



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

3rd April 2020

Dear parents/carers.

I do hope that you are not finding these unusual times too exhausting and that you are enjoying the activities that your children are being encouraged to do.

The school office will be open between 8 and 4pm each day or use help@smdpluton.co.uk. This new email address is for enquiries and for parents who are critical care workers who need to contact us about childcare arrangements. Please do not use the admin address for any correspondence.

Class Dojo

The teachers have been asked to set up access for parents on Class Dojo.

On your child's portfolio, you will find a code that you can use to join your child's class. You will receive an email telling you where to find this code. This will be available from today.

"To find your child's parent code please log onto their account and go on to their portfolio.

Once you have found their code, make a note of it and sign up to Class Dojo as a parent

For help on signing up please click on this link: <https://classdojo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/205417305-Create-a-Parent-Account#web>

For further help and guides on how to use Class Dojo please

visit: <https://classdojo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/200185365-For-parents>

Class Dojo recommends you download the Class Dojo app but you can also use an internet browser."

Class Dojo for parents is to communicate about the work that is being carried out with your child and teachers may not respond immediately, as they have other work that they are doing. Some are in school and some are working from home, so please don't worry if there is a delay in them replying to you.

Your child should be accessing Class Dojo daily and carrying out at least one task.

Please monitor your child's use of Class Dojo and make sure that they are not posting anything that is inappropriate.

Teachers will be reviewing and giving feedback but this may not be daily as they will be having a break at some point over Easter, so if they are not responding or giving feedback to children, please don't worry. However, this should be for a maximum of two weeks, so please contact us, if your child has not heard anything from their teacher for a longer period. From Monday 20th April, all teachers will officially be at work (although may not actually be at school), so they will be giving more regular feedback.

Teachers have been adding lots of resources and links to websites on Class Dojo, but here are selection to support further learning opportunities:

BBC Teach Primary
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/>

Classroom Secrets
<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

R.E.
CAFOD Home Learning
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>

Easter

As we are fast approaching Easter, I have attached a reflection on the Stations of the Cross for you to use at home with your children. It would be lovely to think that on Good Friday, you and your family will spend some time together remembering what the true meaning of Easter is.

The Stations of the Cross

For parents: try to create a quiet and peaceful atmosphere. Perhaps light a candle and play some quiet, background music. Make the sign of the cross together and say that you are going to look at the pictures together. Older children could read the stations.

There will also be reflections for the days of Holy Week on Class Dojo, so please take time to share these with your children.

You can watch all of the Easter services through the Northampton Diocese website at:
<https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

The Vatican will also be streaming live services for Holy Week starting on Palm Sunday from their website at: Vatican News or Vatican live.

Wishing you a very peaceful and holy Easter,

N. J. Morgan.

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Head Teacher

