



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Happy World Environment Day. World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June; engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on pressing environmental issues. Please see opposite for some useful links including a child-friendly video clip from the Freshwater Theatre Company.



Dear parent/carer,

We will start to welcome back more pupils from Monday. This is initially for one day as follows:

- Reception (UEYs): Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 1: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 6: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Pupils returning to school have been split into smaller groups. **Your child will only have been allocated a group/class if you have informed us that your child will be returning to school.**

If you have let us know, you will have received more information about your child's group and where to pick your child up from etc.

**We are unable to add any additional pupils to any of the groups for at least the next 2 weeks (this includes the key worker groups).** Staff have been allocated according to the current numbers we have in each group and we have put the minimum of desks in each room (one desk per pupil).

#### Home Learning

If your child is not returning to school, we ask that they complete the following activities at home each day:

- Daily Bitesize English lesson
- Daily Bitesize Maths lesson
- **All teachers will set one additional activity on Purple Mash every day**
- **OPTIONAL:** Daily Bitesize lesson (other subject)

Bitesize daily lessons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

#### Learning in School

Activities in school will be similar to the Home Learning tasks set.

All pupils will complete the following in school each day:

- Daily Bitesize English lesson
- Daily Bitesize Maths lesson (or similar work based on the same learning objective)
- PSHE work (initially this will be based on good hygiene including hand washing)
- One other subject

#### World Environment Day Resources

World Environment Day website:

<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

The Freshwater Theatre Company has also produced the following child friendly video clip for pupils:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLow\\_8SdNPg&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLow_8SdNPg&feature=youtu.be)

## RSE Parent Consultation

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes will come into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. In light of upcoming changes to requirements for relationships and sex education (RSE), we are now consulting with parents, governors and staff on how we can make sure that our updated RSE curriculum policy meets the new requirements as well as the needs of our pupils.

Please see our website for further details:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Relationships+and+Sex+Education+%28RSE%29&pid=90>

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

### Dropping off (before school)

All pupils should be dropped off at the green gate - off of Rockingham Road.

Reception: 8.50am - 9am

Year 1: 9am - 9.10am

Year 6: 8.40am - 8.50am

Keyworker Children: 8.30am - 8.40am

### Picking up (after school)

Reception: 2.45pm

Year 1: 3.20pm

Year 6: 3.10pm

Keyworker Children: 3pm

One-way system for collection: Parents should continue to enter school via the alleyway off of Rockingham Close. Once you have collected your child, we are asking all parents to walk around the outside of the school and then exit via the green gate leading out onto Rockingham Road (there will be signs clearly marking the route). PLEASE DO NOT try to leave school back through the narrow alleyway.

All Year 6 pupils need to be dropped off, and collected, by an adult.

## Early Finish - Friday

All pupils will finish school early every Friday. The school will then be deep cleaned ready for the following week.

Pick up times every Friday are as follows:

**Reception:** 12pm

**Year 1:** 12.30pm

**Year 6:** 12.20pm

**All other pupils (key worker families only):** 12.10pm

## Lunch

All pupils require a packed lunch. From next week, parents are able to order a packed lunch from our school meals provider - the Pantry. They have emailed parents with the details.

## Equipment Needed (includes key worker pupils):

- A named water bottle
- A named pencil case containing a pen, pencil etc. (this will stay in school and will not be shared with other pupils)
- School uniform. The government advice is to wash clothes worn every day. Therefore pupils are not required to wear a tie as these can be difficult to wash. If you have any difficulty washing your child's uniform, on any day, they may wear their PE kit (with school shoes) on these days only.
- A packed lunch (alternatively this can be ordered from the Pantry)
- NO book bags
- NO P.E. kit bags

## Online Summer Reading Challenge

This year's summer Reading Challenge has gone online (as all libraries are currently closed).

Please visit the following website for further details:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/4120/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2020>

