



Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School

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“Through Jesus we achieve our very best.”

Newsletter No 7 – Friday 14th December 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since last newsletter. Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 5 on their attendance!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	94.5%	97.6%	97.2%	99.3%	96.3%	99.3%	97.3%
No of Lates	20	20	19	10	16	14	22
Whole school attendance this fortnight			97.3%	School Target			96%

DIARY DATES:

- Mon 17th Dec. Year 3 Christmas Crafts with parents - 1.15pm
- Tue 18th Dec. Year 4 Christmas Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- Tue 18th Dec. Christmas Dinners - 12pm
- Wed 19th Dec. Christmas Class Parties - 1pm
- Wed 19th Dec. Christmas School Disco - 5.30 to 7pm
- Fri 21st Dec. **SCHOOL CLOSSES** for the Christmas Holidays
- Mon 7th Jan. **SCHOOL RE-OPENS** - 8.55am
- Tue 22nd Jan. Basketball League matches - 3.45pm
- Tue 29th Jan. Basketball League matches (ATeam) - 3.45pm
- Thu 31st Jan. Netball match v St Bernard's - 3.45pm
- Fri 1st Feb. Boys Football League match v St Bernard's - 4pm
- Mon 4th Feb. Academy Photos Indiv./Sib./Fam - 8.30-11.30am
- Mon 11th Feb. Boys Football League match v Billesley's - 4pm
- Thu 14th Feb. Coffee Morning - School house - 9am
- Fri 15th Feb. **SCHOOL CLOSSES** for Half-Term break
- Mon 25th Feb. **SCHOOL RE-OPENS** - 8.55am

THIS SCHOOL IS A



No **nuts**/nut products should be brought into school as we have several children with allergies. Please be mindful of this when sending in your child's packed lunch or birthday cakes/chocolates. Also note that Nutella contains nut and so is included in this ban.



Our PTA is organising its annual Christmas Raffle. There are 6 beautiful hampers and other delicious prizes to be won. Tickets are for sale £1 a strip from the office or PTA members before and after school. The draw will take place during assembly on Friday 21st December afternoon.

This week we welcomed Mrs Hebrard as our new Parent Governor. Mrs Hebrard has been elected by the parents to be a member of the Governing Body which oversees the working of the School.



Christmas events this December 2018

Year 3 Crafts

Monday 17th – 1.15pm



Mass & Dinners

Tuesday 18th

9.30am – Mass
12pm – Dinner*



Parties & Disco

Wednesday 19th

1pm – Class parties***
5.30pm – Disco**



*Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18th December

Children who normally bring packed lunch can have dinner at the cost of £2.30. Please book and pay by Friday 7th December at the latest.

Holidays – School will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 21st December at 3.15pm and re-open two weeks later on Monday 7th January at 8am.



Christmas CD
Our Christmas CD

***On **Wednesday 19th December**, each class will be holding a party. In support of this, we would be grateful if donations could be made as follows:

- Rec & Year 1** Cakes (Fairy cakes/individually wrapped – not home-made)
- Years 2 & 3** Biscuits
- Years 4 & 5** Crisps
- Year 6** Squash

Children may wear non-uniform on this day.

We are hoping that if we have all been very good this year, we may receive a visit from a very special guest!

Thank you to our Irish Dancers for performing at the parish Christmas Fair last Saturday. They were fabulous! Thank you to the parents for their support. Irish Dancers will be performing for the whole school after assembly on Friday 21st December at 2:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.



This year, we invite all our families to visit our crib in the school entrance. We ask that you spend time writing a prayer and praying together to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We also have a Polaroid camera available to capture this moment. Photos will then be displayed. Many Thanks. Mrs Laird

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

- Rec** – Lucas & Vinita
- Year 1** – Neyla & Rizwan
- Year 2** – Harry & Azharul
- Year 3** – Kei Kei & Dean
- Year 4** – Shalom & Kayden
- Year 5** – Danish & Ayaan
- Year 6** – Ella & Caitlin

Christmas Disco

On **Wednesday 19th December, school will be holding our annual Christmas disco.

This is an opportunity for your child to dance and have some fun with their friends. The disco starts at 5.30pm and will end at 7pm. Entry is £1 and there will also be an opportunity for children to buy small toys and food. Any money raised will go back into the school to help cover the loss we are making on the Theatre Trip. All children welcome!



Father Dominic, on behalf of the Parish, would be grateful for wrapped gifts to distribute to children less fortunate than ourselves. If you are able to donate, gifts can be left at the school office - please ensure that they are clearly labelled with the appropriate age and gender to which the gift is suited. **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.

Could any outstanding sports kits be returned to school ASAP? Thanks to parents who have already done this.

AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

New after-school sports clubs letters have gone out this week for clubs taking place after Christmas. Any consent forms need to be handed in by Tuesday 19th December to the school office at the latest.

Thank you



school dinners, etc.

May we remind parents that all outstanding Dinner, Breakfast Club and After-School Club monies must be paid on Monday 17th December.

Reminder letters were sent out last Friday.

Many thanks.

Our Year of Reading



One of the most important gifts a parent can give children is to read with them and tell them stories. Please continue to do whatever you can to find the time to do this as part of a bedtime routine. Please also sign the reading diary everyday.

As part of our Year of Reading, the staff have organised a reading challenge. Every child will bring home a challenge sheet before Christmas.