

St Martin de Porres Primary School

July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year.

Town Sports

What a result for team St Martins! 1st Place for the boys and 2nd place for the girls which placed us 2nd in the town overall. Well done. A special mention to Issac in Year 4 who broke the town record in the Vortex Howler event with an impressive distance of 38.83m. Well done to all of the children who represented our school.

Picnic on the Field

Thank you to everyone for attending our Picnic on the Field. It was a great success and allowed us to celebrate the wonderful range of cultures that make up our school family. It was so lovely to see so many children, staff and parents arrive wearing traditional clothing and colours to represent their nationality. It was also great to see families sharing traditional food from their own culture with families from other cultures. Children, parents and staff dancing, talking and laughing together and enjoying each other's company was a wonderful sight to see. We are proud to have so many nationalities make up our loving school family. Please join our Instagram page to see some pictures from the day. @smdpluton

Annual Peace Walk

Although September seems a long way off, before you know it, it will be here. The Luton Council of Faiths will be holding their annual **Peace Walk on Saturday 21st September** and this year it will take place in the Lewsey Area. Keep the date free so that we can join together on this and walk around our local areas visiting the different places of worship that represents the different faiths within our town. More information will be sent out nearer the time but it would be great to see many of you there at what is always a fantastic and humbling event.

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.

Goodbye Year 6

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We believe they have received a good foundation here at St Martin's and will now go on to have many successes on their secondary school journey. They gave us an amazing production this year, Gladis Baker, Gladiator, their singing, dancing and acting was superb. Well done to them and a huge thank you to the Year 6 staff for their guidance and hard work. Also, congratulations to them on their fantastic SAT's results, they have all worked extremely hard, not just in Year 6, but all through their time here at St Martins. This was rounded off with a very reflective leavers mass at church on Wednesday We wish you all the best of luck for the future.

Year 6 SATs Results 2024			
	Maths	Reading	Grammar
Expected	51%	34%	31%
Greater Depth	29%	41%	51%
Total	80%	75%	82%

School Uniform

Please refer to our website for the correct uniform to be worn once we return School jumpers/cardigans, ties and bags are available from **Prestige Design and Workwear** – Unit 12 Barton Le Clay Industrial Estate, Barton Le Clay, Bedford, MK45 4RP –01582 883222. You can also access the shop online via the link on the schools website. All other items of school uniform can be purchased from any supplier but please ensure these are in line with the School Uniform Policy. **Please remember to name every piece of uniform**

Staff leaving us

Sadly we are also saying goodbye to some staff who are leaving us and we would like to say a big thank you to them. Mrs Perkins and Miss Mulcahey have served the school with commitment and dedication and many of our children have benefitted from their expertise and care during their time here. We wish Mrs Perkins and Miss Mulcahey good luck in their new positions, they will be missed very much.

Finally.....Thank you

We would just like to end by saying a huge thank you to all of the staff who have done such a fantastic job to make sure that your children have continued to receive a good education. We would like to thank all of the Office staff, our Family Worker and Learning Mentor, TAs, cleaners, Kitchen staff, IT support, mid-day supervisors, Care Club staff and our Site Agent, who have been behind the scenes making sure that the school has run smoothly.

Dear God,

At the end of this school year we give thanks to you: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom, For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced.

Amen

School opens again to pupils on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

We hope that you have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in September

Kind regards



Mrs. A. Barnaville & Mrs. H.Gallagher

Co -Headteachers

Thursday 18th July 2024

