



# Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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*“Through Jesus we achieve our very best.”*

## Newsletter No 3 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Attendance & Punctuality since last newsletter. Congratulation to Year 4, Year 2 & Year 5!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.25%	97.32%	93.50%	95.50%	98.23%	94.98%	97.76%
No of Lates	31	14	9	16	17	9	12
Whole school attendance this fortnight			96.67 %	School Target			96%

### DIARY DATES:

#### October

- **Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** Choir concert - St Chad's Cathedral - 3-7.30pm
- **Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** Girls 5a-side football Competition - King's Heath - 4pm
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Year 5 Black History Month Assembly - 9am  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Multi-cultural Evening - 6-8.30pm
- **Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** Netball match v Chilcote School - our school - 3.45pm
- **Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>** Reception Phonics workshops - 9.20am & 5pm
- **Thu 24<sup>th</sup>** Coffee Morning - School house - 9am  
**School CLOSSES for the Half-Term Break - 3.15pm**
- **Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Teacher training day - SCHOOL CLOSED

#### November

- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** School re-opens - 8.55am
- **Tue 5<sup>th</sup>** **OPEN EVENING** - 5.30-7pm
- **Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Year 5/6 Basketball School Games Competition - 4pm
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Boys football match v Billesley School - Yardley W - 4pm
- **Tue 12<sup>th</sup>** Parents' Evening early appointments - 3.30-6pm
- **Thu 14<sup>th</sup>** **OPEN MORNING** - 9-11am
- **Thu 21<sup>st</sup>** Flu Nasal Immunisation - Whole school  
Parents' Evening late appointments - 5-7pm



### Canonisation of John Henry Newman

This Sunday, Blessed John Henry Newman is given the title Saint by the Church. It is difficult to overstate the influence he had on Victorian England, Birmingham and education in the United Kingdom and Ireland. At his funeral, thousands lined Birmingham's streets in recognition of his commitment to the city especially the poor. Look out for the press coverage over the weekend.



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
October  
9am

Please do add this date to your diary – our coffee mornings are a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat with other parents and our Family Support Worker Mrs Dowling.



St Martin de Porres School is opening its doors to new families on two occasions this Autumn:

#### OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 to 7pm

#### OPEN MORNING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9 to 11am

Please encourage your neighbours and friends with children to come and visit our school.



Thank you so much to our families who have signed up to the new cash-free system. If you are one of the small number of families who still need to do so, please follow the instructions on the letter you have been given. For any problem or query, please come to the office.

### October Month of the Rosary



Last Wednesday, the children prayed the rosary with Archbishop Bernard Longley in an event live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. The children were fantastic and clearly took a lot from their praying of this traditional form of meditation.

## Let's drive and park responsibly!

May we remind you that you must park responsibly when dropping off or picking up your child around school. Under no circumstances should you park on zig-zag lines, in front of the school gates, in the driveway of any of our neighbours nor on the corner of Oakland/Forest Road, blocking the view for drivers to turn into either of these

roads. This is for the safety of our children!

If parking is too difficult in the morning, you can

always arrive a bit earlier, park a bit further, and walk the rest of the way with your child!



Many congratulations to our Girls Football Team! They won their very first competition a couple of weeks ago and are the South Birmingham 7-a-side Champions. This is a great achievement for the girls and for the school as it has been 5 years since the school has had a competitive Girls Football team. With the popularity of Women's Football growing, it is good to see so many young girls participating and achieving in what has been seen as a male dominated sport.



Just a reminder that all packed lunches should be HEALTHY. Crisps and chocolates should only be in boxes on a Friday.

Thank you for your support with this. If you wish to have a copy of the Packed Lunch Policy please ask at the office or visit the school website.

celebrating  
**50<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary

## Multicultural Evening

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 6-8pm

Updates: All children will be performing on stage – We are still in need for any donation of prizes for the raffle – We are still looking for volunteers to help out with serving food. Please let us know if you are interested – Tickets are on sale on your sQuid app.



As part of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, the PTA would like your help in compiling a recipe book which will be sold to raise funds for the school.

Do you, or your child have a favourite recipe? Please write it down and hand it in to Mrs Sullivan by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for your continued support.



A big...



...to all the families, the staff and the PTA who contributed in making our Coffee Morning, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, a real success.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected £240!

If you wish to speak to a class teacher, please remember that they are very busy before school. However, they would be very happy to speak with you at a quieter time.

So please come to the office and we'll make sure your message is passed on.



## Harvest Day of



**A huge thank you** for your amazing donation of food on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Half of it was sent to the local food bank and the other half went to the Anawin Centre in Balsall Heath.



For all the little extras that the school budget cannot possibly cover, we ask parents to send in £10 as an annual school fund contribution. This offer is already available to you on sQuid. Thank you ever so much for your generosity.



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



**Year 1** – Ruby & Angelina

**Year 4** – Yusuf A & Kaleem

**Year 2** – Maryam & Adam

**Year 5** – Havana & Subhaan

**Year 3** – Ksenija & Tezzy

**Year 6** – Kianna & Cainan