



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

October 2018

Dear Parents

Parent Consultation Evenings

The dates for Parent Consultation Evenings will be on Wednesday 17th October from 4pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 18th October from 6pm - 8.30pm. Appointments can be made via **Parentmail**. Edwards & Blake will be offering food tasting during the Parent Consultation Evening on Wednesday 17th October. This will be based on the new menu that will come into effect from Monday 29th October.



Harvest Festival – Friday 19th October

On Friday 20th October at 9.00am we will be holding Harvest Festival Assemblies in each of the school halls, for the children. Year 4 will be leading the assembly for KS2. We are asking children to donate food, from **Monday 15th 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 19th 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)	Tinned Tomatoes
Milk (UHT/Powdered)	Vegetables (Tinned)
Meat/fish (Tinned)	Dried Rice (500g)
Rice Pudding/Custard (Tinned)	Pasta Sauce
Tea Bags/Instant Coffee	Soup
Sugar/Jam	Baked Beans (Tinned)
Breakfast Cereal	Biscuits

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

Healthy packed lunches

I am aware that a small number of children are coming into school with packed lunches that are decidedly unhealthy. Please find below an example of what a packed lunch might look like:

Sandwich/roll/wrap (savoury not sweet)
Crisps
Piece of fruit/yoghurt/raw vegetables
Small biscuit bar (not sweets)
Drink (not fizzy)

Nut & Fish allergies

We have a number of children in school with nut and fish allergies of various degrees. Can I please ask parents to be very careful about what goes into their child's packed lunch as even a trace of nut or fish can lead to a severe reaction for some.

Dinner Money

Please see below the costs for dinner money this half term

This half term 29.10.2018 – 21.12.2018 (40 days):

Per Day	£2-07
Per Week (5 days)	£10.35
Half Term (8 weeks)	£82.80

Macmillan

The coffee morning for Macmillan raised £206. Congratulations to Karina Streaton who correctly guessed the weight of the cake. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the morning.



Parent Workshop – Writing

On Wednesday 14th November we are holding a workshop for parents on Writing. This will take place at 3.30pm and a crèche (for children attending school, including Nursery) will be available. A second workshop (without a crèche) will be provided if needed at 6pm. You will receive further information about the workshop shortly.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will now take place on Friday 14th December from 6pm - 8pm and not on the 7th December, as previously advertised.

Parent Forum

On **Thursday 8th November 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. We will send out an invite on **Parentmail** and this will also be an opportunity for you to add any thoughts to the agenda

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.
- Children need to wear shoes, **not boots**.

Play equipment

Please do not allow your children to play on the climbing equipment outside the Early Years or on the grassed area next to KS2 playground. The equipment is only to be used during school hours and must be supervised by a member of staff.

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. Follow the link “Curriculum” and then to the relevant year group.

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

N. J. Morgan.

N J Morgan
Head Teacher

Monday 8th October 2018

