



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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*"Through Jesus we achieve our very best."*

## Newsletter No 15 - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the last Newsletter. Congratulations to Year 6 & Years 1 & 5

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	99%	98.3%	98.5%	96.2%	98.2%	92%	99.2%
No of Lates	41	10	14	15	22	10	11
Whole school attendance this year			94.7%	School Target			96%

**First Confessions** On Wednesday children 6 of our children made their First Confession in Church. This was a wonderful moment in their lives shared with their parents. Well done to all the children, their families, Mrs Austin and Father Dominic. We pray that the children continue to experience God's love in the Sacrament of Confession throughout their lives.

Our **photographers** will be in school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** to take group shots. They will be photographing class groups, musical groups (please ensure that instruments are brought in to school), sports groups (sports kits required) and individual leavers.

Our children always do look smart but please ensure that full uniform is worn – no trainers or missing ties please.

Many thanks to the Lucre family who have secured a donation of £250. This money will be spent on resources for Forest School.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated this week for our Pentecost charity collection and donations towards the church parish fete tombola. Money raised for Pentecost will be donated to St Chad's Sanctuary.

Thanks to the PTA we are in the process of purchasing some new equipment for our playgrounds. It would be fantastic if we could also have a dressing up box for the children to take outside – if you have any unwanted dressing up clothes your donations will be greatly received. Children love role play so any old scarves, hats, costume jewellery, football shirts etc would also be a welcome addition to our resources.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** come into force today. You will receive a letter today about how we use data in school and asking for consent for the photographs we take for the website. Please take time to read through this and return the consent upon our return from the half-term break.

Mrs Sullivan would like to remind parents with outstanding debts for school meals, breakfast club and after school club that these monies should be paid immediately upon our return from the half-term break. Many thanks in anticipation of your support with this.

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

**Reception** – Leah & Harun    **Year 1** – Maleka & Hamza  
**Year 2** – Yusuf & Tesemi    **Year 3** – Aliyah & Isabel  
**Year 4** – Falaq    **Year 5** – Ella & Musa  
**Year 6** – Kamill & Harveer



## DIARY DATES:

- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June** - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY
- **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June** - SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June** - School Photographer - Class Groups/Leavers
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 4 Class Assembly 9.10am
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June** - School Nurse 1.30pm-3.30pm
- **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Parish Summer Fair 12-2pm
- **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Trip - National Space Centre
- **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 2 Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Rec & Year 1 Trip - Umberslade Farm
- **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - School Nurse 1.30pm-3.30pm
- **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June** - First Holy Communion Mass 10am - Ss John & Martin Church
- **Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 3 Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Key Stage 1 Sports Day
- **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Key Stage 2 Sports Day
- **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Summer Fair 12-3pm
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Year 5 - 2 weeks swimming begins
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Year 6 Trip - Harry Potter World
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Year 3 Trip - Kingsbury Water Park
- **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Year 4 Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition Day
- **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 4 Trip - Rush Trampolining
- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Coffee Morning 9am - all welcome
- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 2 Trip - Weston Super Mare
- **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 1 Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Production
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Reception Class Assembly 9.10am
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July** - School Reports issued
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July** - SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM - SUMMER HOLIDAY
- **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July** - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

Well done to the **cricket team** & Miss Haydon who took part in a tournament at Kings Heath CC this week. We have some excellent players throughout the school and it is great to see their development when they play matches. Congratulations also to our **tennis players** who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Bishop Challoner School Games.

To help with preparation for our Summer Fair the PTA are asking children to bring in the following items on each of the Friday's in June:

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Pre-loved toys and books

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Filled bags of sweets/stationery - bags will be provided in advance by the PTA.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Bottles for the bottle tombola.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Strawberries & Cakes

Children can wear trainers on each of these days.

All children have now been sent home with letters regarding their summer term trips. Many thanks to those of you who have already returned consent forms and monies. Could all outstanding consents and payments please be sent to the school office as soon as possible?

Thank you.



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – A number of parents have expressed interest in helping to maintain our forest school grounds. With this in mind, a session of “nettle pulling” has been arranged for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 3.15pm. We have arranged for a member of staff to supervise children with activities on the playground while adults are busy as the nettles are quite high. If you are interested, please speak to Mr Gray or Mrs Braithwaite.

### Parish Events

Sunday Mass in Church 10 am – all welcome

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

Parish Summer Fayre – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 12-2pm

First Holy Communion Mass – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10am

We welcome back Mrs Laird who will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. I am sure that you will all join with me in expressing our excitement of seeing her back in school.

A reminder that **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** is a teacher training day. School we re-open after the half term break on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday week.