



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

January 2018

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all. I talked to the children about New Year resolutions on the first day back and about how hard work is the way to achieve our aspirations. How true if you are trying to do something better, or give something up, so good luck if you are!



Year Group Newsletters

Year Group Newsletters, which inform parents about what the children are studying, are now on the school website under “curriculum”- www.stmartindeporresluton.co.uk. Remember there is much information on the website regarding the curriculum covered by your child.

Head Girl

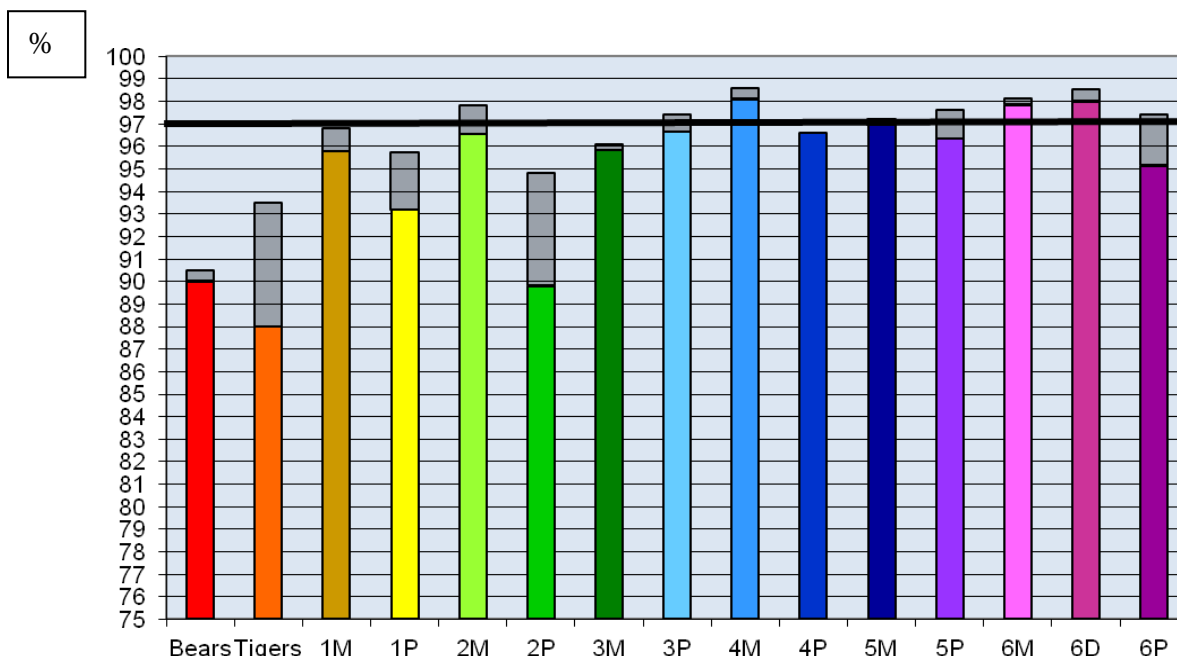
At the end of last term our Head Girl Ireene Shibu left to move to another school. In her place, Julia Lapicz-Biedz has been appointed. We would like to congratulate her as she fully deserve this accolade and I am sure she will be a great example to the rest of the school and carry out their duties with enthusiasm and pride alongside Casey-Jewel Maclean, our Head Boy.

Paddington Attendance Award: 30th October – 20th December 2017

Congratulations to **4M** (98.1%) and **1M** (95.8%), who are the recent winners of our Paddington Attendance Award. Our current level of attendance is 95.9% which is below our target of 97%.



I asked the children in assembly to make getting to school on time one of their New Year resolutions! On the chart below the top part of each bar represents "lates" so you can see the impact these have on the overall attendance for each class. The black line indicates the **minimum** percentage we would like **all** classes to be.



School closure

If it is necessary to close the school due to poor weather conditions then we will notify you by the following means. The most important of these is **parentmail** so please ensure your contact numbers/email addresses are up to date with us.

