



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 6th September 2018

TOMORROW:

Start of Term Mass in the School Hall at 2.30pm (all family members welcome)

NEXT WEEK:

Monday

Gymnastics club starts 8:30 am

Years 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm

Chelsea football KS1 club starts 3:30 pm

Tuesday

Years 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm

Chelsea football KS2 club starts 3:30 pm

Wednesday

Gymnastics club starts 8:30 am

Years 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm

Thursday

Early Years Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm (**additional session for morning Nursery at 11am**)

Multisports Y3-Y5 club starts 3:30 pm

Friday

Gymnastics club starts 8:30 am

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a fantastic summer break! It was lovely to welcome pupils back on Tuesday and to meet the new families who have just joined our school community. Our teachers have been busy over the holiday getting everything ready for their new class and they returned to school on Monday for their first INSET day. This included training from the LA Inclusion Team on supporting pupils with autism and an introduction to our new Maths and English scheme of work for this academic year. We've planned lots of activities for the children to enjoy this term including a range of themed weeks. Please see our website for details of our term dates and calendar events:

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

Beginning of Term Mass

Father Nicholas will be visiting school **tomorrow, at 2.30pm**, to lead our start of term Mass. All parents, carers and family members are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 children will be going to church tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. to join with the parish in silent prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Meet the Teacher Presentations

We would like to invite you to attend our 'Meet the Teacher Presentations' taking place throughout next week. These meetings will include an overview of the curriculum (including our new Maths and English schemes of work), homework schedule, routines and timetables (including PE days) for each class. Each presentation will take place, **at 3pm**, as follows -

- Years 3 and 4: Monday 10th September
- Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 11th September
- Years 1 and 2: Wednesday 12th September
- Early Years: Thursday 13th September (*we will also be holding an additional session for morning Nursery parents at 11am*).

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please wait by the main entrance to school (on the dates specified) and a member of staff will open up the door shortly before 3pm.



School Day

School Opens (UEYs to Yr6): 8.40am

Pupils should be dropped off at the main entrance between 8.40am and 8.50am.

All teachers lead various 'soft start' activities with their class from 8.40am so unfortunately they are unable to meet with parents at this time. We operate an 'open door policy' after school - please see your child's class teacher if you would like to arrange a meeting.

School Ends (all years): 3.30pm

After school clubs starting next week

Please note that the following clubs will start next week. Please make sure children bring their PE kit if they are in these clubs.

Gymnastics club - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

Chelsea KS1 club - Monday 3:30 pm

Chelsea KS2 club - Tuesday 3:30 pm

Girls netball club - Wednesday 3:30 pm

Multisports Y3-Y5 club - Thursday 3:30 pm

Summer Reading Challenge

It's not too late! There is still time to complete the Hillingdon libraries summer reading challenge. This year's Summer Reading Challenge ends on 15 September.

Patron of Reading

This year we are excited to announce the poet Joshua Seigal as our patron of reading. We are hoping that he will create a buzz about books and help us promote reading for pleasure across the school. Joshua will be visiting our school on 21st September to present workshops and assemblies with the children. There will be an opportunity for parents to buy

some of his books after school in the hall.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals or Early Years Pupil Premium.

An application form, asking which financial benefits you receive, is available from the school office or by email to jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk and *this information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.* You

can also check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If eligible you are able to download a certificate to provide to us to support your application for Free School Meals. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

Parent Governor

Applications are invited for a Parent Governor to stand for election prior to commencement of role in Autumn 2018 for a four year period of office. Candidates will be expected to inform voters of their skills and attributes to enable their contribution to the Governing Body. If you wish to find out more about this position please email Mrs Taberer, Clerk to Governors jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Class Assemblies and Productions

We have planned the following assemblies and productions for this term (all class assemblies will now take place on a Monday at 3pm):

Date	Event	Time
Mon 1 st Oct	Yr5 Class Assembly	3pm
Mon 8 th Oct	Yr4 Class Assembly	3pm
Mon 15 th Oct	Yr3 Class Assembly	3pm
Wed 12 th Dec	Yr6 Carol Service (Church)	4.30pm
Thu 13 th Dec	Early Years Christmas Production	9.30am
Wed 19 th Dec	Yrs1 & 2 Christmas Production	2.30pm & 6pm

EVENTS THIS TERM:

Date	Event
Fri 7 th Sept	Start of Term Mass at 2.30pm
Mon 10 th Sept	Years 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm
Tues 11 th Sept	Years 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm
Wed 12 th Sept	Years 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm
Thu 13 th Sept	Early Years Meet the Teacher Presentation at 3pm (additional session for morning Nursery at 11am)
Fri 21 st Sept	Joshua Siegal (Poet) Assembly and Class Workshops
Mon 1 st Oct	School Photographer Visiting
Mon 1 st Oct	Year 5 Class Assembly at 3pm
Fri 5 th Oct	Year 6 Coding Challenge
Mon 8 th Oct	Year 4 Class Assembly at 3pm
Mon 15 th Oct	Start of One World Week
Mon 15 th Oct	Year 3 Class Assembly at 3pm
Fri 19 th Oct	Dress-up Day: One World Week Costumes
Mon 22nd Oct - Fri 26th Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 29 th Oct	All pupils return to school