



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

October 2017 No 2

Dear Parents

Farewell to Mrs Brunning

Very sadly we are saying farewell to Mrs Brunning, our Pastoral Care Leader. I know she has thoroughly enjoyed her time here and has provided immense support and comfort to many parents, staff and children; she will be sorely missed. I wish her all the best for the future as she takes up a new role in the Early Help Team.

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Louise Jarvis, our new Family Worker. She has a wealth of experience as a Family Support Worker and I am sure that she will be a real asset to our Pastoral Care Team.

Parent Forum

On **Wednesday 11th October** we held our Parent Voice Forum. This was well attended and a big thank you to those that were able to make it. Here are some of the discussion points that were raised:

A parent had enquired if it was possible for the school to have a shaded pathway from the entrance of the school to the reception which can also serve as a waiting area for parents when it is raining.

A parent had raised issues over the reading challenge scheme. Their concerns are regarding the amount of books their child is due to read within a week.

A parent asked if the school could offer 30 hours nursery places for working parents next year.

A parent asked if the termly maths tests can be sent home, after marking so that they could sit down with their child and go through and help where needed.

For many parents parking still is a huge issue – please read the handouts from the children and Fire service!

All parents agreed that the website was good and informative. There was a request for links to sites available for helping their children with homework.

The last comment made by a parent was how happy they were with the school and how their children enjoy coming to school every day.

Please go to the link on the school website, Parents - Parent Voice Forum, for the full minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting.

Education Sunday

Thank you to all of the families who attended mass at St Martin de Porres Church over the weekend. It was an amazing turnout for the both masses. Father Michael has also asked me to pass on his thanks.

Play & Stay

Play & Stay sessions take place on Fridays between 9.00am - 10.30am in the school Family Room. The group is facilitated by Mrs Newton and is aimed at parents with children 0 - 3 years old and is free of charge. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents whilst also having fun with your child. Come along and enjoy the activities!





Macmillan

The coffee morning for Macmillan raised £300.00. Congratulations to Corrina Murphy who correctly guessed the weight of the cake. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the morning.

Parentmail

Thank you for using Parentmail to make online payments, this is proving to be successful with our parents. Some parents are noticing that the payment App is not becoming up to date immediately after use. If you use an Android device, please follow these steps to clear your payment account.

Please go to your Phone Settings, click on APPS > find the ParentMail APP and click into it > Clear Cache and Clear Data

Dinner Money

Please see below the costs for dinner money this half term

This half term 30.10.2017 – 20.12.2017 (38 days):

Per Day	£2-07
Per Week (5 days)	£10.35
Half Term (7 weeks, 3 days)	£78.66

School Council

I meet with the School Council every half term and they share their thoughts and those of their classmates for ways in which to improve the school. One of the things they have requested, are more games and puzzles for wet playtimes. We do provide some resources and this will be the focus for our sponsored events this term but, as you know, pieces do become lost or damaged. So the School Council are asking you to donate any unwanted games or puzzles that your child no longer plays with. Please make sure that these are in good condition and mark them for the attention of the School Council.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open from **3.30 – 4.00pm on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October**. Thank you so much to everyone who has bought a book or two! So far we have raised over £800 which means we will receive £400 pounds worth of books for the school. If we can raise £1000, we will receive £600 pounds worth of books. (The more books we sell, the greater percentage of the money we receive against the purchase of books for the school.) I would also like to thank the Year 6 pupils who worked so hard to make the Book Fair a success. Thank you so much to everyone who has bought a book or two!

Enjoy the half term break and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 30th October.

Thank you for your on-going support.

N J Morgan

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Deputy Head Teacher

Friday 20th October 2017

