



# St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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

## Newsletter No 4 - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the beginning of the school year. Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 3!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.9%	90.5%	95.4%	96.3%	99.6%	98.6%	96.9%
No of Lates	5	8	9	2	4	3	6
Whole school attendance this fortnight	96.4%			School Target			96%

### DIARY DATES:

- Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. SCHOOL CLOSURES 3.15pm Half-Term
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. St Martin de Porres' Day
- Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. No Mass
- Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Open Evening - 5.30-7pm - All welcome
- Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Year 5 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Parents' Evening early app. - 3.30-6pm
- Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Open Morning - 9am-12pm - All welcome
- Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. Year 4 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Parents' Evening late app. - 5-7pm
- Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Year 3 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Basketball League matches. King's Heath Boys School - 4 to 5.30pm
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Theatre trip to the Old Rep - Details to follow
- Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. Year 6 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome



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

### OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 to 7pm

### OPEN MORNING

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9am to 12pm

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



### Theatre visit

We had a good response regarding the educational visit to the theatre to see Pinocchio. We are still waiting for more but decided that the trip will go ahead for the whole school. Please send your permission slip together with £14.50 into school as soon as possible.

Thank you



If your child is going to have their fourth birthday before end of August 2019, they will be able to start school in September. Prior to this, you must visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (final closing date).

**Don't miss this very important deadline!**

school dinners, etc.

May we remind parents that dinner, Breakfast Club and After-School Club monies should be paid in advance.

Many thanks.



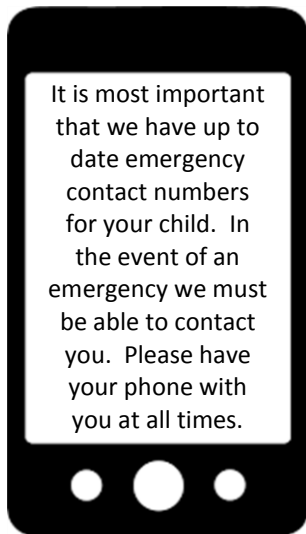
HM Revenue & Customs

Tax-free Vouchers

Our school has now signed up for HMRC Tax-free Vouchers for Childcare, Computershare, Fidelity Care and Reward Gateway. You can use these as payment for Before and After-school Care at our school (Breakfast and After-school Clubs). For more information, please talk to Mrs Sullivan at the office.



Thank you all so very much for the amazing support you gave our members of staff on their "Walk for books" on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. You have been very generous. Please return your sponsor form together with monies by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



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.

### Request from Mrs Braithwaite

We would be grateful of any donation of unwanted

## LOOM Bands

that the children would get creative with during lunchtime when they are in the School House.

### Cricket Club



Every Thursday from after half-term (starting on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov), Miss Haydon will be running a cricket club during Breakfast Club. This club is open to all children from Year 2 upwards. The club will consist of cricket skills and mini games of cricket. It will start promptly at 8am and continue until 8.45/8.50am. The children who attend are offered breakfast too and the charge for all children regardless of whether they have breakfast or not is £3.



After half-term clocks go back, all children must be collected at 3:15pm or after their club at 4:30pm. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone during the dark evenings. **Thank you.**



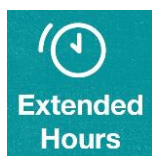
May we remind you that packed lunches should not include high fat savoury snacks such as crisps, sausage rolls, pasties, fried samosa. It is optional for children to bring one small cake/biscuit/ small bag of healthier option crisps on a Friday only. Check our school website for our packed lunch Policy, for ideas for a healthy lunch and for links to healthy eating websites.



**From Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Please come visit our Book Fair. You'll have an amazing choice of books for children of all ages to buy. The more we sell, the bigger the voucher the school will be given to get library books for our children.

The PTA would love to welcome new members. If you are interested, please come to their next meeting at 2pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



**3.30 to 5.30pm**

We are delighted to announce that our After-School Club will stay open 1 hour longer, up until 5.30pm every school day starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The fees will remain £5 for the first hour with an additional £5 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. Please make sure your child is collected promptly at the end of the club.

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

**Reception** – Alexcia & Zak

**Year 1** – Ismail & Jeramiah

**Year 2** – Oskar, Ahsan & Adrina

**Year 3** – Emily & Delilah

**Year 4** – Abdul-Basit

**Year 5** – Zoya

**Year 6** – Arran