



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 7th May 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,

We hope you enjoyed the extended weekend. It's been a shorter school week but there has still been a lot going on.

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' evenings, from Nursery to Year 4, have already taken place. If you've had a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher, we hope you found this conversation useful. Our remaining meetings are due to take place next week as follows:

| Class | Dates |
|--------|---|
| 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.

History Theatre Workshops

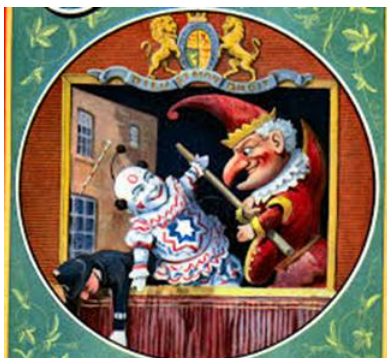
Yesterday, our Year 2 pupils were lucky enough to take part in a 'Seaside Journeys' workshop led by the Freshwater Theatre Company. Visiting seaside holiday destinations from 1910 to the present day, the children explored how holidays and pastimes have changed over the past century in a session filled with holiday fun.

Pupils went on imaginary journeys to visit seaside holiday destinations through the last century, meeting Punch and Judy in 1910, learning what holidays meant during wartime in the 1940s, exploring seaside activities in 1950s, and taking a trip to the Butlin's summer camps of the 1970s.

The workshop was a fantastic revision of the 'Holiday's topic the children completed last term.

Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in workshops last week. We've added some photos to the 'History Gallery' on our 'History Page'. You will need to scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the gallery:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=History&pid=52>



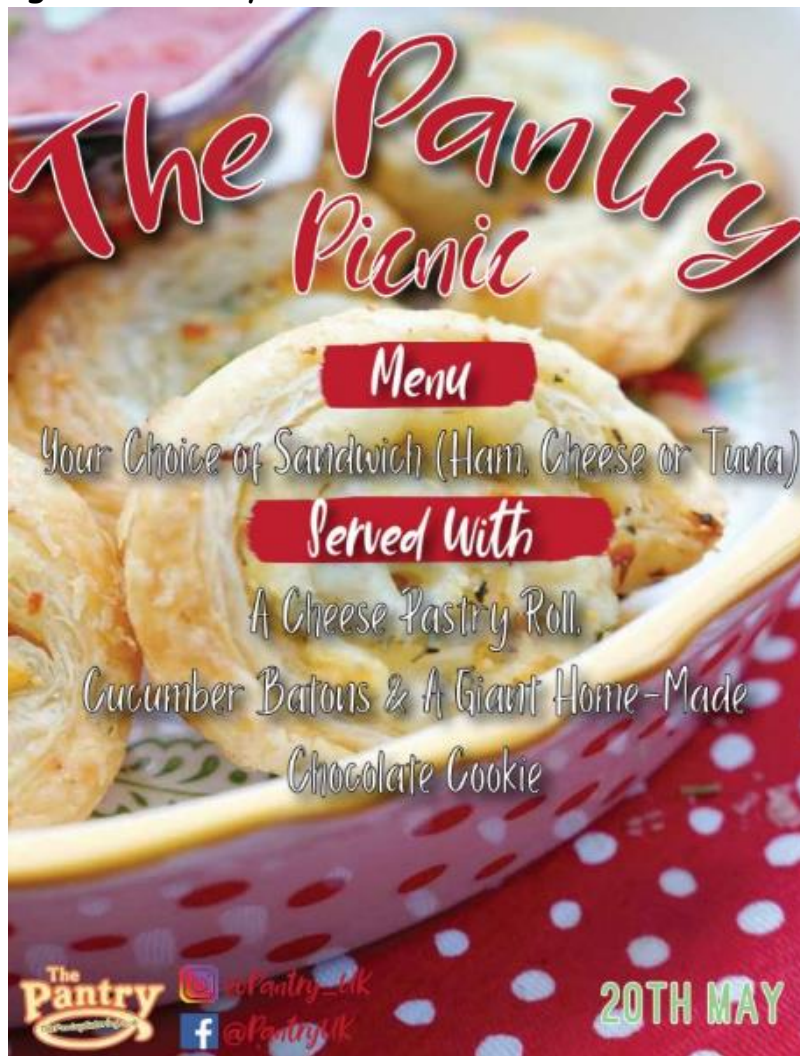
Packed Lunches - Picnic Menu

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. Parents are able to order a packed lunch from our school caterers:

https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php

The Pantry are providing a special Picnic Menu on the 20th May.

Please book through the Pantry website:



Year 6 - End of Year Activities

We have booked lots of end of year activities for our Yr6 pupils to enjoy including a DJ and Leavers' Disco/Party. Other planned events include a local trip to St. Andrew's Park, a Paralympics workshop including wheelchair basketball, a theatre show, transition activities, an online workshop and Leavers' Mass.

We have made the difficult decision not to book a residential visit for our Year 6 class this year. The latest government advice states that:

'Schools are advised not to enter into any new financial or contractual commitments at this stage. This advice will remain under review and updated at the earliest opportunity.'

There are no definite plans to resume residential trips after the 17th May and as a result we felt it unwise to sign a contract with a company for this year. Sorry for any disappointment caused.

Ascension Mass

Our May Ascension Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 13th May at 10:15 a.m. Please join us online through the link on Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael's website:

<https://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk/>

Sports Day

As we are still following government advice keeping our different class 'bubbles' apart – our Sports Days will look a little different this year. Our Sports Coach will lead individual Sports Days with each class. The children will still get to wear their House colours and will be awarded points for their House Teams. These will all be added up at the end of each event with prizes awarded at a special remote assembly. Each Sports Day will be held on our school premises (unfortunately we are unable to invite family members to each event this year).

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.

Music

Songs of the week are:

Lean on me (Billy Withers)

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

Yancee praise party

<https://youtu.be/v5EC22vjUdg>

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 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Thu 13 th May | YR5 History Workshop |
| Fri 14 th May | YR6 History Workshop |

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| 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) |