



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

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

The register for each class will be taken 5 minutes after the times list above. Any pupil arriving after this time will be marked in late.

Collection Times

UEYs: 2.55pm

Yr1: 3.25pm

Yr2: 3.20pm

Yr3: 3.15pm

Yr4: 3.10pm

Yr5: 3.05pm

Yr6: 3pm

PE Days:

Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 3: Monday and Thursday

Year 2: Monday and Friday

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have watched the PM's announcement on Tuesday evening. The UK's COVID alert level was raised from 3 to 4, the second most serious stage, meaning that transmission is high or rising exponentially.

The measures we have put in place are helping to ensure that pupils are not mixing with other children outside of their 'bubble', during school hours. You can help us by making sure that your child stays with you after you pick them up after school - pupils should not be playing on the playground. This is to prevent them from coming into contact with other children outside of their 'bubble'. We do have pupils in school who are 'vulnerable' and it is important that we all do our bit to help keep these children as safe as possible. Thank you to all the parents who are already doing this.

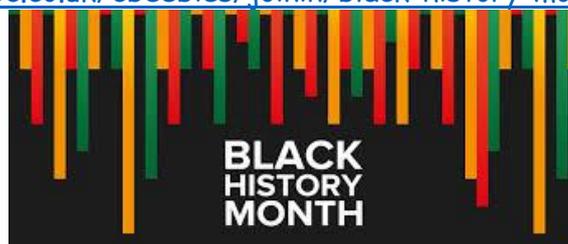
'Take 5' Well-being Festival

Next week, each class will take part in the 'Take 5 Well-being Festival'. This year's festival will take place remotely through online activities, workshops and live sessions including Mindfulness and yoga. Our staff will also take part in an online training session on developing pupil resilience.

Black History Month

Throughout next month, we will celebrate the national Black History Month. Black History Month in the UK celebrates the history, arts and culture of black British people. Awareness of, and education about, the history of white British people is well-established, but black British history is underreported and underrepresented. Dedicating a month to it every year helps redress that balance, and helps us all learn more about our shared History as Britons. Each class has picked 1 significant individual (or event) that they would like to learn more about. We will publish further details next week.

This is a simple introduction to Black History month for younger children: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>



Additional PE Lesson - Year 1

On Tuesday, we have planned an additional PE lesson for our Year 1 pupils. It would be helpful if Yr1 pupils could wear their PE kit to school on this day. Thank you.

Remote Parents' Evening

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place remotely over the following two week period: Monday 12th October - Friday 23rd October
We will send home a letter, inviting parents to request a convenient time for a consultation over the phone.

Jackets and Coats

We are trying to get the children outside as much as possible for breaks, lunch and outdoor learning (even if it is slightly spitting with rain outside). If it is likely to rain, please send your child into school with a coat or jacket. Thank you.

Changes to Lunch Time

Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are now eating their packed lunches in the school hall. The tables have been grouped so that pupils are only sitting with other children in their bubble. They remain in their seats throughout lunch service with staff handing out packed lunches.

Breakfast and After School Club

We hope that we will be able to resume our School Friends clubs after the October holiday. School Friends were unable to offer us any clubs this half term. This will depend on their risk assessment and plan for keeping our 'bubbles' separate. We will provide further details over the next few weeks.

Early Years

The Early Years team is delighted to let you know that our Early Years children are settling in really well. They have adapted and adjusted very quickly to the changes and are aware of the routines, rules and importance of hygiene mainly washing hands throughout the day. We are also delighted to start our full time nursery from Monday. The children are enjoying being back with their friends and making new friends in class. We looking forward to weaving lovely memories together.

School Meals - Taster Day

With these very different times due to Covid we want to try to instil a little normality into

the children's routines. We usually have a "taster" day during the first week of October to encourage our younger and new to the school pupils to try new foods. Although only packed lunches only are provided with our catering company we thought we would still hold this event next Thursday 1st October. You are aware that all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE lunch at lunchtimes. Therefore we would be grateful if you could order a lunch for your child for next Thursday. You are welcome to still send your child's own packed lunch. The children may undertake a survey or discussion in class about their lunch experience. We hope there will not be any food leftover but if so this will be donated to a local "food hero".

To order your free packed lunch - please visit our school meals provider website (the Pantry):

<https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school-meals/login.php>

Composer of the Month - September

Throughout September, each class will study the following composer:

Antonio Vivaldi -

Otherwise known as the 'Pretto Rosso' (the Red Priest).

You may like to listen to 'The Four seasons' or one of his guitar concertos.

Hymn Practice Songs

The children will learn the following hymns over the next couple of weeks -

Harvest Samba (as we approach October, it's time to be thankful for what we have):

<https://youtu.be/NTdIrITIXks>

Our God is a great big God:

<https://youtu.be/eaXPXWBcE3I>

New Intake - Instrumental Lessons

Enrolment for Piano, Guitar, Base Guitar, Recorder and Flute is now open.

Please contact Stage Talent directly to register your interest: www.stagetalent.co.uk

Sickness - Absence from School

Pupils should not be sent into school if they have any 1 (or more) of the following [coronavirus symptoms](#).

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You should have received further information in an email sent home yesterday.

Secondary School Applications

If you have not already done so, the closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October 2020.

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:

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary>

Starting Primary School in September 2020

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, please make sure to apply at your local Borough's website and complete the St Mary's supplementary application form and bring originals of birth certificate, baptism and Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of both child and parent on a Tuesday **only** to the school by **15th January 2021**.

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>

Pantry Packed Lunch Orders

Just a reminder that all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE lunch at lunchtimes.

To order your free packed lunch - please visit our school meals provider website (the Pantry):

<https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school-meals/login.php>

If you do not currently have a log-in to this website, please click on REGISTER and then follow the onscreen instructions.

The Pantry are not currently providing drinks in lunch boxes so it would be helpful if your child has a water bottle in school.

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. *This is different to the Universal Free School Meals that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive.*

To check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance please submit 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. This certificate should then be emailed to jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted or fostered as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. *This information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 28 th Sept	Start of 'Take 5' Well-being Festival
Mon 5 th Oct	Start of Black History Week
Mon 19 th Oct	Start of One World Week: Class based workshops
Mon 12 th - Fri 23 rd Oct	Remote Parents' Evening
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term Break