Diary Dates:
- Tues 4th Oct – Year 5 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Wed 5th Oct – Year 2 trip – Sea Life Centre
- Thurs 6th Oct – School nurse drop in session 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Fri 7th Oct – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm. All welcome
- Tues 11th Oct – Year 6 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Fri 14th Oct – Year 6 class assembly. 9am – all welcome
- Tues 18th Oct – Year 3 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Thurs 20th Oct – School nurse drop in session 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- Fri 21st Oct – SCHOOL CLOSES 3.15PM HALF-TERM
- Mon 31st Oct – SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- Tues 8th Nov – Year 2 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Tues 8th Nov – Parents’ Evening early appointments
- Wed 9th Nov – Open Morning 9.30am – 11am
- Tues 15th Nov – Year 1 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Thurs 17th Nov – Parents’ Evening late appointments
- Fri 18th Nov – Year 5 class assembly. 9am – all welcome
- Tues 22nd Nov – Year 6 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Tues 29th Nov – Year 5 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Sat 3rd Dec – Parish Fair Ss John & Martin Church 12-2pm
- Tues 6th Dec – Year 4 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- Tues 6th Dec – KS1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
- Wed 7th Dec – KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
- Thurs 8th Dec – KS2 Christmas Production 2.00pm & 6.30pm
- Fri 16th Dec – SCHOOL CLOSES 3.15PM CHRISTMAS
- Tues 3rd Jan – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Sports News from Miss Hayden
Both the football and netball seasons are now underway. Our defense of the League Netball Title started well this week with a victory over St Bernard’s School. Our boys’ football team has been undefeated in both of their matches to date and also came runners up in their first tournament of the season. Well done to all of our players and thank you to parents who have supported us. Miss Hayden’s Sport Newsletter will be published at the end of this first half-term with full updates and sports news. Please ensure that children are collected promptly from after school clubs and that all school kits are returned after matches. Thank you.

School Uniform
Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 should be wearing a white polo shirt with a school cardigan (elasticated), and boys a school neck jumper, girls a school cardigan or jumper.

Our full uniform policy is available to view on the school website www.stmartindeporres.org.uk

Afternoon Tea
Each week we hold an afternoon tea to celebrate the excellent attitude and behaviour of a child from each class. Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen so far this term:

Year 1 – Adyan, Alishba, Yusuf S
Year 2 – Aliha, Havana, Abdul Basit
Year 3 – Amelia, Sohail, Bo Bo
Year 4 – Tane, Ayman, Satnam
Year 5 – Armaan, Hashim
Year 6 – Lewis, Himat

Kingswood
Our Year 5 & 6 children had great fun and were impeccably behaved on their recent adventure to Kingswood. Well done to all – you were a credit to the school. Thanks also to Miss Rafferty, Mr Clark, Mr Gray, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Banks & Miss Hayden who were with the children all weekend. You all deserve a well-earned rest this weekend!

Open Morning
Our open morning for children due to start Reception in September 2017 is being held on Wednesday 9th November from 9.30am until 11am. If you have, or know anyone who has a child due to start school next year, please put the date in your diary.

There are details of a School’s Poppy Day Hat competition on the reverse of this Newsletter – deadline for entries is 14th October.

Finally, it has been wonderful seeing just how quickly our Reception children have settled into their first full week of school life. Well done to you all.

God Bless

Guitar Lessons
A reminder to children in years 3 and above who take guitar lessons after school that these have re-started. The next lesson will be on Wednesday 5th October so please ensure that guitars are brought into school. They can be stored for the day in the school office. If your child is interested in starting lessons, there are a few places still available. Please see Mrs Sullivan for further details.

Irish Dancing
Irish Dancing lessons will commence on Tuesday 11th October. Lessons take place after school until 4.20pm and are open to children in Year 1 and above. Please see Mrs Sullivan for a consent form if you wish your child to attend.

Year 6 – Secondary School Application
A reminder of the 31st October deadline for making your application. Information can be found online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions