



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

16th July 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the term.

September return to school

When the children return to school in September, we will be continuing with some of the things that we have put into place over the last year. We will be updating our risk assessment and this will be published on the website. We have also been asked to create a contingency plan in case we have an outbreak of infection next term. This will also be published on the website. Could I please ask you to have your child tested for COVID before returning to school. Results should be emailed to help@smdpluton.co.uk

Please note the changes to the school day for September.

KS2 Playground			KS1 Playground		
Year Group	School Day	Friday	Year Group	School Day	Friday
Year 6	8:30am – 3:20pm	8.30 -1.20	Year 2	8:30am – 3:10pm	8.30 -1.10
Year 5	8:30am – 3:20pm	8.30 -1.20	Year 1	8:40am – 3:20pm	8.40 -1.20
Year 4	8:40am – 3:30pm	8.40 -1.30	Year R	8:50am – 3:30pm	8.50 -1.30
Year 3	8.40am – 3:30pm	8.40 -1.30	Nursery	8.30 -11.30, 11.45 -3.30	8.30 -12.30

Year 6 and Year 4 should enter via the playground gate from the pavement.

Year 5 and Year 3 should enter via the central gate in the car park.

All children must be accompanied by an adult, as a member of staff will not be responsible for the children prior to them entering the playground.

Face coverings

At the time of sending this Newsletter, the government advice around face coverings is that you will no longer need to wear one when coming onto the school site. However, if you are coming into the school building, we will ask you to wear a face covering.

School Uniform

From September, we will expect all children to return to school in the correct school uniform (grey trousers/skirts – not black). This includes PE kit (navy or black plain tracksuit, no hoodies or logos). No hooped or hook earrings and all studs to be removed on PE day at home. (Studs should only be plain gold or silver). All hair below the shoulder must be tied back with a small suitable band in royal blue, grey, black or white. Badged items such as sweatshirts can be ordered via the link on our website. Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. A book bag is all that is required for the children to bring items to and from school. If you do purchase a rucksack, it needs to be small as there is very little space in the cloakrooms.

Children will continue to wear PE kit into school on PE days, so please make a note of which days these are for your child.

Care Club

Opening Times: 7.50 -8.50 am
3.00 -5.30pm

When we return to school in September 2021, the school will continue to close on Friday afternoons and will not be offering Friday activities. There are on-going procedures that we have to put into place because of COVID19 and minimising different groups of children mixing will be one of them.

I realise that this may cause some difficulties for working parents. I have agreed with the Local Governing Body that the school will offer 50 paid places on a Friday between 1.30 and 4pm at Care Club's standard rate of £4 per hour. (For families with more than one child, there will be a reduction in cost for the second/third child to £2 per hour.)

Parents/carers will need to pre-book as they do for Care Club now – priority will be offered to Key worker and staff children. This facility will only be available to working parents/carers and will require proof that both parents/carers are working on a Friday afternoon. Single parents will also need to provide proof that they are working on a Friday afternoon.

In line with our COVID risk assessment, the children in Care Club will be kept in their year groups to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus.

All places must be pre-booked and a registration form must have been completed before a child may attend

Care Club on a Friday afternoon will not be available for Nursery pupils and will only be available for Reception pupils who have siblings in Year 1 or above.

Booking for Care Club will open on Monday 23rd August 2021

School dinners

Next half term 2.09.21 – 22.10.21 (37 days)

Per Day	£2.35
Per Week (5 days)	£11.75
Half Term (7 weeks, 2 days)	£86.95

Please note the increase in the price of school meals to £2.35 per day.

Please remember that if your child has a diagnosed food allergy, then if you have not already done so, you will need to complete and return the form that Chartwells have sent to parents.

The Government's scheme for Universal Infant Free School Meals remains in force (for now!) so there will still be no charge for Reception and Years 1&2.

Free School Meals (not to be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals)

If your circumstances have changed since last completing the form regarding Free School Meals then please complete a new one to see if you are now eligible. Not only will your child receive a school meal and other benefits, such as free school trips, but the school will also receive some extra funding. Forms are available from the school office and we are happy to help parents to complete these.

Staff leaving us

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who are leaving us this week – Miss Tyler, Miss Geary and Mrs Shah who have all worked as teaching assistants. Miss Dareve, Year 4 class teacher, who is leaving for a new teaching position closer to home. Thank you to them for the support that they have given your children.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Warner, who is retiring after working at the school for 24 years. She has served the school with commitment and dedication and many of our children have benefitted from her expertise over the years. We wish her a very long and happy retirement.

Staff for St Martin's in September

I would like to give a warm St Martin's welcome to the new staff who are joining us in September. As Class Teachers in Tigers and 1P, Miss Dominy and Miss Taylor. We hope that they will be very happy here at St Martin's.

The Senior Leadership Team from September 2021

Head Teacher: Mrs N Morgan

Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs A Barnaville and Mrs H Gallagher

Assistant Head Teacher: Mrs M Button

Early Years Leader: Ms Gherra



Year 6

The pupils of Year 6 gave us an amazing production this year of 'Shakespeare Rocks!' Their singing and acting was superb. Congratulations to them and a huge thank you to the Year 6 staff for their guidance and hard work.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. As I said to them and their parents at the Production last week; they have achieved many successes. Although they could not officially take their SATs tests, they did take the tests sat by children in 2019 and their results were very good and compared well to previous years. They are a reflection of all of the hard work that they have put in through-out their time here. We hope they have received a good foundation here at St Martin's and will now go on to have many successes on their high school journey

The school will be closed throughout the summer holidays. There will be no one available to contact by phone. If you have any queries, please email help@smdpluton.co.uk. The help in box will be checked from Friday 27th August, so please do not expect a reply before then.

I would just like to end by saying a huge thank you to all of the teachers and teaching assistants who have done such a fantastic job to make sure that your children have continued to receive a good education. I would also like to thank all of the Office staff, our Family Worker and Learning Mentor, TAs, cleaners, IT support, mid-day supervisors, Care Club staff and our Site Agent, who have been behind the scenes making sure that the school has run smoothly.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the Local Governing body who give so much to the school behind the scenes. I would particularly like to thank Mr Michael Moses, who has been our Chair of Governors but who has decided to step down from the governing body. He has been a very supportive Chair to the school and to me personally.

Thank you to you as parents/carers for the great job that you have done in supporting your children and for the kind words of encouragement that you have given to all of us here at St Martin's.

I hope that you have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Please remember that school closes to children on Friday 16th July and reopens for Years 1- 6 on Thursday 2nd September. Nursery & Reception on Monday 13th September.

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Head Teacher

