



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

## December 2018

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Dear Parents

### Carol Service

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Carol Service last Wednesday which, as always, was a great evening. Well done to the choir for singing so beautifully and the readers who reminded us of the importance of Christmas and its true meaning. A big thank you to Miss Mulcahey for leading the choir and Mrs Gallagher for preparing the readers. Also, many thanks to Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Truman for supporting Miss Mulcahey and the choir.

### Reception & Nursery Nativities

We certainly got into the spirit of Christmas last week with the Reception nativity production of "It's a baby". The children were amazing and celebrated the birth of Jesus in a very special way. Our Nursery children also put on a wonderful performance of "Our First Nativity". I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff in Reception and Nursery for all their hard work and for preparing the children so well.



### Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success and we raised £3,900. As always the support was amazing and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. I would like to say a massive thank you to the Friends of St Martin, led by Janine Donaldson, for all the time and effort they have given for this event. This money will be used towards Notebooks (mini laptops) for children to use in class.

### Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday the children and staff enjoyed Christmas lunch. It was great to see the children dressed up in their Christmas paraphernalia and they really seemed to enjoy the occasion. A big thank you to the kitchen staff for putting on a lovely meal.

### KS2 Dinner Money

Please see below the costs for dinner money the next half term

Next half term 08.01.19 – 15.02.19

Per Day	£2-07
Per Week (5 days)	£10.35
Half Term (5 weeks, 4 days)	£60.03

### 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

We are currently recruiting for the position of midday supervisor. If you would like to be considered, please ask at the school office for an application form.

We are also recruiting for a Site Agent. You can find further details on our website or on the LBC job site.

## School closure

We will always endeavour to be open, but we need to ensure that the school site is safe for children and staff. 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.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk](http://www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk)
- Message on LBC website - <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

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

As we are currently without a Site Agent, could I ask that should we have snow in the first weeks in the new year, that some parents might be available to help us clear footpaths so that we are able to open. This would be at your own risk but would be much appreciated. If you are able to help, please give your details to the school office.

## Ofsted

This morning we received the report from OFSTED which I have attached for you to read. The report is very positive and recognises that our *'work to promote pupils' personal development is outstanding.'* It also acknowledges our high expectations for all of our pupils and the way in which we promote the *'values of tolerance, respect, faith and togetherness.'*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, staff and children for all of their support over the last term. I hope you have a holy and peaceful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

Kind regards

*N. J. Morgan.*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Head Teacher

