

# St Martin de Porres Primary School

## November 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

At the start of the month we celebrated St Martin de Porres feast day with a liturgy.

We spent some time in class learning about our school's patron saint and learnt lots of interesting facts about him including:

He was raised in poverty and learned barbering and medicine from a surgeon.

He established an orphanage and a children's hospital and performed many miracles of healing.

He is the patron saint of barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, animals and all those seeking racial harmony.

### Advent Activities Afternoon – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Following on last year's success, Year 6 will once again be organising 'Advent activities' for the rest of the school on Thursday, 12th December, to raise funds for purchasing new playground equipment.

Information has been sent via Parentmail about buying tokens for this event.



### November – Month of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November, as a community, we remember those who have passed away, including those close to us, by celebrating them in our remembrance book. We also remember those who have lost their lives in war. To recognise this, each year group created a piece of artwork that has been displayed around the school. We held a liturgy for both Key Stages and observed a 2-minute silence at 11am, followed by the last post.



## Caritas Love Christmas Campaign 2024

You should have already received a flyer informing you that, once again this year, we will be supporting The Caritas Love Christmas Campaign. This initiative helps families with young children, the elderly, the lonely, and many others in need. Children will be invited to purchase a Christmas Star for £1, where they can write a Christmas message. These stars will be hung on our Christmas trees as an alternative to sending Christmas cards. The funds raised will be donated to Caritas, along with any gifts you wish to contribute during the Advent season.

## Attendance

### Attendance October 2024

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
3+EY Ladybirds	93.6	3M	97.6
EYM Bears	93.7	3P	96.2
EYM Tigers	94.2	4M	98.3
1M	94	4P	97
1P	95.3	5M	97.6
2M	95.5	5P	96
2P	98.7	6D	95.8
		6M	98.2
		6P	96.8

Our school attendance target is 97%

Well done to 2P on having the highest attendance last month, closely followed by 6M and 4M

### Leave of absence

Please note that any leave requested during term time **will not** be approved.

## Advent Reflections

As we begin the season of Advent on Sunday, 1st December, parents and carers are invited to join our Advent reflection sessions on Thursday mornings at 8:45 am in the Prayer Room on the following dates: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Miss Dominy

Finally, we say goodbye to Miss Dominy as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the best for the future and look forward to hearing the exciting news of their baby's arrival. In the meantime, we warmly welcome Miss Brown, who will be teaching 1P during Miss Dominy's absence.

## Dates for this term

Date	Event
1.12.24	Start of Advent
4.12.24	Year 6 Reconciliation with Canon Michael
5.12.24	DISCO 2.30 – 4pm Years 1-3 4.30 – 6pm Years 4-6
4.12.24	Ladybirds Nativity 9.15am & 2.30pm
12.12.24	Early Years Nativity 9.10am Carol Concert 5pm
17.12.24	Pantomime in school 'Jack and the Beanstalk'
18.12.24	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
20.12.24	<b>Last day of term – Children return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>

We look forward to seeing many of you at some of these events.

*A. Barnaville. H. Gallagher*

Mrs. A. Barnaville & Mrs, H.Gallagher

Co -Head Teachers

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

