



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 21st 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,

Throughout this week, we celebrated our One World Week in school. On Monday, each class watched a presentation looking at how we are all different and celebrating diversity. All pupils have been asked to complete a holiday project exploring their family history, heritage and culture (further details are provided below). On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils gave parents tours of each classroom and some of the other learning areas in our school. The Yr6 tours were followed by refreshments and internet safety information in our school hall. A big thank you to our newly elected PTA group for providing the tea, coffee and biscuits. We also held our Autumn term Parents' Evenings this week. It was lovely to move back to face-to-face meetings and have the opportunity to talk about how pupils have settled in this term. Our next Parents' Evenings will take place in January - following our end of term Test Week. This will give us a chance to share the results and areas identified that we will be working on in class.

Parent Survey 2022

We emailed a link to this year's Parent Survey on Monday. Thank you to everybody who has already completed it online. You still have this weekend to let us know your views.



Inclusive Panathlon

Our Panathlon Team represented our school on Thursday. They completed a range of inclusive events and we are delighted to announce that they came in first place overall. Each child, who took part, was awarded a Gold medal and we received this trophy and certificate. Congratulations to the Team!

WINNERS – PTA Spare Change Challenge

Thank you to all the family members who brought in spare change to help fill our class rockets. Well done to Year 2 for collecting the most 'spare change' in their rocket. Yr2 pupils were presented with the following class prizes from our PTA today: Pokemon cards and magazines including small gifts.

Half Term Holiday

We break up today for the October holiday. All pupils return to school on Tuesday 1st November. We hope you enjoy the holiday with your family.



Picnic Benches

Are you good at putting flat pack furniture together and have some spare time? If so, we would love to hear from you. We have purchased some new picnic benches for the children to use but need some help putting these together (photograph below). Please contact our school office if you might be able to offer some time. Thank you in advance.

One World Week - Holiday Project



Your mission: To create a piece of work celebrating your family history, heritage or culture.

This may include the following:

- An overview of your family history
- Research about a country you (or your family members) originate from.

You can present your work in a variety of ways:

- A poster
- Piece of art
- Writing
- Leaflet
- A family tree

We will display some of this work on a special display board in our corridor (outside the Yr5 classroom).

Early Years - Boxes Needed

Our Early Years staff are looking for donations of small/medium boxes e.g. cereal, tissue boxes etc. Please send any boxes into school with your child or hand them to Mrs Chandarana or Mrs Goff. Thank you in advance.

Holiday Activities - The National Army Museum

The National Army Museum has three floors of interactive fun, telling the story of the British Army and its impact on society, past and present, in a family friendly environment. Drop in this half term to take part in challenges, games and much more! Don't forget to book a ticket to visit Play Base, their immersive soft play area for children 8 years and under. The National Army Museum is free, find them in Chelsea, SW3 4HT. Play Base tickets are £6.25 per child plus booking fee.

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>

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 21st October	School finishes for half term (normal time) Half Term (One World) holiday project
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October	HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday 31st October	Inset day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 01st November	Pupil's return to school