



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Along with my Newsletter last week, I attached a letter from Joe Richardson, CEO of the Trust, which outlined our approach to the challenges we have been set concerning the more widely opening of our schools at some point from 1st June 2020.

First, let me reassure you that our focus is currently planning for a return to school at some point from the 1st June. We can only actually do so if we are completely satisfied with the work we are doing to reduce risks to children, staff and the whole school community in line with the government guidance.

I have been working alongside the Senior Leadership Team, other Head Teachers across the Trust and throughout other Luton schools, to devise a plan to help more pupils to return to school.

The school has remained open throughout the lockdown for Key worker and vulnerable pupils and we will continue to do so. This provision will remain available to all Key worker children when parents/carers have no other childcare provision.

We are hoping to increase the number of pupils coming into school from Wednesday 3rd June for Yr6, and then from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June for YrR and Yr1, subject to government guidance and that we are satisfied that we have taken every possible precaution to mitigate risks. If you replied on parentmail that you were happy for your child to return to school, then you will receive a separate letter confirming that your child can come into school and giving you the days and times when they will be able to come in, as well as detailed guidance about the structure of the school day and the safety measures that we have put into place.

We have planned for groups of 10 children to be together with the same teacher and at least 1 TA for the days when they are in school. (The teacher or TA will be a familiar adult, but may not be their own teacher or TA). There will be staggered times for the start and end of the day and for breaktimes. Each child will have their own set of resources and things such as construction toys will be regularly cleaned. The classrooms, surfaces, toilets and door handles will be cleaned throughout the day.

Children will be kept in social 'bubbles.' This means that they will stay with the same group of children when they are in school and with the same adults wherever possible. This is because we know that social distancing between young children is very difficult to achieve.

Pupil and staff safety is my highest priority and if I feel that we are unable to open on the 3rd June to Yr6, then I will inform you as soon as I am able to. It is my hope to be open to Yr6, YrR and Yr1 year groups by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the latest. We are then hoping that we will be able to welcome back other year groups towards the end of June.

There will be no Care Club provision unless you are a Key Worker and you have requested provision.

Please do not send your child into school if you did not ask for a place as we will not be able to accommodate unexpected children.

#### Childcare for Key Workers and vulnerable children

We are closed for the half term as usual. Childcare will reopen on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and will be available between 7.45 am – 5pm every day. You must book the childcare by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May! We are expecting an increase requests for childcare from returning to work Key Workers and we need to know numbers to manage staff levels.

Please email [help@smdpluton.co.uk](mailto:help@smdpluton.co.uk) by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> informing us of the days and times that you will need childcare, even if you have been using it before half term. Please do not just turn up with your child as we may not have adequate staff to supervise the children.

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	Lianne	She has used her phonics to write some fabulous honey bee facts
Tigers	Joanna	For excelling when given a challenge in her home/School learning
1M	Adrian	For always having beautifully presented work
1P	Jairus	For excellent work and drawing on the story map and writing his own.
2M	Nilah	For excellent work on Class Dojo
2P	Shanelle	For creating a fantastic piece of nature art
3M	Alissa	For excellent English and Maths through Class Dojo
3P	Jenessa	For trying her best to complete her tasks on Class Dojo
4M	Mercy	For consistently producing great work on Class Dojo.
4P	Benito	For creating a fun robot model from recycled materials
5M	Maja L	For consistently completing her Maths and English tasks daily
5P	Arvey	For working every day during lockdown and always completing more than one task
6M	Abena	For consistent effort in producing high quality work
6D	Sophia	For a huge effort to ensure she attempts a wide variety of activities
6P	Ebun	Make a real effort to keep up with maths on Class Dojo

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.

As it is half term next week, the teachers will not be setting any work as they need a well-deserved rest. They will not be commenting on any work.

Please remember Mrs Dye and her family in your prayers. Her mum, Mrs Fairclough passed away this week. Mrs Fairclough worked for over 20 years at St Martin's as a teaching assistant and supported many children and families. She will be much missed.

Can I ask you to pray for Mrs Newton and her family, as her father passed away last week.

Thank you for the many messages of support that you are sending to staff; they are really appreciated.

Have a lovely half term.

*N. J. Morgan.*

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Head Teacher

