



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 17th October 2019

TOMORROW
One World Week Dress-up Day (Non-Uniform)
 Gymnastics Club 8am
 Tennis Club 3:30pm
 Last day (of this half term)

NEXT WEEK: Half Term
 October Holiday

FIRST WEEK BACK (After October Break)
Monday
 Gymnastics Club 8am
 Reception & KS1 Chelsea
 Football 3:30pm

Tuesday
 KS2 Chelsea Football
 3:30pm
Guitar Lessons
 Drumming and Recorder
 Lessons

Wednesday
 Gymnastics Club 8am
Violin Lessons

Thursday
Multi Sports 3:30pm
 PTA Cake Sale at 3:30pm
 (Front entrance)

Friday
 Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3:30pm
 All Saints Mass (in school)
 at 2:30pm



Dear parent/carer

Throughout this week, the children have taken part in a range of fun, hands-on activities to celebrate the national One World Week. On Monday, we held our Curriculum Afternoon including tours of the school (led by Year 6 pupils) and our International Food Market in the hall. A big thank you to our PTA for organising the market stalls and to all the parents who contributed food - it looked and tasted amazing! The following day, our Year 3 pupils performed their assembly for the whole school, and family members, reminding us about the importance of looking after our planet and the effects of climate change. Today, all pupils took part in an 'Eco Workshop' teaching them about the meaning of sustainability using a balance of discussion, practical activities and out of class learning. The children are very much looking forward to tomorrow's Passport Morning (and Dress-up Day) and in preparation they have decorated their classroom associated with the country they have been studying. Tomorrow all pupils will get the opportunity to visit each classroom/country (getting their passport stamped along the way).



TOMORROW: One World Week Dress-up Day

We have invited all pupils to dress up (in clothes associated with the country they have been studying this week). This could be traditional clothes - or simply items of clothing that are the same colour as the national flag. Each class has studied the following countries:

Class	Country
Early Years	Kenya
Year 1	Australia
Year 2	Namibia
Year 3	Norway
Year 4	Italy
Year 5	Fiji
Year 6	Brazil

Book Bags and PE Bags

We ask that all pupils only bring their P.E. (draw string) bag and Book Bag to school. **Please do not send children into school with big rucksacks** as we do not have the space in our cloakroom areas. Thank you in advance.

First Week Back: All Saints Mass

We would like to invite all family members to attend our All Saints Mass. This will take place on **Friday 1st November**, in our school hall, at 2:30pm.

PTA: Yr5 Spooky Cake Sale

The next PTA cake sale will take place, after school, on **Thursday 31st October** - outside the front entrance to school. The PTA have asked Year 5 pupils to bake (and bring in) spooky themed cakes.



Diary Dates

Please see our website for a full list of diary dates including planned events such as our Christmas productions:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Half-term Uxbridge Library Events

Peter Pan Storytime - Monday 21 October

11am to Midday (Ages 3-7)

Uxbridge Library Level 6

Fossil Finding Workshop - Tuesday 22 October and Thursday 24 October

Drop in session

11am to 3pm (Ages 5 to 10)

Learn all about the fascinating world of fossils in our fossil finding workshop

Halloween Craft - Thursday 22 October

Midday to 1pm (Ages 7-11)

Places need to be booked

Spooky Storytimes followed by Fancy Dress Parade

Friday 25 October (Ages 0-11)

Storytimes running throughout the day between 11 and 2.30 finished off with a fancy dress parade

Half Term October Holiday

We break up tomorrow (usual time) for the October holiday. We wish our family members

a good break and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 28th October.

Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Benji	19
2	Winifred	23
3	Olivia M N	22
4	Keira	21
5	Ifeaka	11
6	Caoimhe	16

The winning house was: **St Bernadette** with **366 points!**

Secondary School Applications

If you have not already done so, the closing date for applications is **Thursday 31st October 2019**.

To give your child the best possible chance of being offered their preferred school(s), please ensure your application is received on time. Hillingdon council cannot be held responsible for any problems with internet providers; **they are therefore recommending you submit your application** online to the Admissions at London Borough of Hillingdon by **Friday 25th October**.

Starting Primary School in September 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, please make sure to apply at your local Borough's website and complete St Mary's application form and bring originals of birth certificate, baptism and Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of child and parent on a Tuesday to the school office by **15th January 2020**.

Oversubscription at St Mary's

The school has been regularly oversubscribed by Catholic applicants for a number of years. We are one form entry school and have one Reception class with only 30 spaces. Shown below are the numbers of applications for Reception 2019:

- 169 applications
- 64 Catholics of which 43 are in our Parish

Tissues

With the cold season almost upon us we would be grateful for donations from parents of boxes of tissues. As you can imagine we get through loads of boxes and have depleted our budget allocation. Donations would be gratefully appreciated.

Labelling all uniform, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes

Please ensure all your child's uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes are labelled with their name. This will help to prevent lost property.

Fundraising for the School

We are arranging a clothing collection to raise funds for the school for after half term. At the moment we have very little storage space and would ask that if you have any unwanted clothing you could store them for us. We will be sending plastic bags after half term but clothing can be sent in any black sack or plastic bag. We ask if these can be brought into school on **Thursday 14th November**, as these will be collected first thing on Friday.

We thank you in anticipation of receiving lots of bags of unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, bags and belts to raise money.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon 21 st - Fri 25 th Oct	HALF TERM (school closed)
Wed 30 th Oct	Reception hearing and vision screening
Thu 31 st Oct	PTA Cake Sale Front Entrance 3:15 p.m. Deadline for Secondary School applications.
Fri 1 st Nov	All Saints Mass
Fri 8 th Nov	Year 5 visit to Church 10:45 a.m.
Mon 11 th Nov	Start of Friendship Week Year 5 school trip
Thu 14 th Nov	Clothes to be brought for collection
Mon 18 th Nov	Start of Safety Week
Fri 22 nd Nov	Year 6 visit to Church 10:45 a.m.
Mon 2 nd Dec	Start of Test Week

Wed 4 th Dec	Pavilion Carol Concert - Year 5 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tue 10 th Dec	KS1 Dress rehearsal
Wed 11 th Dec	Dress Up Word Day (Dress up as favourite word)
Thu 12 th Dec	KS1 Production at 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Fri 13 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair at 3:30 p.m.
Mon 16 th Dec	EYs combined. All Nursery children to attend am session EYs dress rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. EYs party at 10:30 a.m.
Tue 17 th Dec	EYs combined. All Nursery children to attend pm session EYs Production at 2:30 p.m. Carol Concert at Church at 4:30 p.m.
Thu 19 th Dec	End of Term Mass at 9:30 a.m. Early Finish Reception - Year 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Let's Learn Together

Free adult education course for parents and carers of children with autism at **Cherry Lane Children's Centre**

Date: 5 November - 10 December
13:00 - 15:00



This programme is designed for parents and/or carers of children with autism and will help parents and carers understand the behaviour and needs of children with autism, and assist in developing strategies for best supporting them.

Please note, to attend you must have a child aged 0 - 5 years

Crèche is available for children aged 6 months - 5 years

Please speak to reception or call 01895 250 393 to book your place!