



Dear Parents/Carers

Take One Picture

The National Gallery run an annual competition for schools called 'Take One Picture'. We have entered each year over the last 6 years. This year, two of our entries were shortlisted and I am delighted to say that the Nursery's submission 'Sail, Sail, Sail your ship' will be shown as part of a digital display at the National Gallery between the 13th July until the 8th October 2023. Congratulations to Mrs Marsiglio and everyone in the Nursery.

'Sail, Sail, Sail Your Ship

St Martin De Porres Catholic Primary School, Luton

Ages 3-4

Some children thought they could see a pirate ship in the painting, whilst others noticed the waves getting bigger and thought the people would be frightened and scared by the storm. The children's ideas inspired a re-write of the song 'row, row, row your boat' with new lyrics. We created a stormy background for our performance and came up with matching actions for our song too!

Barbara Marsiglio, Class Teacher

'I see a pirate ship... The people are scared because the storm is coming... The ship is falling down in the wavy sea... The waves are getting bigger... The sun is coming through the clouds.'

Nursery children.

For further information about how to visit the exhibition, please follow the links below.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/about-us/press-and-media/press-releases/take-one-picture-2023>

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Sun Safety

As the weather becomes warmer, please remember to put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. Please make sure that they have a water bottle and a sun hat – these must both be named.

Playground equipment and supervision of children

Children are not allowed to play on the equipment on KS1 or KS2 playground either before or after school. The equipment is only to be used during school break-times when it is supervised by school staff. When you are waiting to collect your child, do not allow younger children to play on the equipment or to run around the car park. Toddlers are running around in the car park and are being allowed to climb the equipment – please take responsibility for your own children. We have had some near accidents recently and my first concern is your child's safety.

Parking

Thank you to the majority of parents who have made a great effort to reduce the amount of parking outside of the school. Unfortunately, there are a few who continue to block our neighbours' drives and one even parked in a neighbour's drive. I am also aware of incident between parents that occurred earlier this week in which one of our TAs had to intervene. Could I please ask everyone to park safely and not to drop your child off in the middle of the road? Please find somewhere safe to park and make sure that your child gets out of the car and onto the pavement. We should all be showing our children positive role models in our own behaviour.

Free School Meals

If your income is low or you are in receipt of benefits to supplement your income, you might be eligible for Free School Meals for your child (this applies to children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 as well as Key Stage 2.) The school receives additional funding for children who claim free school meals. It may also mean that you are entitled to a reduction in the cost of school trips and music lessons. To apply please contact Education Welfare, Luton Borough Council (www.luton.co.uk) and search Free School Meals).

Dinner Money

Next half term

Per Day	£2.46
Per Week (5 days)	£12.30
Half Term (6 weeks, 4 days)	£83.64

Events coming up

5.6.23	Children return to school	
7.6.23	School Photos	
8.6.23	Feast of Corpus Christi	
8.6.23	Yr2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	
9.6.23	Yr3 To mass at St Martin's	9.30
15.6.23	YrR Trip the Whipsnade Zoo	
15.6.23	Yr5 Collective Worship to parents	8.45
	West Area Partnership School Sports	1.30-4.00
16.6.23	Yr2 Father's Day assembly to parents	9.00
	Yr4 To mass at St Martin's	9.30
21.6.23	Yr3 Trip to the Tower of London	
22.6.23	Yr4 Trip to Southend on sea	
23.6.23	Yr5 To mass at St Martin's	9.30
23.6.23	Singing Spectacular at Stopsley Baptist Church Choir Performance to parents	1.30- 6.45 6.00 -6.45
27.6.23	Yr1 Trip to Gravely Fruit Farm	
27.6.23	<i>Information session for September 23 – Reception parents</i>	2.00
28.6.23	Faith Ambassadors Retreat to Wintershall	7.30 -5.30
29.6.23	Feast of St Peter & St Paul	
29.6.23	<i>Information session for September 23 – Nursery parents</i>	2.00
30.6.23	Yr6 To mass at St Martin's	9.30
3.7.23	Music Concert to parents	6.00
6.7.23	Transition Day	
7.7.23	Sports Day for KS1 & KS2	9.00-11.00

7.7.23	Sports Day for Bears & Tigers	11.15-12.00
11.7.23	Yr6 Production to parents	6.00
13.7.23	Yr6 Production to parents	6.00
14.7.23	Picnic on the field	11.00
18.7.23	Yr6 Leavers' Mass	6.00
19.7.23	Yr6 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	
20.7.23	Term ends: Nursery: 12.30/KS1: 1.10/KS2: 1.20	
4.9.23	Term starts for KS1 & KS2	

Please note that school will end on Thursday 20th July after lunch, so the usual collection times for a Friday will apply.

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

Care Club will not be open on the Thursday afternoon.

I hope to see you at some of these events. Have a great half term and see you on Monday 5th June.

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan.

N J Morgan
Head Teacher

Friday 26th May