



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

Morning Drop-off

Please arrive within these time slots-

UEYs: 9.00 - 9.05am

Yr1: 8.55 - 9.00am

Yr2: 8.50 - 8.55am

Yr3: 8.45 - 8.50am

Yr4: 8.40 - 8.45am

Yr5: 8.35 - 8.40am

Yr6: 8.30 - 8.35am

Siblings can be dropped off together - earliest time for any of your children

Collection Times

PLEASE REMEMBER A FACE MASK

Each class will go home at the following times:

-3.05pm: Reception (UEYs)

-3.10pm: Years 5 and 6

-3.15pm: Years 3 and 4

-3.20pm: Years 1 and 2

-3.30pm: Nursery

PE Days:

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) require their PE kits in school every day. Please bring PE bags/kits into school every Monday morning.

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been lovely welcoming all pupils back to school this week and seeing our family members after so long. Our staff have been recapping on rules, routines, expectations etc. and each teacher has led extra PSHE lessons discussing transitions and how to keep our minds healthy. As we are still unable to take part in any trips, or visits, we have booked various workshops to extend our pupils' learning outside of the classroom. This week we were visited by Sublime Science who carried out lots of fun experiments with the children (whilst maintaining social distancing). Next term, we will be visited by the Freshwater Theatre Company who will lead various History sessions with students (see diary dates below). It's been a busy first week back but the children have adjusted really well!

Test Week

Throughout next week, each class will complete a range of age appropriate assessments. This will help us to plan targets and appropriate support following on from the lockdown. This support will include 1:1 and small group interventions, pre-teaching, Booster groups and tutoring funded by the government.

Shakespeare Week

Next week is the national Shakespeare Week. You can visit the following website for games, word searches, storytelling and videos etc.

Love Horrible Histories? Martin Brown will give you a fascinating insight into how he illustrates the award winning series. Expect drawing demonstrations, gruesome facts and hilarious jokes, and then try some of his techniques at home or in the classroom. Don't miss this Shakespeare Week exclusive! Watch the live broadcast on the [Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's Facebook page](#) or [YouTube channel](#) at 2pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021 or catch up on the [Shakespeare Week website](#), in the BROADCASTS category of the resources section:

<https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/kids-zone/>



Year 6 - Residential Trip

The government's Department for Education is still advising schools against all educational visits at this time. As a result, we will not be able to book a residential trip for our Year 6 pupils for the end of this academic year. We appreciate that this is very disappointing for our Year 6 pupils but we feel that we don't have any other choice considering the current situation.

PE Kits

All pupils (Years 1 to 6), should bring their PE bags into school every Monday and then take them home at the end of each week for washing. Pupils should not come into school wearing their PE clothes this term.

Although each class has two set days for PE, this is subject to change and we have a Sports Coach who leads additional lessons with different classes each week.

School Uniform

Pupils need to come to school wearing their full school uniform every day. This includes school shoes (**not trainers**). *As it is difficult to wash school ties - they do not need to be worn this term.*

Music

Songs of the week are:

Lean on me (Billy Withers)

<https://youtu.be/fOZ-MySzAac>

Yancee praise party

<https://youtu.be/v5EC22vjUdg>

Composer of the month

John Williams - Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter

<https://youtu.be/wtHra9tFISY>

Please remind yourself of the Public Health Guidelines below:

Students **MUST NOT** come to school if they, or a member of their household, have **one or more of the main COVID symptoms or have been tested for COVID**.

The three symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Pupils Self-Isolating

If a pupil is self-isolating due to COVID symptoms (or because a member of their household has symptoms) we will set home learning activities through Google Classroom.

Teachers are unable to set these activities on the first day of absence as they are in their class teaching. All pupils will be set activities, from the second day they are absent from school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of dates - please visit our school website:

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

Date	Event
Mon 15 th March	Start of Shakespeare Week
Mon 15 th March	Test Week
Tue 23 rd March	YR6 Blitz Workshop Zoom

Fri 26 th March	World Autism Awareness Week
Wed 31 st March	Term Ends (Early finish)
Mon 19 th April	School Re-Opens
Tue 20 th April	Coding Workshops
Thu 22 nd April	Earth Day
Thu 22 rd April	YR1 Workshop
Fri 23 rd April	St George's Day
Fri 23 rd April	Tempest Individual Photos
Mon 26 th April	Start of Parents' Evenings (letter to follow)
Thu 29 th April	Freshwater Theatre - History Workshops
Mon 3 rd May	Early May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tue 4 th May	Parents' Evenings
Wed 5 th May	Pupil Survey
Wed 5 th May	Pupil Voice Day
Thu 6 th May	YR2 History Workshop
Thu 13 th May	YR5 History Workshop
Fri 14 th May	YR6 History Workshop
Fri 28 th May	School Finishes
Mon 7 th June	School Re-Opens
Tue 8 th June	YR4 British Museum Virtual Visit
Tue 15 th June	YR6 History Workshop
Wed 16 th June	YR3 History Workshop
Tue 22 nd June	Windrush Day
Tue 22 nd June	YR6 Virtual bunker Trip
Fri 2 nd July	YR6 Bike Ability Bikes Needed
Mon 5 th July	YR6 Bike Ability
Mon 12 th July	Battle of the Boyne (N Ireland)
Thu 22 nd July	Term Ends (please note early finish 1.30pm)