



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 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,

We are all rightly concerned about the number of COVID cases going up this week. The evidence tells us that the most likely transmission will be between adults, rather than from child to adult, so staff and parents need to continue to be as proactive in mitigating this risk as possible.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the staggered times at drop off and pick up. Do remember that you should not be waiting before your class time. If your time is 8:35am-8:40am then you have a window of five minutes to get in. Waiting around before your 'bubble' time will increase the risk to all of us. Thanks again for your support.

October: Black History Month

Throughout this month, each class will celebrate the national Black History Month. Each class has picked 1 significant individual (or event) that they would like to learn more about next week. We have also arranged for our Yr5 and Yr6 pupils to watch an online theatre performance of 'The Empire Windrush'. The Windrush Generation includes anyone who immigrated to Britain from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1973. After WWII, large parts of Britain were in desperate need of rebuilding, so the UK actively invited immigration from Commonwealth nations.

More information from BBC Newsround:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43793769>



Walk to School Week

Next week is 'Walk to School Week'. Being active is now more important than ever before. This week, our pupils have been discussing the five actions we can take to help improve our health and wellbeing. 'BE ACTIVE', is one of the five actions. We are also passionate about reducing our environmental impact (often caused by vehicle pollution). So let's all try to take some small steps for the benefit of our wellbeing and for the environment. Happy stepping, Miss Bright



A LIVING STREETS CAMPAIGN

National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day.

Our pupils have been sharing different poems in class.

You may like to share some poems with your child at home. The following website has lots of poems and video clips of poets reading their work:

<https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/poets/agard-john>

There are also some poems to help celebrate Black History Month including the Windrush Child by John Agard. We will read some of these to the children next week.

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.

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.

Pupil Safety Message

We have received a report (from the LA) of an incident where strangers approached a school child in Ickenham from a car. The child is safe. Please discuss this with your children to ensure they are vigilant when travelling to and from school.

Hymn Practice Songs

The children have been practising the following hymns this week:

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 5 th Oct	Start of Black History Week in school
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