



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) can come into school from 8.40 a.m. – we will open our Rockingham Road entrance at this time. Please try to arrive before 8.45 a.m. so we can start our morning lessons on time (this gate will be locked at 8.50am).

Pupils arriving at the main entrance (after this time) will be marked in the register as late.

Collection Times

All classes (Reception to Year 6) finish school at 3.15pm.

Please use our 1-way system to avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school:

Parents should access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

P.E. Lessons

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) get changed in school for their PE lessons. The children have been asked to bring in their PE kits every Monday and then take them home again every Friday.



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school we have been learning to recite, perform and write our own poetry. On Thursday we held a special assembly to celebrate some of the amazing work done in class. Thank you to all the children who were brave enough to perform in front of the whole school! We will be displaying some of the incredible poetry written in the main corridor in school.

As a part of Black History Month, all pupils attended an assembly on Monday celebrating the achievements of significant individuals including Rosa Parks.

On Wednesday, sixteen girls from Year 4, 5 & 6 took part in a Girls' Football Festival. The format of the festival was a range of skill based stations and the children said they had a "fantastic time" '. Thank you to all the family members who came along to support.

Yesterday, we were visited by a representative from the London Fire Brigade who led fire safety workshops with Years 2 and 5 pupils. Pupils in Year 2 discussed how fire is dangerous, and how it can hurt people. They found out about common fire hazards, and talked about smoke alarms and how they keep homes safe from fire, what to do in an emergency if there is a fire, and how to call 999. The children in Year 5 learned about how to make fire escape plans from homes (including tower blocks), what to do if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

One World Week



Throughout next week we will celebrate One World Week in school. This year's theme is 'Celebrating Difference' with links to some of the Black History work we have been doing. As a part of this week, we will be celebrating our pupils' family history, heritage and culture.

If your family originates from a different country and you would like to come into school to share a traditional story - we would love to hear from you. Please speak to your child's class teacher or you can let us know through the school office email address: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk
All pupils will be asked to complete a 'One World Week' project over the Half Term break (further details to follow).

Curriculum Afternoon

Our next Curriculum Afternoon will take place on Monday 17th October. We have planned for our Year 6 pupils to give parents tours of each classroom and some of the other learning areas of our school. If you would like to attend one of these tours, please come into school between 2pm and 2.30pm (you can arrive at any time between these times). The tours will finish at 2.45pm so parents can share curriculum information in our school Hall. Our PTA will be serving refreshments (in return for a small donation). We hope you can join us.

International Walk to School Month

October is 'International Walk to School Month'. Our pupil Eco Warrior committee would like to encourage all families to walk, cycle or scoot to school wherever possible. If you live too far away, you may consider parking a bit further away so you can walk the remaining distance. Please refer to our Walking Zone Map (at the front entrance to school) where you can learn more about our local area to find safer places to park and stride to school. Walking to school not only reduces congestion and air pollution but helps to improve the health of pupils by encouraging them to be more active and to make the area around our school safer.

Football Team

Another amazing result for our football team. On Wednesday, the team achieved a 7-0 win against St. Martin's C.E. Primary School. Well done to the players!

Photograph orders

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date, for free delivery back to school, is Wednesday 19th October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). Many thanks.

Parents' Evenings

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place next week on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October 2022 (next week). These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has been getting on as well as targets and support for this term.

If your child is receiving any Special Educational Needs (SEN) support, their teacher will also discuss their latest Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the provision planned.

A letter was sent home, last week, with further details.

Subscribe to our School Calendar

Please visit the 'Upcoming Events' section on our website for a complete list of diary dates including whole school events.

You can now subscribe to our Calendar, which will add these events to your own device's calendar. Please click on the following tabs on our school website to create this link:

'Upcoming Events' - 'View all events' - 'Subscribe' - 'Add school events to Calendar'

Secondary School Applications

If you have a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 (Year 6 child), you must apply for your child to start secondary school in September 2023. The deadline for on-time applications is Monday 31 October 2022. Further information from the Hillingdon LA:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary#Key%20dates>

The Story of the Xmas Gifts for Children in Need Initiative



Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

GIFT WRAPPING SESSIONS

WHEN?

October

Mon 10th 9.30-11.30am

Wed 12th 7.30-9.30pm

Half Term:

Wed 26th 7.30-9.30pm

Sun 30th 12-1.30pm

More dates to be released later.

WHERE?

Church Hall - Our Lady of Lourdes & St
Michael, Osborn Rd, Uxbridge, UB8 1UE

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Gift wrapping
- Collecting donations
- Raising funds (eg. simple cake sale at work/church)
- Searching shops, online, even facebook for new and nearly new gifts and trinkets

Everyone is welcome!

Questions? Please contact Andrea:

Xmas4KidsInNeed@gmail.com

07582 424 105

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael is a ready-made community with a registered charity number, which can both be leveraged for good.

So we decided last year to see if we could give local children in need a Christmas present.

This developed into a partnership with Hillingdon Social Services and we managed to give 100 children a mix of presents.

How can you help?

- Donate gifts/money
- Go Shopping!
- Join us for gift wrapping
- Fundraise
- Spread the word!

Donations can be dropped off at the school (table outside EYs) next Friday or at the church hall.

Also any bags, or any kind, storage boxes, gift boxes, Tupperware all useful for packaging our gifts.

Hillingdon SENDIASS website

Hillingdon SENDIASS is a free, confidential and impartial support service for parents and carers, children and young people up to 25 years where the child or young person has or may have special educational needs. Their website includes useful information and links to a range of support groups available:

<https://www.hillingdonsendiass.co.uk/>

Instrumental Lessons

We offer the following instrumental lessons:

- Piano,
- Guitar,
- Violin,
- Singing
- Ukulele

You can register by text at: 07782 503260

Online at:

www.stagetalent.co.uk/register



Autumn/ Winter is coming.....

If your child has asthma and a preventative inhaler (Beige/ Brown/ Orange/ Red/ Purple/ Pink) please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** even if your child is well as we are heading towards the most troublesome time of year for children with asthma.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of TERM DATES - please visit our school website:

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

Date	Event
Friday 14 th October	Trinity Homeless Charity – Whole School Assembly
Monday 17 th October	Curriculum Afternoon: Tours between 2pm and 2.30pm Start of One World Week
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday 20 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 21 st October	School finishes for half term (normal time) Half Term (One World) holiday project
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday 31 st October	Inset day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 01 st November	Pupil's return to school