



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### CAFOD

This Lent, we have raised over £1445 for CAFOD. Thank you so much for your generosity. The UK government have agreed to match the amount raised, so this is a really great amount and will go directly to fund the support that is going to the Ukraine.

### Questionnaire March 22

Thank you to all those parents/carers who completed our recent questionnaire sent out via Parentmail. The participation was very good (293 respondents) and a summary of the responses is below. As you can see, the vast majority of parents/carers are happy with the provision for their child here at St Martin's and I am very happy this is the case. However, this does not allow for complacency and so we are keen to improve wherever we can. I would also like to thank those of you who took time to respond to the Synod questions that were sent out. Your responses have now been forwarded to the diocese and will form part of the response for our diocese.

School Questionnaire March 2022	Strongly agree		Agree		Tend to disagree		Unable to comment	
My child is happy at this school	76.1%	223	21.5%	63	1.7%	5	0.7%	2
My child feels safe at this school	80.5%	236	17.7%	52	1.0%	3	0.7%	2
My child makes good progress at this school	74.4%	218	22.5%	66	1.4%	4	1.7%	5
My child is well looked after at this school	71.7%	210	25.3%	74	2.4%	7	0.7%	2
My child is taught well at this school and is developing skills in communication, reading, writing and maths	76.8%	225	19.5%	57	2.7%	8	1.0%	3
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	72.4%	212	22.9%	67	3.1%	9	1.7%	5
The school ensures the pupils are well behaved	77.5%	227	18.4%	54	2.0%	6	2%	6
The School deals effectively with bullying	64.5%	189	21.5%	63	2.7%	8	11.3%	33
The school is well led and Managed	72.7%	213	23.2%	68	2.4%	7	1.7%	5
The school responds well to any concern I raise	71.3%	209	23.9%	70	2.0%	6	2.7%	8
I receive useful information from school about my child's learning	79.2%	232	17.1%	50	2.7%	8	1.0%	3
My child enjoys the school meals provision	58.0%	170	27%	79	9.9%	29	5.1%	15
Opportunities for prayer and worship	82.9%	243	15.4%	45	0%	0	1.7%	5

### New Roof

The KS1 building will be having the roof replaced over the next term. There will be a builders' compound at the top end of the car park. You must not allow your child to play around this area when you are waiting to drop off or collect at the beginning and end of the school day.

## Alton Castle

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Alton Castle last week and were truly blessed with the weather. The staff at the castle were really impressed with the behaviour of the children while they were away. My thanks to the Year 6 staff and to Mrs Gormley who gave up their own time to take the children away.



## Congratulations

We were all delighted to hear the news of the safe arrival of baby Myles Truman on Friday. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Truman and we hope that they do not have too many sleepless nights!

## Peer Mentors

Year 5 children applied to be Peer Mentors for the school. They will support other children who may be feeling upset or lonely at playtimes and will make sure that they are cared for. Well done to the children who were selected. It is great to have these roles being carried out again.

Michal	Chesca
Klaudia	Daniel
JJ	Jairon
Oyewale	Wiktorja
Maria	Isaiah
Winnetta	Arnold

## Changes to staff

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Sheikh. Miss Wilkinson has been with the school for almost nine years and has contributed much to the life of the school. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the children and to wish her every success for the future. Miss Wilkinson will be replaced by Miss Borowiec in 2P.

Thank you to Mrs Sheikh who has been providing cover in 2M. Mrs Briggs will teach 2M full time after Easter until Mrs Davies returns from maternity leave on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. They will then job-share until the end of the term.

We have two new TAs joining the Year 2 team, Mrs Naeem and Miss McMahon.

## Dinner Money

### Next half term

Per Day	£2.35
Per Week (5 days)	£11.75
Half Term (4 weeks, 7 days)	£63.45

## Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

### Year 3 – Easter Reflection

This week the children of Year 3 presented us with their Easter Reflection, a retelling of the Easter Story. This was a truly prayerful and thought provoking reflection and a wonderful way for us to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Well done to all the children involved and a big thank you to Miss Doyle, Miss Mulcahey, Mrs Amarasekera, Mrs Parmar and Mrs Bumbac for preparing the children.

It has been wonderful to welcome parents back into school for some of the events that we have held over the last couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing many more of you coming into school next term.

Here are some dates for your diary for next term:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Jubilee Celebration – Picnic on the field

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day

I will include details of further planned events in the next Newsletter.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and Holy Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



Kind regards

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Friday 1st April