



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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

## Newsletter No 1 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the beginning of the school year. Congratulations to Year 3 & Year 5!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	99.2%	98.8%	94.3%	99.3%	92.6%	97.4%	94.8%
No of Lates	4	4	4	8	10	1	16
Whole school attendance this year			96.3%	School Target			96%

### DIARY DATES:

- **Fri 21<sup>st</sup> to Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Year 5&6 Kingswood**
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - Reception start (full days)**
- **Tue 25<sup>th</sup> - Irish Dancing starts - 3.30pm**
- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> - Boys 5aside Football Competition - King's Heath Boys School - 3.45pm**
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Boys Football League Match v Colmore - Maypole FC - 4pm**
- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - Year 5/6 Bishop Challoner (BC) Hockey Competition - Queensbridge School - 4pm**
- **Thu 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 3/4 BC Dodgeball Competition - Moseley Secondary School Sports Hall - 4pm**
- **Tue 9<sup>th</sup> - Boys Football League Match v Acocks Green - Yardley Wood Playing Fields - 4pm**
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 BC Basketball Competition - Bishop Challoner Sports Hall - 4pm**
- **Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Oct- SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15pm Half-Term**
- **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY**



Mrs Sullivan will be starting her Irish dancing club on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September for children Year1 and upwards. The club runs every Tuesday after-school 3.30 to 4.20pm. For more information, see Mrs Sullivan at the office.



... so very much for all the gifts you gave to the staff at the end of last school year. We are all very grateful and touched by your kindness.



### 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 starting Year 3 in September are particularly reminded that KS2 children should wear a shirt and tie with either a v-neck jumper or cardigan. **Please ensure your child has their name in all items of clothing (PE kit included).** Thank you.

### PE

Please ensure that your child has a school PE kit with suitable trainers/pumps in school at all times. PE is a compulsory part of the school's curriculum and it is essential that every child participates in their PE lessons.



Miss Haydon's after school clubs have already started last week. If you would like your child to take part, you just have to sign and return the consent form to the school reception office as soon as possible. Any children participating in will need either a change of suitable clothes or wear their school PE kit.



**St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Road, Edgbaston, B16 9SL** will be holding an Open Evening for Secondary Transfers 2019 on Thursday, 20th September 2018 from 6pm-9pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6:15pm and 7:30pm. They are looking forward to meeting Year 6 and Year 5 girls along with their parents.



Tane and Tyriq (Year 6) have been chosen to represent South Birmingham District in Football. They passed a trial at the end of the last academic year and last weekend played in their first competition and finished a very hard earned 4<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations to both of them and we wish them a very successful season ahead.

**News from our PTA** - We are very grateful for all the hard work they put on last academic year to raise money for our school.

Money raised		Money spent	
Summer fair	£1400	Playground equipment	£395
Samosa sale	£260	Year 6 production	£150
Cake and samosa sale	£400	Animal Man visit for KS2	£485
Christmas raffle	£280	Magician visit for KS1	£140
Club 49*	£1800	Gifts from Santa	£200
		Theatre group visit	£550



\*see next newsletter

The money left over from last year is being spent this year on reading books for each class. The PTA would love to welcome new members. If you are interested, please come to their next meeting (date will be advertised in the next newsletter).

**MEDICINE**

Please ensure we have up to date Inhalers/medication for your child in school.



We would like to invite you to our first Coffee Morning this school year. This will take place in the school hall just after 9am on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. As well as being a lovely opportunity to meet, this would give us the chance to raise money for a very good cause – MacMillan Cancer Support. Any donation of cakes would be greatly received.

**Reminders from the office**

- Dinner Money for this half term is £85.10. All dinner monies must be paid in advance.
  - School Fund is £10 per year per family. It is more important than ever that we have your support with this contribution. This fund helps towards all the extras which cannot be funded from school budget.
  - All GDPR forms and Annual Medical forms must be returned no later than Monday 24th September 2018.
- Thank you very much.

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.



Our Breakfast club is available every morning from 8am. The cost is £3.00 per day.

An After School club is also available daily finishing at 4:30pm. The cost is £5.00 per day. If you would welcome an extension for this club, please let the school know. If we received adequate numbers we will consider extending this service to 5:30pm.

