



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

May 2018

Take One Picture

Last summer we entered a national competition run by the National Gallery called 'Take One Picture.' (You remember the fantastic art work that was displayed in the KS2 Hall on Topic Parade Day). I am delighted to say that the Year 6 work has been selected to be digitally displayed in the National Gallery from the 9th May until the end of August this year. Entry is free, so why not take a trip into London and go and have a look.



Fund raising for CAFOD

Thank you for your generosity and support during our fund raising for CAFOD this term. Through our "silver collection", Y6 Soup Day and Year 5's Lenten Activities we managed to raise £975.96. This is a great effort and a special thank you to the staff and children in Year 5 for their efforts with the Lenten Activities and to Year 6 for stoically giving up their lunch. Also, well done to 4M and 4P who managed to raise over £180 during the Silver Collection. The amount that we have raised is matched by the government, so CAFOD will receive £1951.92 in total.

Big Pedal

Thank you for your support during the Big Pedal. We came 2nd in Luton, 12th in the East of England and 94th Nationally, which is a great effort by all. The atmosphere in the school was charged with super powers on Friday and we raised £270 for Sustrans. Well done to everyone and let's keep pedalling, walking and scooting!

Walk to school Week

The week beginning Monday 14th May is national Walk to School Week. Please make every effort to join in with this. If you need to bring your car, due to distance from school, then why not park at Lewsey Swimming Pool and walk the short distance to school. This could become regular pattern for many and so also help with the congestion on the roads around the school.

Bikeability

Year 5 have recently taken their bikeability proficiency course. They have been very focused throughout and I hope they are all now safer riders!

Lost Uniform

Please, please, please remember to name every item of clothing or pair of shoes, trainers or plimsolls that your child wears for school. We have a real problem of reuniting items with the correct owners and have lots of lost property. **If your child comes home with uniform that does not belong to them, please return it the next day.**

Photographs

Can I please remind parents about our policy around taking photographs in school. Parents **are allowed** to take photographs of their own child during school activities, such as productions, Sports Day and Picnic on the Field. Other children should not be included unless a parent of that child has given permission for this to happen. **Under no circumstances should another child's photograph be shared on any social media site.**

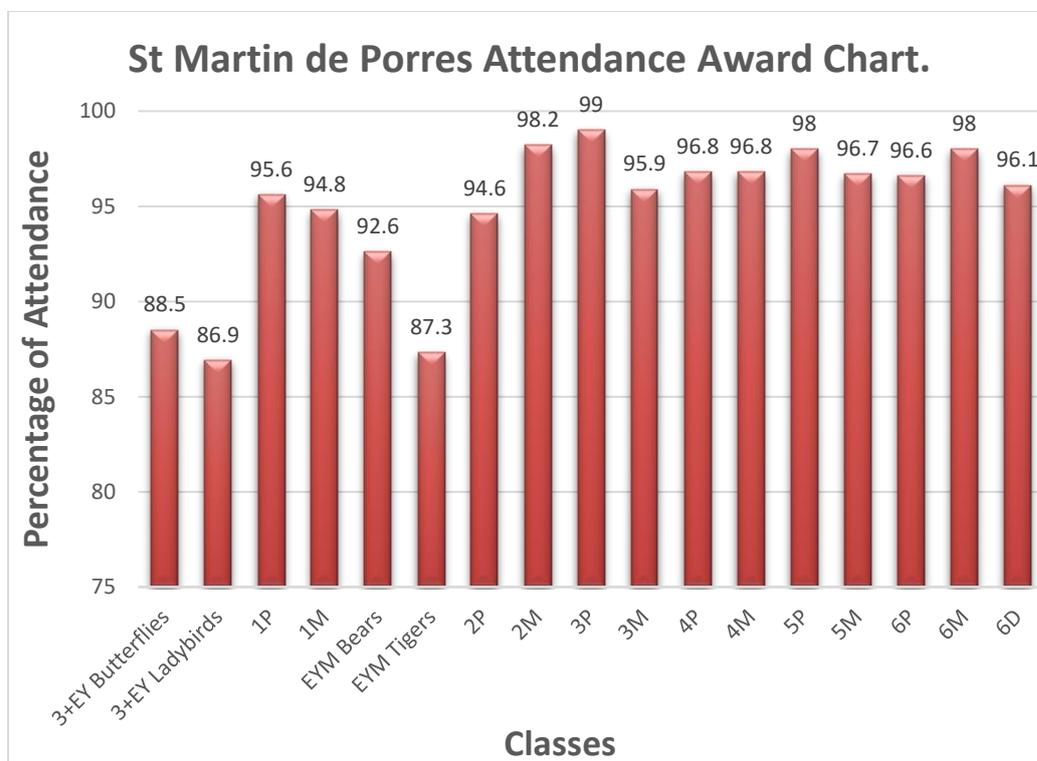
However, there are times when you will not be permitted to take photographs. These include:

- At any time, other than for school activities stated above.
- When asked not to by any member of the school staff.
- When asked not to during a production but may then be allowed at the end.

We are still a **“No phone or Mobile Device”** school. This sounds like a contradiction but what it means is that parents/visitors should not use their phones or devices whilst on the school site, unless in an emergency. They must not take photographs unless in line with what is stated above.

Paddington Bear Award: 20th February – 31st March

As you can see from the chart below (second half of Lent Term) most classes are above 95%, which is the national average. Eleven classes are above our school target of 97% compared to seven in the previous half term. Great news! Congratulations to our new Paddington Bear winners, 2M with 98.2% and 3P with 99%.



Parent Questionnaire / Parent Forum

Thank you to all those parents who completed our recent parent questionnaire sent out via Parentmail. The participation from parents was very good (238 respondees) and a summary of the responses is below. As you can see, the vast majority of parents are happy with the provision for their child here at St Martin's and I am very happy this is the case. However, this does not allow for complacency and so we are keen to improve wherever we can. Some issues were raised through the "comments" part of the questionnaire and so we will discuss many of these at the pending **Parent Forum – Thursday 14th June at 2.30pm**. If you are able to attend, please complete the Form on Parentmail.

School Questionnaire – April 2017	Strongly Agree	Agree	Tend to disagree	Unable to comment
My child is happy at school	75%	23%	0.8%	0.4%
My child Feels safe at school	73%	26%	0.8%	0.4%
My child is makes good progress at school	75%	21%	2%	2%
My child is well looked after at this school	69%	31%	2%	0%
My child is taught well at this school and is developing skills in communication, reading, writing and maths	77%	22%	0.8%	0.4%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	68%	27%	4%	0.4%
The school ensures the pupils are well behaved	71%	27%	2%	0.8%
The School deals effectively with bullying	63%	24%	2%	11%
The school is well led and Managed	74%	22%	2%	1%
The school Responds well to any concern I raise	69%	24%	4%	3%
Receive Useful information from school	78%	21%	2%	0%
My child enjoys the new school meals provision	63%	25%	6%	6%
Opportunities for prayer and worship	83%	25%	0.8%	2%

Farewell and Welcome

At the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Janes. We would like to thank her for all of the hard work and dedication that she has shown to the children whilst she has worked with us. We wish her every success in the future. We have recently said goodbye to Mrs Sheanon in the Care Club. We would like to thank her for the great care that she provided in the Breakfast and After School Club. Mrs Nicola Ward will be replacing Mrs Sheanon in Care Club and will be joining us from Tuesday 22 May.

Dates for this term

All the key dates that you need to know about are in the Calendar section on the school website - www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk

SATs in May

During May both our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils will be taking their SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard and we wish them every success as they strive to achieve what we know they deserve.

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan.

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Tuesday 8th May 2018

