



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents/carers.

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

As I am sure you are aware, there has been much speculation as to when and how schools will reopen to pupils. I have been involved in talks with the Trust and with other head teachers in Luton as to what this might look like. Once we have been directed by the Government and the DfE (Department of Education), there will be a period of planning to ensure that pupils can return to school safely. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, we will release specific and detailed guidance to parents and carers about our plans.

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	Sereen	For her love of learning and providing a consistently high standard of work.
Tigers	David	For being so creative in his home learning.
1M	Sebastian	For drawing some beautiful pictures and writing, some super sentences.
1P	Oscar	For working really hard on improving his writing, especially his handwriting.
2M	Dewran	For brilliant independent art work.
2P	Gabriel	For a fantastic performance of the Banana Rap.
3M	Maia	For working consistently hard in all subjects.
3P	Andreas	For completing the Dojo tasks with care.
4M	Maks	For creative Stone Age craft work and consistent work on Dojo.
4P	Kayla	For excellent science work and a great Greek myth.
5M	Reece	For doing his maths lesson every day.
5P	Dominik Z	For working really hard and being positive during lockdown.
6M	Logan	For consistent hard work and creative learning.
6D	Lainne	For consistently completing activities for English, maths and RE.
6P	Grace	For consistent, high quality 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

The Duchess of Cambridge has been speaking about her new project 'Hold Still'. It's such a special project and it would be lovely for the school to be involved if we can. It's open to any age group but she expressed a hope in schools getting involved.

<https://www.townandcountrymag.com/society/tradition/amp32390420/kate-middleton-hold-still-coronavirus-photography-project/>

"The project will focus on three core themes - 'Helpers and Heroes', 'Your New Normal' and 'Acts of Kindness'. It will reflect resilience and bravery, humour and sadness, creativity and kindness, and human tragedy and hope. People from across the UK are invited to submit a photographic portrait, which they have taken during these extraordinary times for the community project. Participants are also encouraged to provide a short written submission to outline the experiences and emotions of those depicted in their photograph". (The Daily Mail). Submissions for Hold Still can be made from today (May 8) via [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk). The closing date will be June 18, 2020.

Thank you to Mrs Streeton, who alerted me to this project.

Thank to you all for doing such an amazing job of supporting your child's learning at home. We have seen some fantastically creative ways of educating your child through lots of different experiences, from gardening to baking, from helping with DIY to dancing together. Please don't worry if you are finding it hard to complete all of the activities that are being set. Don't forget that BBC Bitesize resources are available through the red button on your TV, so you don't need a laptop or other device to access home learning. Remember, two things done well are better than five things done badly or not at all.

Don't forget the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. There are many great ideas to help you celebrate with your families. Why not check out Twinkl?

Please be patient with us as we try to source laptops for some of you. The Government is saying that we will not receive them until the first week in June and we don't have enough devices that we can lend to all of the families who need them. We are happy to continue to provide paper based learning resources to anyone who needs them. Just phone or email us.

## Family Learning

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 the repose of the soul of Fiona Kiernan, who passed away this week. Her two children, Meghan and Alasdair, are former pupils of the school. Fiona will be much missed by her family and many friends.

I hope that you and your families are staying safe.

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