



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 30th April 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,

Some of our classes were lucky enough to get involved in some History workshops (led by the Freshwater Theatre Company) this week. Years 3 to 4 consolidated work on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages through their 'Early Man' activities. Year 5 took part in a Titanic workshop - revising work covered as a part of their Journeys and Migration topic. KS1 and Year 6 still have their visits to look forward to. We will add some photos to our 'History Gallery' over the next couple of weeks:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=52&qcatid=9>

Parents' Evenings

Upper EYs, Year 1 and Year 2 had their Parents' Evening Meetings this week. The following meetings are planned for the next couple of weeks:

Class	Dates
Lower Early Years (Nursery)	Wednesday 5 th May Thursday 6 th May
Year 3	Wednesday 5 th May Thursday 6 th May
Year 4	Wednesday 5 th May Thursday 6 th May
Year 5	Wednesday 12 th May Thursday 13 th May
Year 6	Wednesday 12 th May Thursday 13 th May

Your child's class teacher will ring you (on your main contact number) between 2pm and 5.45pm on one of the days listed above. Please contact our school office if you would like a specific time or are not available on the dates listed.

Hot Meals

We are hoping to return to our hot school lunches in September. Due to government social distancing guidelines, we still have over half of our pupils eating their lunches in their classroom making it very difficult to return to hot meals any sooner.

Multi Sports Online Disability Sessions

The London Borough of Hillingdon, with Primary Sporting Development, are running Multi-Sports sessions online (via Zoom). Sessions are from Monday 26th April (starting this week) between 5:00-5:40pm - 5:50-6:30pm free of charge. For ages 6-12 years old. To register go to www.thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs/

Early May Bank Holiday

Reminder: School is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday. We hope you enjoy the extended weekend!

Library Bus

Over the course of the next few weeks, your child will have the opportunity to 'get on board' and borrow a book/book(s) from our fantastic library bus. Reception and KS1 children may bring home a book that they would like you to read with them as opposed to one they can read by themselves (as they have the Oxford Reading Tree books for this). Reading with parents, and being read to, is a vital part of a child's reading development. A lot of the books on the library bus are brand new and we think that you will agree that they are amazing and will hopefully inspire your child to read for pleasure. However, whether the book is old or new we ask that you encourage your child to treat it with the utmost care and respect.

Please ensure that your child returns their book to school on their allocated 'change day'.

Monday	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday	Year 4
Friday	Year 5 and Upper Early Years (twice a half term)

Lower Early Years will visit the library bus at different times throughout the week for story sessions and they will borrow books for their classroom.

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: jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

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.lgfl.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.

Labelling all uniform, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes

Please ensure all your child's uniform, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes are labelled with their name. **This will help to prevent lost property.**

Music

Songs of the week are:

Lean on me (Billy Withers)

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

Yancee praise party

<https://youtu.be/v5EC22vjUdq>

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Date	Event
Mon 3 rd May	Early May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
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
Thu 22 nd July	Term Ends (Early finish)