



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

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Dear parents/carers.

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

The school office will be open between 8am and 4pm each day or use [help@smdpluton.co.uk](mailto:help@smdpluton.co.uk). This email address is for enquiries and for parents who are critical care workers who need to contact us about childcare arrangements.

### Stars of the week

Class	Name	Reason
Bears	Nora	For 100% effort on Class Dojo and accessing every day, including on her birthday!
Tigers	Elijah	Fantastic learning on Class Dojo.
1M	Casey	For being a ray of sunshine and working hard in maths.
1P	Franco	For working hard on your maths.
2M	Lucio	For working really hard.
2P	Dawid	For completing the Mount Everest Challenge and completing 1171 laps of his stairs in 9 days.
3M	Chayce	For Fabulous work
3P	Wiktorja	For beautifully presented work.
4M	Michelle	For achieving the highest score on TT Rockstars.
4P	Saoirse	For giving her best in her work.
5M	Trent	For completing more than 2 tasks every day.
5P	Alexia	For working incredibly hard throughout the lockdown.
6M	Amy	For sharing all of the lovely things that she has been doing.
6D	Cody	For working consistently hard on the work that has been sent.
6P	Rhianna	For consistently good work.

Well done to all of Stars of the Week. Don't worry if you can't email work to us through Class Dojo, you can post it to us or ask someone to drop it into school as part of their daily exercise.

### Learning Resources

Last week we had 3,325 stories shared and 1093 skills shown across the school on Class Dojo, which is amazing. Thank you so much for supporting your children with this work. Remember to let us know if you are still having problems.

We are delivering an exercise book to every child over the next week, so don't forget to say hello to the member of staff who will be delivering it.

We are able to deliver paper based activities to those who are not able to access the internet, so please let us know.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire about the devices and internet access that you have at home. You will have heard an announcement from the government about providing devices for some children. Unfortunately, there are very strict criteria for these devices and that are not available to everyone. We will contact you if you are eligible, so please do not phone the school.

#### Contact Calls

We hope that the children have enjoyed speaking to their teachers over the phone this week. If you have not had a call yet, they will be in contact next week. They are also happy to talk to you about any concerns that you may have and can signpost you to some other professionals for support.

#### #LutonSchoolRun

Last week, over 30 staff from St Martin's took part in the LutonSchoolRun. Daniel Chaplen who organised the event sent this through:

Thank you everyone for taking part in the #LutonSchoolRun on Friday. The event went beyond any of our expectations in terms of both involvement and fundraising. This was down to the involvement and commitment from everyone who took part on the day; everyone really went above and beyond.

The current figures have shown that we had 712 people taking part from 39 different schools/organizations.

Collectively we covered a distance of 3,047.1 miles in the 12 hours and raised a whopping £25,433.00 and counting, meaning we have now more than doubled the initial £12.5k target. (Final figure raised is £26,164) Including Gift Aid this event will give Level Trust £30,526.40 to support families and children across the town with food, clothing and resources, now and into the rest of the year.

Please thank all of your staff on behalf of myself and Level Trust.

If anyone has any feedback on the event please feel free to send them to me directly.

Below is a link to the radio interview that went live on 3 Counties on Friday for those that may have missed it.

<https://stmatthewsluton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DC3CR24042020.mp3>

I would like to add my thanks to everyone who took part.

#### Family Learning

The Luton Family Learning Team have asked me to pass on their contact details.

In an attempt to support and connect with parents, carers and families in Luton during this time we have set up a Family Learning Luton Facebook

page. <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyLearningLuton/>

Alongside the Newsletter this week, I have attached a flyer from Luton Family Learning with some supportive ideas. I will send one of these out each week.

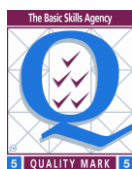
Can I ask you to pray for some of our families at this time who are very unwell and also to remember to pray for all of our families who work for the NHS, are Carers or other Key workers.

I would like to thank you for all of the kind messages that we have received as a school; they are very much appreciated.

I hope that you and your families keep safe.

*N. J. Morgan.*

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Head Teacher



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