



Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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“Through Jesus we achieve our very best.”

Newsletter No 11 – Friday 1st March 2019

Attendance & Punctuality since last newsletter. Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 2!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97%	94.8%	92.9%	96.1%	97.4%	97.2%	96.7%
No of Lates	16	23	5	9	11	18	33
Whole school attendance this fortnight			96.1 %	School Target			96%

DIARY DATES:

- **Tue 5th Mar.** Year 3 Mass *Lent* - 9.30am - All welcome
Parents' Evening - Early appointments - 3.30 to 6pm
Boys Vase Cup Football match v Bells Farm Junior's - 3.45pm
- **Wed 6th Mar.** Netball match v St Bernard's - home -3.45pm
- **Thu 7th Mar.** World Book Day
Year 5/6 Handball Competition - Moseley Secondary - 4pm
- **Mon 11th Mar.** Boys Football League match v Severne's - 4pm
- **Tue 12th Mar.** Year 2 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
Reception Inspire Workshop - 5pm
Basketball A Team Grand Final Plate Trophy - 3.45pm
- **Wed 13th Mar.** Year 5 Inspire Workshop - 9.15am
- **Thu 14th Mar.** Parents' Evening - Late app. - 5.30 to 7pm
Year 4/5 Football Competition - Yardley Wood PF - 4pm
- **Tue 19th Mar.** Year 6 Mass *Peace* - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Wed 20th Mar.** Netball match v St Bernard's - away -3.45pm
- **Tue 26th Mar.** Year 5 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Fri 29th Mar.** Boys Football League match v Percy Shurmer

AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

This half term is extremely busy with sporting competitions/matches happening every single week. If your child has been selected to play in a competition/match, it is vital that the **consent form is signed** and handed in ASAP. We do rely heavily on parents transporting their own child & other children to these events, without this support, sadly these events would have to be cancelled, so if you are able to help out, please make this clear on the consent form or let Miss Haydon know in advance.

Thank you.



Our nutritious and tasty school dinners are still only £2.30. This totals £80.50 for the half-term. Payments can be made at the school office

on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of each week. To support parents, if debts accumulate to any more than £50, we will inform you and your child will need to bring a packed lunch to school until the debt is reduced/cleared. **If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please see Mrs Sullivan.**

Many thanks.

May we insist again that After-School Monies **must be paid in advance**. At present, we still have outstanding balances from last half-term. Please ensure all monies are paid in Advance or on day of booking.

Thank you.



All lost property will be in the school hall for parents to claim on Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th March.



Following the sudden closure of Tiverton Road Swimming Baths late last year, we have managed to secure bookings at Cocks Moor Woods Leisure Centre.

This means Years 3, 4 & 5 will all be going swimming in the coming months. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum so is compulsory to participate in and it also teaches children vital life skills. Letters will be going out to all children in Years 4 & 5 shortly as they are swimming straight after the Easter Break.

School Crossings Patrol Warden needed at Church road near Woodbridge Road

Pro Rata £17,007 - £19,446 (*Part time*)

Working 8 hours

Application Forms can be completed online:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs

Any Questions call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777

or email: schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk



Extended Hours

3.30 to 5.30pm



Our After-School Club stays open up until 5.30pm every school day (£5 an hour).



Thank you to all the children who, on Friday 15th February, in exchange for wearing trainers made a donation.

£114 were raised that will go towards our parish helping two or three parishioners with long term sickness to go on a pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, along with nurses.



On Saturday 9th February, Miss Haydon passed her Level 2 ECB Certificate in Teaching Children's Cricket course that she had been working towards

for the last 4 months at Edgbaston Cricket Ground. She is extremely proud of this achievement and has fallen in love with the sport both coaching and playing.

All this coincides nicely with the Cricket World Cup which is happening in 90 days in this Country with matches being played at Edgbaston.



The ambition of the ICC World Cup is to inspire 1 million children to pick up a bat and ball in 2019. With this in mind, Miss Haydon will be entering the school into numerous cricket competitions during the summer term and for the first time ever the school will have its own Girls Cricket team who will enter their own competition as well. She will also be establishing links with local cricket clubs in order to get as many children from St Martin's playing cricket this summer.



Many Thanks to our Irish Dancers for their wonderful display at Lakey Lane School on Friday 15th February.

They were a credit to our school. Also, thank you to Mrs Zafar for her help with transport.

BOURNVILLE BookFest

14 - 24th March, 2019

Meet your favourite authors. Discover astonishing books. Interactive storytelling fun at Birmingham's only dedicated children's book festival for 0-12s.

For more information, visit <https://bournvillebookfest.com/>



World Book Day will take place next week on **Thursday 7th March.**

On that day, everything at school will be about books and reading. Your children can choose to come dressed up as a book character and we would like them to bring their favourite book.

Each year group will also receive a box of new books for their class libraries on the day. Mrs Guiden will also prepare a special Book Day Menu. Children who normally bring a packed lunch can have dinner at the cost of £2.30.

It is most important that we have up to date emergency contact numbers for your child. In the event of an emergency we must be able to contact you. Please have your phone with you at all times.

Table Top SALE

Our PTA is thanking everyone who made their first Table Top Sale a success on Friday 8th February. An amazing £340 was raised.

Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their hard work and excellent behaviour with an afternoon tea!

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| Rec – Afizah & Beyonce | Year 3 – Sami & Fahad |
| Year 1 – Aziz & Harun | Year 4 – Izhan & Hajrah |
| Year 2 – Anthony & Adrina | Year 5 – Malaika & Layan |
| | Year 6 – Miyah & Anna |