



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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

## Newsletter No 18 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the last Newsletter. Congratulations to Year 2 & Year 4

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	91.2%	95%	97.3%	96.1%	92.7%	95%	95.6%
No of Lates	25	16	13	15	10	18	14
Whole school attendance this year			94.6%	School Target			96%

### Farewell

Next week we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children - you all have a wonderful future ahead of you and we look forward to hearing great things about you all in years to come.

We say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Tomlinson who has led this school so well for 14 years. She has used her remarkable skills to give our children and their families service above and beyond what anyone could expect. Her expertise has impacted on all of us and the many schools she has supported as a National Lead in Education. As a result of Mrs Tomlinson's work, St Martin de Porres has continually aimed for the highest possible standards; nothing but the best has been good enough. In every decision she has made, Mrs Tomlinson has put the interests of our children first. We will miss her expertise, energy, determination and care as we move forward. We give thanks to God for all Mrs Tomlinson has done for us and we pray that she is blessed with a restful, enjoyable and fulfilled retirement.

Please also join us in wishing Mrs Pearson (PA to Mrs Tomlinson) and Mrs Austin (Year 3 teacher) all the best for their futures as they leave us at the end of the term too. Thank you both for all of your hard work and commitment to the school.

**Reports** You will receive your child's report today. Please read it carefully, return the proforma enclosed with the report and encourage your child to spend a short time working towards the targets regularly over the Summer break.



On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**, our last day of term, children are welcome to bring a toy to school. We would encourage toys/gadgets of any value not to be brought in and children are expected to take full responsibility of their possessions - school will not be held responsible for any breakages or items lost.

Well done to our **Reception Class** who performed their very first class assembly today. It was wonderful to see so many parents here to watch what was truly a magnificent performance.

#### DIARY DATES:

- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July - School Concert** - 1pm - all welcome
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Optional parents' meeting to discuss reports - 3.30 to 4.30pm
- **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6** Production - 1.30 & 6pm
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5** County Cricket Finals
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4** Billesley Fire Service - 2pm
- **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**
- **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**
- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept - SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

All children were given a letter containing the academic term dates for the next school year. Please do keep these somewhere safe - maybe pin them to your kitchen wall!

#### Summer Fair – Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Fair by sending in bottles, sweets, stationery, toys, books, etc. and by coming on Saturday.

The weather was amazing and the support was fantastic. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved with the PTA and organisation of the event. A total of £1514.65 has been raised which will be available for the school to use for the benefit of all our children in September.

**Reminders from the office** – As we approach the end of term it is important that any outstanding debts for school meals, after-school & breakfast club are cleared. Final date for these payments is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please come to see Mrs Sullivan.

**Kingswood Residential Trip** – Please could final balances also be paid by **16<sup>th</sup> July**.

Many congratulations to Miss Rafferty and Miss Chantry who will both be married during the summer break. We all wish them every happiness in their new married lives.



#### Medicine

Please ensure that any medicines/creams and any other medication is collected from the school office on Friday. Medication should not be left in school over the summer holiday.

#### School Uniform

A copy of our School Uniform Policy is available on our school website or upon request from the school office. Uniform is available from Clive Marks and Mansuri Ltd, both in Kings Heath. **Parents of children moving from Year 2 to Year 3** in September are particularly reminded that KS2 children should wear a shirt and tie with either a v-neck jumper or cardigan.

We look forward to seeing everybody back in September looking smart and wearing the correct uniform. Any unwanted PE Kits, particularly from children leaving the school, would be gratefully received at the school office as "spares".

Thank you

Finally, let me take this final Newsletter of the academic school year to thank you all, as a school community, for your hard work and support this year. Children have all worked extremely hard and have produced work, productions, assemblies and sporting achievements that we are all immensely proud of. As parents, you have supported your children and the school in incredible ways. Please have a wonderful summer break. Be safe and we all look forward to welcoming you back **on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** for what I am sure will be another successful year for St Martin's. God Bless.