



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

October 2017

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Dear Parents

### Parent Consultation Evenings

The dates for Parent Consultation Evenings will be on Wednesday 18th October from 4pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 19th October from 6pm - 8.30pm. Appointments can be made via **Parentmail** from Friday 6th October.

### Harvest Festival – Friday 20th October

On Friday 20th October at 9.00am we will be holding Harvest Festival Assemblies in each of the school halls, for the children. We are asking children to donate food, from **Monday 16th October**, so that we can collect it to give to Luton Foodbank. The food needs to be non-perishable so I have listed below the types of food that would be ideal. Please send into school by the morning of Friday 20th October.



Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Luton Foodbank provide emergency food supplies for people in crisis. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support and generosity.

#### Suitable items:

Fruit Juice (Carton)

Milk (UHT/Powdered)

Meat/fish (Tinned)

Rice Pudding/Custard (Tinned)

Tea Bags/Instant Coffee

Sugar/Jam

Breakfast Cereal

Tinned Tomatoes

Vegetables (Tinned)

Dried Rice (500g)

Pasta Sauce

Soup

Baked Beans (Tinned)

Biscuits

Other items such as shampoo, toilet rolls and washing up liquid are also very welcome.

### Parent Forum

On **Wednesday 11th October at 2.30pm**, we are holding our next Parent Forum meeting. If you attended the last one, or would like to join the group, then please come along to the meeting. This is an opportunity to celebrate the good things happening in our school and to raise any concerns. An invite has been sent out on **Parentmail** via the forms section and this will be an opportunity for you to add any thoughts to the agenda. Please complete this by Monday 9th October.

### Uniform

Please can I remind you of a number of issues around uniform that I have noticed with just a few children:

- Earrings are not allowed. However, a **stud** (not hooked or looped) in each ear is.
- Tracksuits for outdoor PE should not be worn until after half term and should be plain navy blue or black in colour with no logos.
- Hair can be as short as you like but please avoid lines and shaved sides with longer hair on top.
- School bags need to be a reasonable size - a small back pack – we do not have room for larger bags in the cloakrooms.

## Play & Stay

Play & Stay sessions will be commencing on Friday 6th October, 9.00am - 10.30am in the school Family Room. The group is facilitated by Mrs Newton and is aimed at parents with children up to the age of 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!

## Year group newsletters

Newsletters highlighting what your child is covering in class this term are now available on the school website - [www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk](http://www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk). Follow the link "Curriculum" and then to the relevant year group.

## Building Fund

This has been set up on Parentmail; please donate via the payment section. A separate letter will be emailed with further details.

## Modeshift Travel Award, school gate and playgrounds

Once again, we have been awarded the Modeshift Travel Award in recognition of the many initiatives our children take part in regard to sustainable travel. Many thanks to you all for supporting our efforts to make travel around our school safer and more healthy.

The children are so much better now at walking their bikes and scooters off the school grounds so thank you for your support over this. Please remind your child, if they are new to the school, about this. Why not park at Lewsey Swimming Pool car park and walk up to school. This will help with congestion outside school and will help with your overall fitness.

Some parents have recently parked in front of the main school gate. Please remember that this must be kept clear at all times and is the only access point for emergency vehicles. We would also ask you to park safely - **not on the grass verges or pavements.**

## Rule 243 (from the Highway Code)

**DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property

I look forward to seeing you all at some point during our Parents' Evenings. The Book Fair will be with us so be prepared to spend some cash!

Kind regards

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

