



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 6th February 2020

TOMORROW
Gymnastics Club 8am

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Start of Safer
Internet Week
Gymnastics Club 8am
Reception & KS1
Chelsea Football
3:30pm

Tuesday

Year 1 Class Assembly
at 9am
KS2 Chelsea Football
3:30pm
Guitar Lessons
Drumming and Recorder
Lessons

Wednesday

Yr4 Swimming
Rugby Tots at 3:30pm
Gymnastics Club 8am
Violin Lessons

Thursday

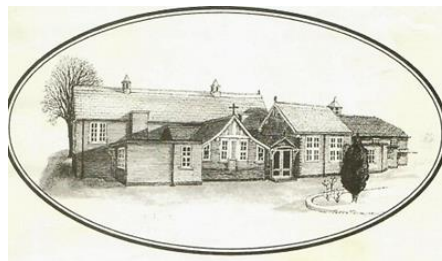
Friday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Last Day Half Term
PTA Valentine's Day
Chocolate Sale at
3:15pm



Dear parent/carer,

We are very much looking forward to our 125 year school anniversary on **Mon 24th Feb** and our staff are busy planning lots of exciting activities for our pupils to enjoy. In preparation of our Victorian Schoolroom Experience (on this day), we were visited by the Freshwater Theatre company who gave our staff lots of useful tips on recreating an authentic Victorian classroom.



Well Done Year 2

Well done to Year 2 for leading such a brilliant assembly on Tuesday - teaching us lots of facts about the life of Mother Teresa. Thank you to all the family members who came along to support the children.

Year 1's Class Assembly

Year 1 are very much looking forward to performing their class assembly for parents, carers and family members. This will take place on **Tuesday 11th February - at 9am.**

Rubik's Cubes, Puzzles and Toys

We have seen a couple of children upset over the last few weeks as they have lost their Rubik's cubes. As a result, we are asking that pupils do not bring Rubik's cubes, puzzles or any toys to school. If your child has found a Rubik's cube in the school playground - please can you ask them to hand it in to the school office, thank-you.

School Anniversary - 125 Years

On **Monday 24th February 2020**, we will celebrate 125 years since the opening of our school (in the Victorian era) and would like to invite all pupils to come to school dressed as Victorian school children on this special day. Ideas for costumes below:

Girls: Black dress and a white cotton apron

Boys: Shirt and trousers/shorts in drab colours (they may also like to wear a waistcoat, jacket or cap)

You may like to visit the following website for further ideas:

http://www.victorianschool.co.uk/what_they_wore.html

Safer Internet Week

As a part of their computing lessons next week, all pupils will be finding out more about keeping safe online.

You may wish to visit the following website which has lots of useful resources for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

PTA Valentine's Day - Choc Sale

On Friday 14th February, our PTA will be holding a Valentine's Day Chocolate Sale after school. This will take place at the front entrance - from 3:15pm.



Kurling Competition

On Tuesday 25th February, four pupils from Year 4 will represent our school at the Hillingdon New Age Kurling Competition.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (arrival from 9:45 a.m.)

Venue: Pield Heath House School, Uxbridge, UB8 3NW

Pupils taking part do not need to come to school in the morning but should be taken to Pield Heath for the competition.

Need: Packed lunch



School Birthday Mass

We would like to invite all family members to attend our Anniversary Mass on Friday 28th February. This will take place in our school hall at 2:30pm.

Term Dates

Please see our website for a complete list of Term dates for the academic year 2020 to 2021:

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

Starting Nursery September 2020 - December 2020

If your child is turning 3 years this year, you can apply for a nursery place by completing a St Mary's application form. Bring the form with originals of child's birth and baptism certificates, Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of child and parent to the school office **by Friday 28th February 2020.**

Packed lunches for school trips

If you are ordering a packed lunch from The Pantry for your child's school trip, please remember to select the sandwich filling as follows:

- The **Meat option** will receive a **Ham** sandwich.
- The **Veg option** will receive a **Cheese** sandwich.
- The **Jacket Potato option** will receive an **Egg Mayonnaise** sandwich.

Please send a drink even if you are ordering a school packed lunch as the small juice is very little for the whole day.

Donation of cushions

We would much appreciate any donation of cushions for the reading corners in the different classrooms. Thank you

Local Charity Choice

Our pupil School Council has decided that their local focus will be 'homelessness'.

To help people in our local community the School Council is asking for donations of non-perishable food. This will then be sent on to the Hillingdon Food Bank.

Our School Council members are a caring and enthusiastic group that really want to make a difference! Let's support them!

Please bring in any non-perishable food items including; beans, long-life milk, rice, canned meats, etc. by Wednesday 12th February. Thank you for your support!

Help The Homeless people!

All the homeless people have been dying from starvation because they have no food or water to live off. We want to help.

The school council have been meeting every half term to discuss how we can help our local community.

We are asking for non-perishable food donations so the homeless people in Hillingdon have a food source to live off.

Facts about homelessness:

- In 2018/19, 283 **people** were seen sleeping rough at Heathrow Airport and 123 in the remainder of **Hillingdon** Borough; 406 in total.
- Among the most popular **reasons for homelessness** were parents no longer able to or willing to provide accommodation, which was the case for 8,520 households, while domestic violence affected 6,580 households
- 320,000 people are homeless in the United Kingdom
- 726 **deaths of homeless people in England and Wales**, 129 (22%) more **deaths**

What types of food you should bring in:

Non-perishable Foods like: beans, canned meats, canned corn, rice and pasta

- Adriel and Olivia (year 4)

TheGivingMachine

Raise free donations for our school from over 2,000 shops on line.

Just follow these 3 easy steps:

1.- Join. To start go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and search for our school **St Mary's Uxbridge**

2.- Browse and shop. Every time you shop online go to TheGivingMachine first, then browse and shop over 2,000 retailers

3.- Give. When you make a purchase retailers pay a commission which is turned into donation for us.

Fundraising for the School

We are arranging a clothing collection to raise funds for the school. At the moment we have very little storage space and would ask that if you have any unwanted clothing you could store them for us. We will send plastic bags in book bags but clothing can be sent in any black sack or plastic bag. We ask if these can be brought into school on **Wednesday 26th February** as these will be collected first thing on Thursday. We thank you in anticipation of receiving lots of bags of unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, bags and belts to raise money.

Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Chloe	24
2	Naomi	22
3	Mia & Natalie	21
4	Chloe	15
5	Rosin	14
6	Katia	15

The winning house was: St Thomas with 256 points!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon 10 th Feb	Start of Safer Internet Week
Fri 14 th Feb	PTA chocolate sale 3:15 pm
Mon 17 th Feb	Half term break
Fri 21 st Feb	

Mon 24 th Feb	School 125 anniversary
	Victorian dress-up day
	Victorian school-room experience
	Celebration street party
	Class parties
Tue 25 th Feb	Kurling competition
Wed 26 th Feb	Ash Wednesday 2:30pm - 3:30pm
	Parents clothes collection
Fri 28 th Feb	School birthday Mass 2:30 pm
	PTA Year 2 birthday cake sale 3:15 pm

At St Mary's we do not authorise any holiday booked in term time as since September 2013 Government instruction has stated that no holidays in term time can be authorised.