



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 9th 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,

Our pupils have had a busy week taking part in Black History month and Walk to School Week inspired activities. Thank you to all the families who have made an extra effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school this week.

Black History Month - Activities

Each class picked 1 significant individual, or event, that they wanted to find out more about this week -

EYs: the Notting Hill Carnival (as a part of their 'Festivals' topic)

Yr 1: My Family History (celebrating diversity). The children watched video clips of families, from different backgrounds, sharing special objects and the class held their own 'special object - show and tell' event

Yr2: The Story of Rosa Parks

Yr3: Mary Seacole

Yr4: Roman Emperor Lucius Septimius Bassianus (link with Romans topic)

Yr5 and Yr6: The story of the Empire Windrush. As a part of their work, our Years 5 and 6 pupils watched an online theatre performance, of the Empire Windrush, by Bigfoot Arts Education.

As a school, we do feel that the teaching of diversity should be ever-present in our curriculum and not squeezed into one month. Instead we have tried to use this month to research further significant figures and events.



Remote Parents' Evening

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place remotely over the following two week period:

Monday 12th October - Friday 23rd October

We sent home a letter, on Tuesday, with further details.

Breakfast and After School Club

We have planned for these clubs to resume after the October Half Term break. We have been in contact with the School Friends club to help them develop a Risk Assessment that will ensure a safe reopening. Both clubs will be based in our school hall with pupils sitting separately in their 'bubble' groups. Pupil movement around the hall will be restricted and the children will be served food and drinks at each table. Please visit the School Friends Club website for further details.

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs/>

Why I love St. Mary's

The teachers are so nice here,
Yes we love it a lot.
We always get a second chance,
Always another shot.

But due to COVID,
We can't always see the future,
But I hope to still be,
The best that I can be.

When we leave,
We hope to leave with pride,
For we are so proud to be,
A part of St. Mary's!

A poem by Roisin Yr6

Sweets Containing Psychoactive Ingredients

You may have seen the news, on Monday, in relation to reports of a group of children feeling unwell having eaten what appeared to be sweets in a Camden Secondary School. The main symptoms they presented with were nausea, hyperactivity, elevated heart rates and hallucinations. Early indications are that they will all make a full recovery but we await confirmation. We have received reports from the police that these sweets probably contained a psychoactive substance - they emailed us the following image of the packaging. Please remind your children that they should not accept sweets from somebody they do not know.



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

One World Week

Throughout the week beginning Monday 19th October we will celebrate One World Week in school. Each class will find out more about a particular country whilst completing various cross-curricular activities. They will then get the chance to share what they have found out with other classes via Google Meet.

We will be holding our popular dress-up day on Thursday 22nd October. Pupils can come to school on this day wearing clothes that are associated with the country that they will be studying. This could be national costumes or simply clothes that are the same colour as the country's flag e.g. France = blue, white and red clothes. Each class will learn more about the following countries:

Early Years	India
Year 1	Portugal
Year 2	Ghana
Year 3	Australia
Year 4	Italy
Year 5	Japan
Year 6	Brazil



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.lqfl.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 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