



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

February 2020

World book Day



Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. We would like the children to wear their pyjamas. The children will be able to bring in their favourite book and a teddy that they take to bed as well. We have decided that there will not be a competition this year, but will focus on the celebration of our favourite books, and in class, children will be given opportunities to discuss, listen to and review these books in ways appropriate to each year group.

Lent

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Ash Wednesday service this morning. It was a very thoughtful service and a good way to remind ourselves of the ways in which we can prepare ourselves for Easter. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be having lots of activities to support the work of CAFOD. These include:

- Yr6 Soup Day – a chance for Year 6 to have a smaller lunch and reflect on what it means to those around the world who do not have enough to eat.
- Year 5 will be running Lent Activities for the rest of the school to take part in on Monday 9th March.
- CAFOD will be running assemblies and workshops across the school on their theme of ‘What’s your goal?’ The money raised this year is going towards supporting people living in the Amazon Rainforests.

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

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

School Bags

We have a number of children coming to school with very large bags and these are causing problems in the cloakrooms as we simply do not have enough space. Can I remind you that in YrR, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3, children only need a book bag and PE kit bag. Yr 4 may use a back pack on swimming day but only need a book bag and PE kit bag on other days. Yr5&Yr6 should only have a back pack that can fit in their PE kit and books that they may need to bring home.

Prescribed Medication

Can I please remind parents about our policy regarding prescribed medication. If your child has medication prescribed four times per day, we will administer one dose at lunchtime. We

would require an indemnity form to be completed by a parent. If the medication is prescribed three times per day we will not administer as this can be done before and straight after school and then before bedtime.

If you're well enough for school you're well enough to

Our school policy is that if a child is well enough to be in school then they should take a full part in all activities, including PE. There are a small number of exceptions to this, such as a plastered limb or a child recovering from an asthma attack, and for these circumstances we would need written advice from a doctor/consultant. Please ensure, therefore, that your child has his/her PE kit on returning to school following an illness.

Luton Youth Magistrates

Before half term, two members of the Luton Youth Magistrates visited Year 5 and Year 6 to work with them on the issues of cyber bullying and sending inappropriate images and texts. The children engaged in a mock trial to make them aware that they are legally responsible for what they post on-line from the age of 10. The Magistrates were very impressed by the way in which our children participated and they spotted a few potential barristers.

A Night for the Wells Family

The Friends of St Martin's will be holding a fundraising night for the Wells family on Saturday 7 March 2020 at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Luton from 7.30pm. The night will include music from The Biblecode Sundays. Tickets cost £10.00 each and need to be purchased in advance. If you would like to purchase a ticket please email thewellsfamilyfundraising@gmail.com.

Dinner Money

Please see below the costs for dinner money the half term

24.2.2020 – 3.4.2020

Per Day	£2-10
Per Week (5 days)	£10.50
Half Term (6 weeks)	£63.00

Parents' Evening

I look forward to seeing you all at our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 25th March (4.00 - 6.30pm) and Thursday 26th March (6.00 - 8.30pm). During these evenings you will be able to meet your child's teacher and look at their school books. Signing up for Parents' Evenings will be set up on Parentmail on Monday 16th March. You will be notified through email so please keep an eye out for that.

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan

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Head Teacher

Wednesday 26th February

