



Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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“Through Jesus we achieve our very best.”

Newsletter No 1 – Friday 23rd April 2021



A huge welcome back to school for the Summer term. It has been great to see all the children so happy, settled and working hard this week.

DIARY DATES:

- **Mon 26th to Wed 28th** Rec parents consultations - 9am-3pm
- **Mon 3rd** May Day Bank Holiday - **School closed**
- **Thu 6th** Election day - **School closed**
- **Thu 13th** First Confession for First Holy Communicants - 10am
- **Fri 21st** Academy Photographers - Group photos - 8-11.30am
- **Fri 28th** **School closes for the Half-term break - 5.30pm**
- **Mon 7th** Teacher training day - **School closed**
- **Tue 8th** **School re-opens - 8am**

April

May

June



We really appreciate all that you are doing to keep us safe.

Please do keep us informed about any changes to your household's health and if someone has any symptom of COVID, get her or him tested.

Some of the rules on what you can and cannot do changed on 12 April.

However, many restrictions remain in place. You must not socialise indoors with anyone you do not live with, unless you have formed a support bubble with them or another exemption applies. Wash hands frequently, **wear a mask**, and please tell us if anyone in your household is going abroad.



Just a reminder to park safely around school. Please DO park away from school and walk down to the gate to collect your children. This will ensure

safety for all of our children, yourselves and the public. We will do our best to patrol as much as possible at the end of the school day.

Election day is Thursday 6th May

School will serve as polling station and will be thus closed to children on that day. Teachers will be looking at reports proformas as well as engaging in activities for their own mental health and well-being.



Reception Parents' Consultations

Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th April
9am-3pm

Book your 1/2 hr slot on sQuid!

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Happy May Day!

May day Bank holiday:
Monday 3rd May 2021
School closed



Mary Danaher
Head teacher
1991-2004

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of ex-Head Teacher Mary Danaher, last Thursday.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday 20th May. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

You can leave a message of condolence on the home page of our website

(<https://www.stmartindeporres.org.uk>), your words will be directly sent to her family.

Rec: Makarios for beautiful praying and always asking good question for RE; Khyren for always knowing the correct prayer for the day.

Year 1: Amirah for excellent work on counting in tens; Maira for working hard at describing her setting;



Year 2: Diya for outstanding addition calculations; Zak for excellent non fiction knowledge;

Year 3: Ahmed for excellent behaviour and good listening skills on the trip around Moseley; Eli and Ayana for super work on perimeters;

Year 4: Hanin, super written dialogue for story characters; Azharul, great ideas for his dialogue between two characters;

Year 5: Aidan for great work on multiplying fractions; Yusuf S for fantastic identification of the biomes of Brazil;

Year 6: Mary for her beautiful artwork; Ismael for using language he read in a story to improve his writing.

Sports Stars: Benjamin (Y1) for his excellent tennis skills and Maira (Y6) for her perseverance when trying to serve over arm in tennis.



Some of our children in Years 3 & 4 will make their First Confession on **Thursday 13th May – 10am**

in SS John & Martin's church in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

Please pray for them.

A leaf for being compassionate and loving...

Tiana, Y3, for being compassionate and loving towards others by always offering to help both other students and staff.

Ksenija, Y4, for being loving to her classmates by helping them out with their computing.

Taigan, Y5, for showing compassion to an injured friend.



Many thanks to Ms Solomon who has very kindly secured 30 cricket bats for our school via the International Cricket Council, and to Mrs Zafar who is collecting them for us on Monday. The children will be delighted. They love their cricket and this sort of equipment is expensive.



Mrs Yates has been poorly this last couple of weeks. She hopes to return to school quite soon. Please remember her in your prayers.



will be in school

on **Friday 21st May**

in the morning to take group photos.

School garden

As you are aware, our school allotment garden was developed further over lockdown. We now have 150m of raised beds to fill. All the children have been busy sowing seeds ready for planting out. The garden area does require a substantial amount of maintenance as we are sure you can imagine. We also envisage that it becomes an integral part of our school community.

We are looking for volunteers to help with maintenance. You really don't need to have any gardening experience (but great if you have) – the job list is endless!

We need gates and benches painted, chip bark and soil shifted, weeding, tidying as well as planting.

If you would be interested, could you please let us know. We would arrange a DBS for you. Please do come along and help us if you can.

Many thanks.

