



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

December 2019

Dear Parents

Carol Service

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Carol Service on 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 Mrs Banville and Miss Mulcahey for leading the choir and for preparing the readers. Also, many thanks to Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Truman and Mrs Dye for supporting Mrs Banville and Miss Mulcahey with the choir.

Reception & Nursery Nativities

We certainly got into the spirit of Christmas last week with the Reception Nativity. 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 just under £4000. 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 installing an all weather track to increase the amount of exercise children during break times.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday the children and staff enjoyed Christmas lunch. It was great to see the children dressed up in their Christmas jumpers 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 06.01.20 – 14.02.20

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| Per Day | £2.10 |
| Per Week (5 days) | £10.50 |
| Half Term (5 weeks, 4 days) | £60.90 |

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 and search Free School Meals).

Tesco and Sainsbury Supermarkets

We would like to thank Tesco and Sainsbury supermarkets for the very generous donations of toys and food that they have given to the school recently.

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.stmartindepordesluton.co.uk
- Message on LBC website - <http://www.luton.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

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

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 **Monday 6th January 2020**. **Please remember that school is closed for staff training on Friday 10th January.**

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan.

Thursday 19th December 2019

Head Teacher

