



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

## September 2018

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope you had a wonderful summer. The children have come back looking ready to learn and keen to do well. I spoke to them in our first assembly about high expectations around work, behaviour, respect for all and general attitude to life at school. They were all positive about this and I am confident the children will do their best to meet our high expectations.

### Welcome

I would like to give a warm St Martin's welcome to the new staff who have joined us. As Class Teachers we have Mrs Gittins and Miss Wilkinson. As Teaching Assistants we have Mrs Barrett, Mrs Rewt, Miss O'Mahony and Mrs Brooks. Mrs Woolhead has joined the office team. 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

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment through the office. If you then feel that you wish to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please make an appointment to see the member of staff who is the Phase Leader. If you have any Pastoral Care concerns, then please make an appointment to see Mrs Jarvis.

### Head Girl and Boy

Congratulations to Ifunanya Umeano and Thomas French who have been appointed as Head Girl and Boy for this year. They should be very proud to have been appointed to this role and I am sure they will be a great example to the rest of the school and carry out their duties with enthusiasm and pride.



### Mrs Banville

Mrs Banville is recovering well in hospital and the doctors are pleased with her progress. It will be a slow and steady recovery process but we hope that she will back with us in the New Year. Her husband has asked me to pass on his thanks for all of your prayers and kind thoughts.



### Mrs Davies

I am very pleased to inform you that Mrs Davies' new baby was born on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Many congratulations to her and husband, Gareth, and we look forward to seeing her son, Henry James in the near future.

### Nursery Places

We currently have some places available for the morning session for Nursery. If your child was born between 1/9/14 – 31/8/15, then please pick up an application form for your child.

## Friday Afternoons

Can I please remind you that clubs are provided on Friday afternoons **for children of working parents only**. Payment for the clubs is now set up on parentmail and the charge is £3 per half term to cover the cost of materials. We will not be able to add children to groups.

## KS2 Dinner Money

If your child is in Year 3 or above and your child would like school dinners, please use your Parentmail account to pay for school dinners. Please use your credit/debit card to do this. If this causes you any difficulty, then please come into school to talk to one of the office staff.

If you have arrears from last term, can you please ensure that this is cleared by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We will be unable to provide a meal for your child if there is an existing debt and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Please see below the costs for dinner money this half term

This 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

If your income is low or you are in receipt of benefits to supplement your income you might be eligible for Free School Meals for your child. To apply please contact Education Welfare, Luton Borough Council ([www.luton.gov.uk](http://www.luton.gov.uk) and search Free School Meals).



## Vacancies

Edwards & Blake who provide our school dinners are now recruiting for a General Assistant for 16 hours per week term time only. The pay is £7.83 per hour. Please contact Sue Simpson, Kitchen Manager for further details.

## Collecting Children at the end of the day

Please remember that the person collecting your child from school needs to be aged 16 or over and to be known to the school. If for any reason you or the adult who usually collects is unable to do so, please let the school know in advance who will be collecting in your/their place.

If you wish your child to walk or cycle home from school without an adult and they are in Year 5 or Year 6, please send in a letter to confirm this.

**When collecting from the KS2 playground, please keep younger children with you and do not let them climb on the playground equipment or ride bikes and scooters, as we do not want anyone to be hurt.**

## Year Group Newsletters

Our year group newsletters, which provide an outline of what your child will be covering in each subject, will be on the school website ([www.stmartindepordesluton.co.uk](http://www.stmartindepordesluton.co.uk)) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## Parents' Evenings

The dates for Parents' Evenings this term are as follows so please put them in your diary:

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 - 6.30
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00 - 8.30

A letter will follow nearer the time about making appointments through Parentmail so please do not call the school until this time.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding our annual coffee morning for Macmillan on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9 -11.20 am in the KS1 Hall. Come along and help us to raise funds to support this great charity.



## Bags4schools

Your child will be coming home with a Bags4school collection bag. Please return this on the 17<sup>th</sup> October and the school will receive money in return for your clothing donations.

## Key Dates

Please see the school website in the "Events Calendar" section for a complete list of events for this term - [www.stmartindepordesluton.co.uk](http://www.stmartindepordesluton.co.uk).

## Term/holiday dates for the year

You will find the term/holiday dates for the year 2018-19 on the school website. Go to "The School" and then to "Term Dates".

Once again, it's great to see the children back to school (I'm sure you will agree!) and I look forward to meeting you all at various times over the term.

Kind regards

*N. J. Morgan.*

N J Morgan  
Head Teacher

Wednesday 19th September 2018

