



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

July 2018

Extreme Mountain Bike Show

Today all of the children were treated to an amazing display by Danny Butler of the Extreme Mountain Bike Show. This was as a way of saying thank you to the children for their contribution to our recent OFSTED report, when the inspector commented:

'Pupils' behaviour and conduct in lessons and around the school are exemplary. Pupils are keen to learn and report that examples of behaviour that interrupts their learning are very rare.'

So thank you so much children for being such great examples of our mission statement and truly 'Working Together in the Light of the Lord.'

Staff for St Martin's in September

I would like to give a warm St Martin's welcome to the new staff who are joining us in September. As Class Teachers we have Mrs Gittins and Miss Wilkinson. As Teaching Assistants we have Mrs Barrett, Mrs Rewt, Miss OMahony and Mrs Brooks. I hope they are all very happy here and enjoy their time in our school.

The Senior Leadership Team from September 2018

Head Teacher: Mrs N Morgan

Assistant Head Teacher: Mrs M Button

Yr4 - Yr6 Phase Leader: Ms A Gherra

Yr1 - Yr3 Phase Leader: Mrs L Gittins

Acting Early Years Leader: Ms C Cahillane



Wedding bells

During the summer Miss Hyde, one of the Year 1 teachers is getting married. She will return as Mrs Perkins and we wish her and her new husband many happy years together.

School dinners

Next half term 4.09.18 - 19.10.18 (34 days)

Per Day	£2-07
Per Week (5 days)	£10.35
Half Term (6 weeks, 4 days)	£70.38

Please remember that if your child has a diagnosed food allergy, then if you have not already done so, you will need to complete and return the form that Edwards & Blake have sent to parents.

The Government's scheme for Universal Infant Free School Meals remains in force (for now!) so there will still be no charge for Reception and Years 1&2.

Free School Meals (not to be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals)

If your circumstances have changed since last completing the form regarding Free School Meals then please complete a new one to see if you are now eligible. Not only will your

child receive a school meal and other benefits, such as free school trips, but the school will also receive some extra funding. Forms are available from the school office and we are happy to help parents to complete these.

School Uniform

For information on school uniform, please refer to the Parentmail that you received last week.

Hair styles

I have noticed recently a small number of unacceptable hair styles amongst some boys. Can I please remind parents of the school's policy in regard to hair styles so that there are no issues when children return in September. Hair can be as short as you wish but should be the same length all over and must not include any patterns. Thank you.

Picnic on the Field / Rugby Parade

Once again, the Picnic on the Field was a great success. Thank you to all the family members who were able to attend (nearly all!) and the weather was good to us. Well done to all the children for preparing so well and taking part with real enthusiasm. A massive thank you to the staff for all their hard work and efforts to make it a wonderful event.



Y6 Production – Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

The pupils of Year 6 gave us an amazing production this year. Their singing and acting was superb. Congratulations to them and a huge thank you to the Year 6 staff for their guidance and hard work.

Year 6 Leavers

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to our **Year 6** pupils. As I said to them and their parents at the Leavers' Mass on Monday, they have achieved many successes. At Alton Castle they were referred to as one of the best groups ever and they have given their heart and soul to all they have done. Their SATs results, which are attached were very good and fully deserved. We hope they have received a good foundation here at St Martin's and will now go on to have many successes on their secondary school journey

Staff leaving us

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who are leaving us this week – Miss Doyle, Miss Jimenez. They have served the school with commitment and dedication and many of our children have benefitted from their expertise and care. I would also like to thank Mrs Massink for her work since joining us in February on a temporary basis. I wish them all well as they move on and hope they are happy and successful in whatever lies ahead.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Armstrong, who is leaving to become the Head Teacher at St Vincent's Primary School in Houghton Regis. Mrs Armstrong has worked here for 14 years and has contributed so much to the development of the school and to the leadership team. I would like to wish her every success in her new post.

And so to Mr Carroll, who has spent almost 22 years of his teaching career at St Martin's; first as Deputy Head and then as Head Teacher. I am sure that on your behalf, you would want me to thank him for the many years of dedicated service that he has given to the children, parents and staff. At the mass that we celebrated on Friday evening, Mr Carroll was awarded the 'Benemerenti.' This is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy

and laity for service to the Catholic Church and was given in recognition Mr Carroll's service to the school, education and to his parish.

**Please remember that the last day for the children is THURSDAY 19TH JULY.
Years 1-6 return on Tuesday 4th September and Nursery & Reception on Monday 10th September.**

I wish you all a peaceful summer and look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan.

N J Morgan
Deputy Head Teacher

Wednesday 18th July 2018

