



# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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Dear Parents/ Carers,  
Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Farewell

In last week's Newsletter, I announced the retirement of Mrs Fayne, who has worked at the school for 34 years. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Mrs Fayne, please contribute via Parentmail.

We will also be saying to goodbye to Mrs Carter and Mrs Nilletti, who have been working at the school for 12 and 11 years respectively. Mrs Carter will be moving to a school closer to home and Mrs Nilletti has decided to spend some time with her children. We wish them both well in the future and would like to thank them for their dedication to the children of the school and for the many ways in which they have supported the school during their time here.

Mrs Brooks will also be leaving us as she has decided to spend more time with son. We would like to thank her for the way in which she supported the children that she worked with.

Mrs Biedz will be leaving the Governing body at the end of the term. She has served as a governor for 6 years, supporting the school and carrying out the job effectively giving many hours of her time voluntarily. I would like to thank her for her commitment to the role and wish her well for the future.

### Welcome

Mrs Copley will be joining us in September as the class teacher in 6M with Mrs Button. We would like to welcome her to the school and hope that she will be happy working here. She will be covering Mrs Perkins, who will be going on maternity leave at some point during the Advent Term. Congratulations to Mrs Perkins and her husband on their happy news.

### Transition

It has been lovely to see so many of the children coming into school for transition meetings with their new class teachers. For those children coming in next week, could we please ask that they arrive on time for their session and that they are collected promptly. This will also be an opportunity to collect any belongings that were left in school and for you to return books and any other items of school property.

### Year 6

We are looking forward to Year 6 children coming into school on Thursday to finish their time here at St Martin's. Although they were unable to sit their SATS this year, we are very pleased with the standard of work that they have achieved and the way in which so many of them have continued to work hard to produce high quality work throughout the lockdown period. We will be sad to see them leave but are planning to

hold a special thanksgiving mass for them in September. We wish them every success and happiness in their new High Schools.

### Stars of the week

Class	Name	Reason
Bears	Faith	For working consistently hard in all areas of learning.
Tigers	Oliver	For coming into school independently
1M	Eric	For working hard in our phonic lessons
1P	Cezar	Because he always tries hard with everything he does and he is a role model to his peers.
2M	Corey	For persevering with his maths work.
2P	Zofia	For working hard every day in school.
3M	Jody	She has worked really hard this week producing some lovely work using Class Dojo.
3P	Fergor	For working hard on TT Rockstars
4M	Sienna	For consistently using skills learnt in our 'Wellbeing through Sport' unit of work
4P	Llyan	For taking part in our Year 4 Pentathlon challenges every day and giving her best in each event.
5M	Jadon	For confidently applying his multiplication knowledge when solving division word problems.
5P	Alana, Alex K and James McC	Because all three children who have all worked hard and consistently during the lockdown.
6M	Tai	For regularly completing work on Class Dojo and sending videos to show us his learning
6D	Evelyn	She has worked really hard in class since returning to school.
6P	Delores	For her hard work, concentration and good behaviour in class.

### On-line safety

Please find below links to on-line safety advice for parents.

#### Early Years

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-0-5-year-olds/>

#### KS1

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-5-7-year-olds/>

#### KS2

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-5-7-year-olds/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-7-11-year-olds/>

#### Ages 11-13

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/screen-time-tips-to-support-7-11-year-olds/>

## School Reports

School reports for the end of this year have now been sent out to all parents. Please take time to comment on the report and your experience of the home learning that we have been setting for your children via Parentmail. We do read all of your comments and, although we do not reply individually, we try to adapt our practise, where appropriate, based on what you have said.

## September return to school

I am sure that you are all aware of the government announcement that all children will be expected to return to school in September. Please be reassured that we will be working to minimise the risks to children when they return to us. We will not be operating a rota system, so your child will be in school from Monday to Friday (we will continue to finish at 1.20pm on Fridays.)

I will be sending out details of the plan for returning to school in September, next week, so please watch out for the information, as there will be some significant changes to how the school will operate.

Our plans will be completed in accordance with government guidance and we will update you of any changes as soon as we are able to.

The school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for staff training. This includes Key Worker children.

Please remember that if your child becomes unwell in school, we will ask you to collect them immediately and we will ask you to book a test. If you are unwell, you need to book a test and your child must not come into school. You will need to inform the school of the results of the test before the child will be allowed to return to school. Details of how to do this are at the bottom of this 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.

If you or your child has symptoms of COVID 19, you are now able to book a test by going to the website.

**STAY ALERT: Do you have a temperature? A persistent cough? Both?**  
**Order a test today: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>  
or by calling 119**

Please remember that school closes to children on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July and reopens for them on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Have a peaceful weekend.

*N. J. Morgan.*

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Head Teacher

