

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **TOMORROW:**

Start of Term Mass  
(Church) at 9:30 a.m.  
**Year 6 Globe Theatre  
Event (Uxbridge Library)**  
Whole School Dental  
Hygiene Talk  
Tennis Club

### Monday

Gymnastics Club am  
Chelsea KS1 Football Club  
pm  
Coding Club

### Tuesday

**Parents' Evening (EYs to  
Year 6)**  
Guitar lessons  
Chelsea KS2 Football Club  
pm

### Wednesday

**YEAR 1 Parents' Evening**  
**Year 3 Swimming**  
Gymnastics Club am  
Violin lessons

### Thursday

**EYs and Years 2-6  
Parents' Evening**

### Friday

Gymnastics Club am



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back - we hope you had a fantastic Easter break. It was lovely to welcome pupils back to school yesterday. Our teachers returned to school on Tuesday for a full day of training. In the morning they looked at assessments across the primary curriculum and in the afternoon we were visited by a representative from the LA Inclusion Team who talked about using higher order questioning in the classroom. We're looking forward to a busy Summer Term ahead full of lots of activities for the children to enjoy including our planned themed weeks (Maths, Science, Health and Wellbeing), our Sports Days, Life Bus workshops, Pupil Voice Day, Year 6 PGL Residential, class trips and of course our Summer Fete.

### Start of Term Mass

Tomorrow, all pupils from Reception (Upper Early Years) to Year 5 will walk to Church to celebrate our start of term mass. If you are able to help accompany the children to and from Church - please let your child's class teacher know. The children will be leaving school just after 9 a.m. Thank-you in advance.

### Parents' Evenings (NEXT WEEK)

Our Parents Evenings will take place, next week, on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** from 3.35 p.m. until 6 p.m. We have also planned some additional times for our Nursery (Lower Early Years) parents. We've sent home a letter inviting parents to select a mutually convenient time. Unfortunately, Mrs Parry is unable to meet on the Thursday and instead will meet parents on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### Dental Hygiene Talk

Tomorrow afternoon, the whole school will attend a dental hygiene talk presented by staff from the Hatfield Village Dental Practice. The children will be encouraged to clean their teeth at least twice a day and to attend regular check-ups at their dentist.

### Year 6 Globe Theatre Event

Tomorrow morning, our Year 6 class will walk to Uxbridge library to take part in a 'Lively Action Storytelling Event' performed by representatives from the Globe Theatre, London. This event will provide the children with an introduction to Shakespeare through one of his plays: A Midsummer Night's Dream.



## Interesting Facts about Reading

Below is some very recent research we thought you would find interesting into how reading to children helps them to broaden their vocabulary.

Children who are read only one book a day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don't regularly read books with a parent or caregiver.

Based on the calculations of the research, here's how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:

- Never read to, 4,662 words
- 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words
- 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words
- Daily, 296,660 words

**When Children Are Not Read to at Home.** *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics* 2019



## Fundraising for the School

We are arranging a clothing collection to raise funds for the school with a new company. 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. Clothing can be brought to school in plastic bags. We ask if these can be brought into school on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** as these will be collected first thing on Friday.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 6 - Uxbridge Library visit
	Mass at the start of term - Church at 9:30 a.m.
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m. to 6 p.m. (All Year Groups)

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Nursery Parents Meetings 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
	Year 1 Parents' Evening
	Nursery Parents Evening 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm
	Start of KS1 Test Period
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Nursery Parents Meetings 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m. to 6 p.m. (EYs and Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday - School closed
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil Voice Day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of KS2 Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip Gunnersbury
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of Art and DT Week
	Start of Health and Wellbeing Week/Walk to School Week
	EYs Assembly 3:00 p.m.
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Procession (hall and playground)
	Quad kids 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Half Term
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term Break (school closed)
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	All pupils return to school
	Group photographs
	Start of Maths Week
	Start of Life Bus Week
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass Year 1 and Year 6 at Church 9:30 a.m.
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June - Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL Osmington Bay
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sweet cups going home
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Writing Assessment Week
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 and Year 5 Mass at Church
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Non uniform day (please bring sweet cups)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Test Week
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Crazy hair day (please bring luxury items)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete Day 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

The term dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020 are now available on the school website.