

St Martin de Porres Primary School

March 2025



Dear Parents/Carers
Welcome to the Newsletter for March

CAFOD FUNDRAISING

This Lent, we have raised over **£600** for CAFOD.

This year to raise funds for CAFOD, we helped out to help others. Each class raised money to buy a chosen gift from CAFOD's world gifts.

We pray for everyone who struggles to get enough food to eat. May God guide us all to share what we can and to work together so that everyone may look to the future with hope. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Also, well done to **Year 5** who raised money through their Lenten Activities, lots of fun was had by all the children in the other year groups who took part. We will have an overall amount raised from this ready to report in the next newsletter.

Leave of Absence

We are still receiving many requests for leave of absence which we have had to grant as unauthorised.

Please do not ask for leave that is during term time, unless it is for something serious, like a bereavement.

The government have advised schools that we can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances.

Could we ask you to please read our leave of absence form and policy, which are available on the website and from the school office. Can we draw your attention to the information below:

Term time leave should be applied for at least 2 weeks in advance of leave being taken.

Authorisation for leave **will not be given**. The Head teachers will only allow your child to take leave during term time if your circumstances are exceptional.

Please also avoid making doctor, optician or dentist appointments during the school day or asking for your child to leave early due to appointments for yourself or any other non-exceptional reason as this is also in breach of our attendance policy. Leaving early means that children miss valuable teaching time, affecting their overall learning and development.

February Attendance	
Class	Percentage Attendance
1M	91.0
1P	96.4
2M	96.6
2P	95.8
3M	99.1
3P	97.5
4M	93.5
4P	95
5M	96
5P	95.9
6M	93.8
6D	95.4
6P	95.8
Totals Average	95.5

Miss Cahillane & Miss Taylor

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to Miss Cahillane and Miss Taylor today.

Miss Cahillane has worked at St Martin's for 18 years and has been a positive influence on every child who has been entrusted in her care over this time. As the Reading lead she has been the driving force behind ensuring children learn to read effectively and that we have a purposeful reading scheme and enjoyable books for the children in the library.

Miss Taylor has been invaluable to us over the last four years in roles such as School Chaplain, where she has worked closely with the Church, the parish and has been a great support to the School's Mini Vinnies and as our Music lead. We wish Miss Cahillane and Miss Taylor all the best as they move on to new adventures.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the talents and abilities Miss Cahillane and Miss Taylor have shared with the school, which have been a blessing to us all. As they step into new opportunities, we pray for success and fulfilment in their endeavours. May they find joy and growth in their new roles, and may their talents shine brightly wherever they may go.

Amen

We warmly welcome both, Miss Roberts, as class teacher for 1M and Miss Wiltshire as class teacher for 2P.

Year 3 – Easter Reflection – The Good News

This week the children in 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, who were absolutely fantastic and a big thank you to Miss Doyle, Miss Clarke, Mrs Parmar and Mrs Bibi for preparing the children.

Instagram

Remember to follow us [@smdpluton](https://www.instagram.com/smdpluton) for regular updates about what is happening in school.

It was great to see so many of you at the Parent Consultation evening last week. We look forward to the children returning to school on **Wednesday 23rd April**. We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful Easter holiday.

Kind regards

A. Barnaville *H. Gallagher*

Mrs. A. Barnaville & Mrs. H. Gallagher

Co -Head Teachers

Friday 4th April 2025

