



St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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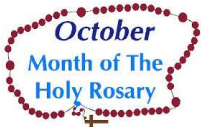
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"Through Jesus we achieve our very best."

Newsletter No 3 - Friday 12th October 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the beginning of the school year. Congratulations to Year 5 and Year 2!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	94.8%	96.7%	92.3%	96.7%	91.4%	99.1%	98.2%
No of Lates	10	13	7	15	18	10	17
Whole school attendance this fortnight			95.6%	School Target			96%



October is the month of the **Rosary** when we contemplate the main events of Jesus' life while reciting the Our

Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be prayer. We began on Monday 1st at 2.45 in the School Hall. You are welcome to come and join the children in the hall for this beautiful, centuries old form of prayer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



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

Autumn:

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 6th November 4 to 5pm

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 15th November 9am to 12pm

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

DIARY DATES:

- **Mon 15th Oct.** Year 5/6 BC Basketball Competition - Bishop Challoner Sports Hall - 4pm
- **Tue 16th Oct.** Year 6 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Fri 19th Oct.** Boys Football League match v Hollywood - Yardley Wood Playing Fields - 4pm
- **Tue 23rd Oct.** Year 2 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Wed 24th Oct.** Staff's sponsored walk for books
- **Thu 25th Oct.** **SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15pm** Half-Term
- **Fri 26th Oct.** **SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY**
- **Mon 5nd Nov.** St Martin de Porres' Day
- **Tue 6th Nov.** No Mass
- **Tue 6th Nov.** Open Evening - 4-5pm - All welcome
- **Thu 15th Nov.** Open Morning - 9am-12pm - All welcome



It is of utmost importance that when you cannot pick up your child yourself afterschool, you call the school before 3pm to let us know who is going to pick them up. **Thank you.**



AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

New after-school clubs dates & letters have gone out to the children in Key Stage 2 this week for clubs taking place after half term. The clubs proving to be very popular, Miss Haydon need consent forms returned by Monday 15th to the school office at the latest. Some clubs are running on different nights than before, so it is essential, even if your child attended the club in September/October, that a consent form is signed for next half-term as well. **Thank you**

A big...



A very special thanks goes to Mrs Surinder Kaur, Manraj's mum, who donated 2 beautiful hampers that became prizes for the raffle.

...to all the families, the staff and the PTA who contributed in making our Coffee Morning, on Friday 28th September, a real success.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected no less than £319.10!



Our Year 6 Hockey team and our Year 3/4 Dodgeball teams both came second place in their respective School Games Competitions organised by Bishop Challoner. We are very proud of them. It was their first time for some children representing our school, which they did impeccably.

Also a big thank you to parents/family members who attended both competitions and helped with transport. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to Year 4 who were the September winners of the *Walk to School* Trophy. They had the most active journeys in the school last month. Remember to walk, park and stride or hop off to help your class win next month.

The more children who walk all or part of the way to school, the safer our roads are and the cleaner the air is.

Parking

I appreciate that we lead busy lives but please arrive in plenty of time and park away from the school. This week, I heard about a blind person who was forced to walk in the road and was at risk because our parents were parked partly on the pavement.

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

Year 1 – Livia

Year 2 – Hamza

Year 3 – Finlay

Year 4 – Isabel & Ilarnah

Year 5 – David & Isla

Year 6 – Tane & Maryam

Thank you so much for all the food and money you brought to the Harvest collection. After the service, our Y6 Chaplaincy team presented your donations to the Anawim Centre.



We are also very grateful for the fantastic turn out of parents at our Harvest Prayer Service on Tuesday 9th October. Thank you very much for your presence. It means a lot to our children.

The PTA would love to welcome new members. If you are interested, please come to their next meeting at 2pm on Friday 19th October.



Our Year of Reading

This year, a key focus of the school is READING. We have one of the best records in the whole country in teaching children phonics and therefore our focus is on encouraging the children to enjoy reading high quality books.



One of the best things any parent can pass on to a child is a love of stories and books and yet, because of our over use of technology, (playstations, tablets, phones etc.) it is becoming harder to do. Please try and maintain a bedtime routine for your child that includes telling them a story or reading a book to them. The sacrifices we make as parents in finding this time in our busy evenings when we are tired makes such a difference to our children's long-term happiness.

If you want any recommendations for stories to tell or books to read please ask other parents or come and have a chat with staff. The best books are those that include a good range of vocabulary, are in short chapters and reflect a range of heritages (especially your own).

This week we welcomed Mr Tikimo as our new school governor. Mr Tikimo has been appointed by the Archdiocese to be a member of the Governing Body which oversees the working of the School.