



St Martin de Porres Primary School

Newsletter

October 2019

Dear Parents



Harvest Festival – Friday 18th October

On Friday 18th October at 9.00am we will be holding Harvest Festival Assemblies in each of the school halls, for the children. Year 4 will be leading the assembly for KS2. We are asking

children to donate food, from **Monday 14th October**, so that we can collect it to give to Luton Foodbank. The food needs to be non-perishable so I have listed below the types of food that would be ideal. Please send into school by the morning of **Friday 18th October**.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Luton Foodbank provide emergency food supplies for people in crisis. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support and generosity.

Suitable items:

Fruit Juice (Carton)	Tinned Tomatoes
Milk (UHT/Powdered)	Vegetables (Tinned)
Meat/fish (Tinned)	Dried Rice (500g)
Rice Pudding/Custard (Tinned)	Pasta Sauce
Tea Bags/Instant Coffee	Soup
Sugar/Jam	Baked Beans (Tinned)
Breakfast Cereal	Biscuits

Other items such as shampoo, toilet rolls and washing up liquid are also very welcome.

Education Sunday

Thank you to all of the families who attended mass at St Martin de Porres Church over the weekend. It was an amazing turnout for the both masses. Father Simon has also asked me to pass on his thanks.

Nuts and fish

We have had several instances over the last two weeks of children having either fish or products containing nuts in their packed lunches. We have several children with severe allergies to fish and/or nuts. If they come into contact with fish or nuts (e.g. touching a door handle when someone else has eaten nuts/fish and has touched the door handle or being in the same room as someone eating nuts), they could go into anaphylactic shock, which in the worst cases, can lead to death.

So please do not send your child with products such as:

- Peanut butter, Snickers, Nutella or other chocolate spreads, 'Celebration' sweets or variety packs containing any type of nuts,
- No fish fingers, tuna, sardines, mackerel, fish paste, prawns or any other type of fish.

Healthy packed lunches

I am aware that a small number of children are coming into school with packed lunches that are decidedly unhealthy. Please find below an example of what a packed lunch might look like:

Sandwich/roll/wrap (savoury not sweet)

Piece of fruit/yoghurt/raw vegetables

Small biscuit bar (not sweets/chocolate)

Drink (not fizzy)

Dinner Money

Please see below the costs for dinner money this half term

This half term 28.10.2019 – 19.12.2019 (39 days):

Per Day	£2-10
Per Week (5 days)	£10.50
Half Term (7weeks and 4 days)	£81.90

Macmillan

The coffee morning for Macmillan raised £209. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the morning.



Parent Workshop – RSE

On Wednesday 20th November we are holding a workshop for parents on RSE (Relationships and Sex Education.) This will take place at 3.30pm and a crèche (for children attending school, including Nursery) will be available. A second workshop (without a crèche) will be provided if needed at 6pm. You will receive further information about the workshop shortly.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will now take place on Friday 13th December from 6pm - 8pm and not on the 6th December, as previously advertised.

Parent Forum

On **Thursday 7th November at 2.30pm**, we are holding our next Parent Forum meeting. This is an opportunity to celebrate the good things happening in our school and to raise any concerns. We will send out an invite on **Parentmail** and this will also be an opportunity for you to add any thoughts to the agenda.

Uniform

Please can I remind you of a number of issues around uniform that I have noticed with just a few children:

- Earrings are not allowed. However, a **stud** (not hooked or looped) in each ear is.
- Tracksuits for outdoor PE should not be worn until after half term and should be plain navy blue or black in colour with no logos.
- Hair can be as short as you like but please avoid lines and shaved sides with longer hair on top.
- School bags need to be a reasonable size - **a small back pack** – we do not have room for larger bags in the cloakrooms.
- Children need to wear shoes, **not boots**.

Play equipment

Please do not allow your children to play on the climbing equipment outside the Early Years or on the grassed area next to KS2 playground. The equipment is only to be used during school hours and must be supervised by a member of staff.

Care Club

We would like to welcome Mrs Deirdre Mitchell as Care Club Assistant. We hope that she will be very happy with us. Thank you for your cooperation with the new procedures for Care Club. We hope that you are finding the new booking system easy to use. Please let us know if you are having any problems.

Year group newsletters

Newsletters highlighting what your child is covering in class this term are now available on the school website - www.stmartindeporesluton.co.uk. Follow the link "Curriculum" and then to the relevant year group.

I look forward to seeing you all at some point during our Parents' Evenings. The Book Fair will be with us so be prepared to spend some cash!

Kind regards

N. J. Morgan.

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Head Teacher

Monday 14th October 2019

