

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 19th September 2019

TOMORROW
Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3.30pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Reception & KS1
Chelsea Football
3.30pm

Tuesday

KS2 Chelsea Football
3.30pm
Guitar Lessons

Wednesday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Years 1 and 6 Mass
(Church) at 9.30am
Violin Lessons

Thursday

Multi Sports 3.30pm

Friday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3.30pm



Meet the Teacher - Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended one of our Meet the Teacher Presentations. If you were unable to make any of these meetings, we have uploaded a copy of the presentations to the relevant class pages on our website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Classes&pid=10>

If you require any further information, individual class teachers are available after school. We have also arranged our first Parents' Evenings for **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October**. Further information will be sent home nearer to the time.

We are also happy to inform you that Mrs Chandarana has been appointed as Assistant Head.

Curriculum Overviews - Each Year Group

Our revised Curriculum Overviews for each year group are now available to view on our website. These overviews show the topics covered, in each year group, each half term:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Overviews&pid=86>

Class Masses this Term

We have the following 'Class Masses' planned for this term:

Date	Classes
Wednesday 25 th September	Years 1 and 6
Wednesday 2 nd October	Years 4 and 2
Wednesday 9 th October	Years 5 and 3 Mass

All Masses will take place at 9.30 am in our Church. If you are able to help walk with the children to and from Church please let your child's class teacher know (each class will leave school **shortly after 9 am**).

Fruit Morning Break - Years 3 to 6

All pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are provided with a free portion of fruit (every morning break time) as a part of the Government's **School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme**.

Pupils in Years 3 to 6 may bring in a portion of fruit from home if they would like to eat it during their morning break time.

Class Assemblies

We have planned the following class assemblies for this half term. All class assemblies will now take place on **Tuesdays at 9am**. Parents, carers and family members are most welcome to attend on these dates:

Date	Class Assembly
Tues 1 st Oct	Year 5
Tues 8 th Oct	Year 4
Tues 15 th Oct	Year 3

One World Week: Dress-Up Day

As a part of our One World Week celebrations we are inviting pupils to dress up (in clothes associated with the country they are studying) on **Friday 18th October**. This could be traditional clothes - or simply items of clothing that are the same colour as the national flag (please don't go out and buy any expensive costumes). Each class will study 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



Absence procedure

If your child is absent please:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence.
- Send a note in or e-mail on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence -you must do this even if you have already telephoned us.

School Email:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

School Website - Term Dates

Please see our website for Term Dates, Curriculum information, parent letters, a copy of this Newsletter, school Policies and other useful information:

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

School Meals Taster Afternoon for Parents

Parents and carers from Reception to Year 6 are cordially invited to join us to taste the school meals on **Tuesday 24th September** in the school hall at **3 p.m.**

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.lqfl.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.

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 1st September 2015 and 31st 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**.

Parish Family Shared Lunches at the Parish Hall- 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Bring a plate of food/drink to share. All welcome.

- Sunday 29th September
- Sunday 10th November
- Sunday 8th December
- Sunday 9th February
- Sunday 8th March
- Sunday 26th April
- Sunday 17th May
- Sunday 21st June

Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	-	-
2	Veronica	30
3	Harrison	14
4	Keira	21
5	Darcy	34
6	Josef	10

The winning house was: **St Francis with 312 points!!**

Family Support Volunteers Needed Help Change a Family's Life!

Home-Start Hillingdon needs volunteers to visit struggling families in Hillingdon

- Are you a parent or grandparent? With 3 - 4 hours per week to spare?
- Are you looking for a new challenge?
- Do you know someone else who might be interested?

As a parent you'll know just how difficult it can be. Parents supporting other parents: it's a simple idea that really works. Why not use your experience & skills to help families in Hillingdon?

Volunteers visit a family in their own home every week to give support, friendship and practical help. As a volunteer, you have such a huge impact in helping families cope when they are finding things difficult.

Professionals like Health Visitors and Children's Centres refer families to us, recognising the difference we can make to issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances. Full training, support and out of pocket expenses are provided.

Our next volunteer preparation course is starting on the 3rd October 2019.

The 10-session course takes place over 5 weeks, running on a Thursday and Friday, from 9.45am to 14.30pm, with a break over the October half term

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

Find out more about us - www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk



Not getting our newsletter by email?

Please let us know by email:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk if you are not getting our weekly newsletters and we will add your email address to our mailing list.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tue 24 th Sep	School Meals taster for parents and carers at 3:00 p.m.
Wed 25 th Sep	Y1 & Y6 Mass at Church
Mon 30 th Sep	Individual and sibling photographs
Tue 1 st Oct	Year 5 Class assembly at 9 a.m.
Wed 2 nd Oct	Year 2 & Year 4 Mass (UPDATED)
Thu 3 rd Oct	National Poetry Day
Tue 8 th Oct	Year 4 Class assembly at 9 a.m.
Wed 9 th Oct	Year 3 & Year 5 Mass (UPDATED)
Mon 14 th Oct	Start of One World Week
Tue 15 th Oct	Year 3 Class assembly at 9 a.m.
	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m.
Wed 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m.
Thu 17 th Oct	Y3/Y4 Rugby Mega Fest at 4 p.m.
	Eco workshop year 1-6
Fri 18 th Oct	Passport Morning
	Dress-up Day
Mon 21 st - Fri 25 th Oct	HALF TERM (school closed)
Thu 31 st Oct	Deadline for Secondary School applications.
Fri 1 st Nov	All Saints Mass
Mon 11 th Nov	Start of Friendship Week
	Year 5 school trip
Mon 18 th Nov	Start of Safety Week
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.
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.