



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

January 2019

Dear Parents

School closure

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)

- **Parentmail** text/email - Please ensure your contact numbers/email addresses are up to date on your parentmail account.
- Message on the **school website** - www.stmartindeporresluton.co.uk
- Message on **LBC website** - <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Please do not call school on the morning of a closure

Please make sure that your children are warmly dressed for school. They may wear boots to walk to and from school, but will be expected to change into shoes inside school. If it should snow, please send a change of trousers so that they can go out to play.

Year Group Newsletters

Year Group Newsletters, which inform parents about what the children are studying, are now on the school website under "curriculum"- www.stmartindeporresluton.co.uk. Remember there is much information on the website regarding the curriculum covered by your child.

The Little Princess Trust

Jessica in year 5 has recently donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust charity. This charity provide wigs made from real hair for children suffering from the effects of cancer treatments. If you would like to make donation towards this charity on Jessica's behalf, there is collection box in the school office. Alternatively, you can donate via:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Janine-donaldson>.



Farewell

It is with great sadness that I need to tell you that Mrs Silcock, who worked at St Martin's for many years as School Business Manager, is no longer working with us. She has asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone in the school community, children, parents and staff for the many happy times that she experienced here. We wish her and her husband every happiness in the future.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Luke Sheppard, who will be joining us as Site Agent from next Monday. We also have three new midday supervisors joining us on Monday: Ms Donaldson, Miss Rehman and Mrs Hussain. We hope they will all be very happy here at St Martin's.

Parking and dangerous driving

Today I was informed of a potentially serious accident when one of our parents chose to drive on the pavement outside school, almost knocking a child over. Please be patient when bringing your children to school and park considerately. **Do not park across the school gates or just stop your car in the middle of the road and let your child get out of your car.** We have had several complaints from our neighbours and other parents about the selfish and dangerous parking by a small group of parents. We have advised them to report incidents to the police as well as to us. We are currently working with the council to try to improve the situation. Why not try parking a short distance from the school and then walk?

Workshops for parents

Many thanks to those parents who attended the workshop which was run by Ollie from Parentzone on Wednesday. We hope that you found this useful. Why not have a look at their website for further information and useful tips on how to make your child safer on-line www.parentzone.org.uk.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – Thursday 7th February

This session will take place from 9.00 – 10.00 am and will be run by Mrs Jones. This session is open to all parents and is chance for you to drop-in and talk about any concerns that you may have. Mr Davis, our IT technician, will also be on hand to offer support with setting up parental controls on devices.

CHUMS – Shine Bright, Dress Bright



On Friday 8th February we will be holding a fund raising day for CHUMS, who are an amazing charity with whom we work closely. They specialise in working with children in difficult situations or who have mental health issues. Recently they have been providing music therapy for some of our children for free. This programme usually costs £600 for ten sessions. Please send your child into school in brightly dressed clothes with a suggested donation of £1, which can be made through Parentmail.

We will be 50!

On the 21st April 1969, St Martin's school opened the doors to welcome the first pupils. We would like you to help us to plan some celebrations for the Golden Anniversary of the school. There will be a meeting on Thursday 7th February at 2.30pm for any parents who would be interested in making suggestions and who would be prepared to help with running any events that we will be holding. Please let the school office know if you are able to attend.

A full list of events for this term is on the school website www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk

I look forward to meeting many of you at some point during the term and especially at one of the Parents' Evenings, later in the term.

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan

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Head Teacher

Thursday 31st January

