be collected by their class teacher at 8.55am.

Afternoon Tea

Each week we hold an afternoon tea to celebrate the excellent attitude and behaviour from a child from each class. Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen last week:

Year 1 - Sophia;

Year 2 - Dehya & Ruqayya ; **Year 3** - Raees & Subhaan;

Year 4 Isla & Adam;

Year 5 - Esa & Farhan; **Year 6** - Satvir

CAFOD/Harvest

This harvest we are supporting CAFOD - Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England & Wales.

Children will be bringing home an envelope which they are asked to colour/decorate in a harvest theme and return with a donation for CAFOD.

All envelopes should be returned no later than Wednesday 4th October.

Prizes will be given during our Harvest assembly on Friday 6th October to 2 children from each Key Stage for their imaginative designs.

Packed Lunches

Last year our Governors passed a Packed Lunch Policy. This is available to view in full on our school website.

Please ensure that all packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school (or on school trips) provide pupils with healthy and nutritious food similar to food served in schools, which is now regulated by national standards. Packed lunches should **not** include high fat savoury snacks such as crisps, sausage rolls, pasties, fried samosa. **No** high sugar and fat snacks such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits, sweets, cakes and biscuits. **No nuts.**

It is optional for children to bring one small cake/biscuit/small bag of healthier option crisps on a **Friday only.**

Drinks should be unflavoured water, pure fruit juice, semi/skimmed milk or a smoothie. We strongly advise against Capri-Sun and Fruit Shoots which are high in sugar.

Open Morning

Our open morning this year is being held on Wednesday 8th November between 9.30am & 11.30am. If you have or know a child born after 1st September 2013 due to start school in September 2018, please come along and visit us. There will opportunities to see our school at work, be shown around by our Year 6 children and speak to staff.

DIARY DATES:

- **Sun 1st Oct** - Confirmation Enrolment Mass 10.00am St John & Martin's Church
- **Mon 2nd Oct** - Year 5/6 Basketball match 4pm Bishop Challoner
- **Tues 3rd Oct** - Year 4 prayer service 9.30am. All welcome
- **Tues 3rd Oct** - Netball match @ Springfield School 3.30pm
- **Thurs 5th Oct** - School Nurse drop in session 1.30pm-3.00pm
- **Mon 9th Oct** - Boys' football match 4pm Yardley Wood
- **Tues 10th Oct** - Year 3 Harvest Mass. 9.30am. All welcome
- **Thurs 12th Oct** - Parent Coffee Morning. 9.00am
- **Thurs 12th Oct** - Boys' football match 4pm Yardley Wood
- **Fri 13th Oct** - Year 6 Assembly 9.00am - all welcome.
- **Fri 13th Oct** - Multi-Cultural evening 6.00pm-9.00pm
- **Sun 15th Oct** - Confirmation Special Mass 10.00am St John & Martin's Church
- **Tues 17th Oct** - Year 6 Mass. 9.30am. All welcome
- **Tues 17th Oct** - Boys' football match 3.45pm Moseley School
- **Thurs 19th Oct** - SCHOOL CLOSES 3.15PM HALF TERM
- **Fri 20th Oct** - SCHOOL CLOSED -TEACHER TRAINING DAY
- **Mon 30th Oct** - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- **Wed 8th Nov** - Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am

Teacher Training Day

Please note that a Teacher Training Day has been added to the calendar dates for **Friday 20th October**. School will therefore close to children on Thursday 19th October at 3.15pm for the half-term break.

Birthday Cakes/Treats

Children very often like to share their birthday with friends in their class by bringing in cakes/sweets. Whilst we are happy to distribute these on behalf of your child, we would ask you to bear the following in mind; products should not contain nuts due to children with allergies, we would prefer cakes to be individually wrapped, however if a large 'party style' cake is sent in, this should be pre-cut into individual portions.

Donation of Board Games

We would greatly appreciate any donations of used, unwanted board games which can be used by our children in Breakfast Club. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed/attended our coffee morning on Monday. We raised £196 for the charity. A fantastic result.

Multi-Cultural Evening

Letters went home yesterday with children announcing our multi-cultural evening which is being held on Friday 13th October from 6pm until 9pm.

There is a planning meeting for this event being held on Monday 2nd October at 2.30pm in the school house. Please attend if you are able - we are looking for suggestions and contributions for entertainment and various foods from around the world.

Well done to our netball team - they played their first match of the term yesterday and beat St Bernard's by 11 goals to 9.

Congratulations to who all played and thank you to parents who came to support us.

Wishing you all a safe weekend and we look forward to seeing all children on time on Monday morning.

God Bless