

St Martin de Porres Primary School Newsletter March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

CAFOD

This Lent, we have raised over £1600 for CAFOD. Thank you so much for your generosity. The UK government have agreed to match the amount raised, so this is a really great amount and will go directly to fund the support that is going to the Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

Questionnaire March 23

Thank you to all those parents/carers who completed our recent questionnaire sent out via Parentmail. The participation was very good (296 respondents) and a summary of the responses is below. As you can see, the vast majority of parents/carers are happy with the provision for their child here at St Martin's and I am very happy this is the case. However, this does not allow for complacency and so we are keen to improve wherever we can.

School Questionnaire March 2022	Strongly agree		Agree		Tend to disagree		Unable to comment	
My child is happy at this school	75.7%	224	20.6%	61	3.4%	10	0.3%	1
My child feels safe at this school	80.7%	239	18.9%	56	0.3%	1	0%	0
My child makes good progress at this school	76%	225	22%	65	1.0%	3	1.0%	3
My child is well looked after at this school	77.4%	229	20.9%	62	1.0%	3	0.7%	2
My child is taught well at this school and is developing skills in communication, reading, writing and maths	78.4%	232	19.6%	58	0.7%	2	1.4%	4
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	75.3%	223	20.6%	61	3.0%	9	1.0%	3
The school ensures the pupils are well behaved	78%	231	17.6%	52	2.0%	6	2.4%	7
The School deals effectively with bullying	66.6%	197	22%	65	4.4%	13	7.1%	21
The school is well led and Managed	78%	231	18.2%	54	1.7%	5	2.0%	6
The school responds well to any concern I raise	72.6%	215	19.6%	58	4.1%	12	3.7%	11
I receive useful information from school about my child's learning	80.7%	239	16.9%	50	1.4%	4	1.0%	3
My child enjoys the school meals provision	60.1%	178	20.6%	61	13.0%	41	5.4%	16
Opportunities for prayer and worship	85.1%	252	12.5%	37	0.3%	1	2.0%	6

Football Team

Well done to the football team. They played Whitefields Primary last Friday and won 1-0 and have also played Icknield Primary and won 1-0. Both games were hard fought but the team played well and deserved their success.

Alton Castle

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Alton Castle this week. The staff at the castle were really impressed with the behaviour of the children while they were away. My thanks to Mrs Perkins, Mrs Button, Mrs Barnaville, Mrs O'Mahony and Mrs Gormley who gave up their own time to take the children away.

Dinner Money

Next half term

Per Day	£2.46
Per Week (5 days)	£12.30
Half Term (5 weeks, 2 days)	£65.42

Year 3 — Easter Reflection — The Three Trees

This week the children of 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 and a big thank you to Miss Cahillane, Miss Mulcahey, Mrs Mrs Parmar and Mrs Naaem and Miss Jankovicova for preparing the children.

Here are some dates for your diary for next term:

Monday 24th April: INSET Day. School is closed to pupils for staff training.

Friday 7th July: Sports Day

Friday 14th July: Picnic on the field

Thursday 20th July: Term ends - school will close after lunch at the usual times for a

Friday (KS1: 1.10pm/KS2: 1.20pm/EYS 1.20pm/Nursery:12.30pm.

Dates for next half term.

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17.4.23	Term starts	
24.4.23	INSET Day — No children in school today	
28.4.23	Yr5 To mass at St Martin's Church	9.30
1.5.23	Bank Holiday	
3.5.23	PLSP meetings for parents	
5.5.23	Yr6 To mass at St Martin's Church	9.30
8.5.23	Bank Holiday	
9.5.23	Yr6 SATs week	
12.5.23	Yr4 To mass at St Martin's Church	9.30
15.5.23	Walk to school week	
19.5.23	Yr5 To mass at St Martin's Church	9.30
23.5.23	Yr3 Trip to Kew Gardens	
26.5.23	Last day before half term	
29.5.23	Half Term	
5.6.23	Children back to school	
7.6.23	School Photos	

I would like to wish you all a peaceful and Holy Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards

N J Morgan Head Teacher

Friday 31st March