- Parentmail text and email - if you are not yet registered, or your contact details have changed, then please contact the office asap.
- Message on the school website - www.stmartindeporrysluton.co.uk
- Message on LBC website - <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Please do not call the school on the morning of a closure

New Phone System

We hope that you are finding the new phone answering system useful. Once you have left a message there is no need to call again later. Please be assured that the office staff will check the answer machine and will contact you later in the day if they need to.

Dates for this term

Date		Time	Event / Activity	
January	16	Tuesday	1.30	Keech Hospice visiting School Council –Conference Room
	17	Wednesday	9-11.00	Family Learning – Y2 English– Introduction
			8.15 – 5.30	Year 5 Trip to Kidzania
			3.30	Reading for Fun
	22	Monday	3.30-4.30	Rainbows Programme Starts
	24	Wednesday	3.45	PLSPs for Parents
31	Wednesday	9-11.45	Family Learning – Y2 English Starts	
		10.00-12.00	Yr1&Yr2 Net & Wall Games at Inspire	
February	01	Thursday	9.10	Year1 Candlemas Assembly to parents
	02	Friday	9.00	First Friday Mass
	06	Tuesday	9.00	Year 1 Trip to Tring Natural History Museum
			9.00-10.00	Internet Safety Day - Workshop for parents
	07	Wednesday	2.40	Year 2 Music Concert to Parents
			2.45	Year 1 Dance Performance to parents
12	Monday	3.45	SRE Parent workshop (with crèche)	
		6.00	SRE Parent workshop	
			HALF TERM	
		22	Thursday	Year 5 Boys’ Football at Playfootball
March	01	Thursday	9.00	Auditions for St Martin’s Got Talent
			5.00	Local Governing Body meeting
	02	Friday	9.00	First Friday Mass
			AD	World Book Day – Dress up
	05	Monday		West Area Partnership Spelling Bee Competition
	07	Wednesday	4.00 -6.30	Parent Consultation Evening
	08	Thursday	6.00 – 8.30	Parent Consultation Evening
	09	Friday	9.10	Mother’s Day Assembly – YrR to Parents
			AD	FOSM Mother’s Day stall
	12	Monday	9.00	St Martin’s Got Talent Sound Check
	14	Wednesday	9-11.45	St Martin’s Got Talent dress rehearsal
	15	Thursday	6.30	St Martin’s Got Talent Show
	26	Monday	9.30	Year 3 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal
			1.30	Year 6 To Alton Castle
27	Tuesday	9.30	Year 3 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal	
28	Wednesday	9.30	Year 3 Easter Production to Parents	
		2.40	Year 2 Dance Performance for Parents	
		5.00	Year 6 Back from Alton Castle	

END OF TERM

We hope that you will find our weekly email with events for each week useful. This will be sent to you every Friday to let you know what events are taking place for the following week.

A full list of events for this term is on the school website – www.stmartindeporresluton.co.uk

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

We have two workshops coming up this term for parents.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – Tuesday 6th February

This session will take place from 9.00 – 10.00 am and will be run by Mrs Jones. Further information will follow.

Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) Workshop for Parents – Wednesday 7th February

It is two years since we launched our revised SRE programme and we have many new parents and for existing parents, we feel it is important to offer you the opportunity to view the materials that we use and discuss any concerns that you have with staff regarding the programme. You will receive a letter shortly asking you to sign up for one of the two sessions. The sessions will run as follows:

3.40 – in the KS2 Hall – a crèche is provided.

6.00 – in the KS2 Hall – no crèche.

PE Kit

Thank you to all of the parents who are ensuring that their children have the correct PE kit in school. Some parents have reported difficulty in buying kit, particularly plain navy/black sweatshirts without hoods and jogging bottoms. Asda are selling both items on their website. These can be ordered from store or via home delivery. Prices start at £2 for the sweatshirts and £5 for jogging bottoms. Children will not be allowed to wear their school sweatshirts for PE. **Please make sure that all kit/uniform is marked with your child's name.**

I look forward to meeting many of you at some point during the term and especially at one of the Parents' Evenings, later in the term.

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan.

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Deputy Head Teacher

Tuesday 16th January 2018

