

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 27th February 2020

TOMORROW

Gymnastics Club 8am
School Mass at 2:30pm
PTA School Anniversary
Cake Sale at 3:15pm
Drumming and Recorder Lessons

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Start of Book Week
Gymnastics Club 8am
Reception & KS1 Chelsea Football 3:30pm
PTA Coffee Afternoon at 2:45pm

Tuesday

KS2 Chelsea Football 3:30pm
Guitar Lessons
Drumming and Recorder Lessons

Wednesday

Years 2 and 5 Visit to Church (Stations of the Cross)
Yr4 Swimming
Rugby Tots at 3:30pm
Gymnastics Club 8am
Violin Lessons
Yr6 WE Day Trip
Camp out with your favourite book event 4:55pm (Parent Reading Workshop)

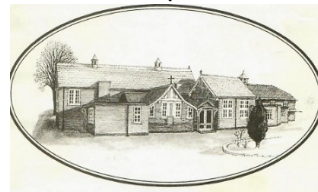
Friday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Drumming and Recorder Lessons
Dress-up Day



School Anniversary Celebrations

Throughout this week we have been celebrating 125 years since the opening of our school - in the Victorian era. On Monday morning the children found out about the history of our school by looking at a range of sources including old photographs, school logs (dating back to 1895) and behaviour books (including various punishments). This was followed by a Victorian schoolroom experience including handwriting, reciting number facts, an object lesson and P.E. drills. The children looked fantastic in their various Victorian costumes (you can take a look at the Photo Gallery on our school website for some examples). Father Nicholas took on the role of Father Michael Wren (the founder of our school) visiting each class with Angela to inspect school standards. Each class celebrated in the afternoon with a disco and class parties.



Holiday School History Projects

All pupils were asked to carry out research about the history of our school over the half term break and to present their findings in any way that they wished. The quality of work was amazing! Projects included photo scrapbooks, collages, interviews with previous pupils, fact files and art work. We plan to display lots of this work in a new display in our main corridor. Thank you for all the support that was given by our family members.

School Anniversary Mass

We would like to invite all family members to attend our Anniversary Mass. This will take place tomorrow, in our school hall, at **2:30pm**.

PTA - School Anniversary Cake Sale

Tomorrow, our PTA will be holding a **School Anniversary Birthday Cake Sale**. This will take place at our front entrance - from 3:15pm.

Kurling Competition

Our Kurling Team, made up of four Yr4 pupils (Ronan, Joshua, Henry and Leo) visited Pield Heath school yesterday to take part in this year's Hillingdon competition. All pupils played brilliantly as a part of a team. We are pleased to announce that we came in fourth overall (out of 8 schools).

Fairtrade Fortnight 2020

Fairtrade Fortnight started this week: Monday 24 February to Sunday 8 March. This year the theme is all about cocoa! As a school, we will be sharing the stories of some incredible cocoa farmers and their families. Through these stories, we'll be talking about forest-friendly cocoa farming, the need for a living income, and how caring for people and planet come hand in hand. You may like to watch the following with your child - an exciting new film 'Guardians of the Rainforest'!

<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/take-action/fairtrade-fortnight-2020/>



Book Week

We are very much looking forward to next week's Book Week.

On Wednesday (4th of March), we would like to invite children back to school at 4:45pm for 'Camp Out with My Favourite Book' - a twist on the usual Bedtime Stories. Children can come back to school in their PJs with their favourite book and bring a sleeping bag and pillow and a camp light or torch if they have one. Children will have hot chocolate as a treat. While the children are snuggled up in class sharing stories parents are invited to the hall for refreshments and a parent session on 'Creating a Love of Reading at Home' by English consultant Joe Heffer'

- Reading for pleasure - why it matters
- Creating a positive reading culture - what research tells us
- Parents as positive role models
- Importance of reading to children
- Fun ways to read with your child

We would love to see you there.

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 6th March. We would also like to

invite parents into school to read with their child(ren) on Friday 6th March from 9 am to 9:30 or alternatively 2:45 to 3:15 (parents costumes are optional). We would especially love to have some dads as it is vital that boys have positive male role models.

Church Visits

Next Wednesday (4th March), Years 2 and 5 will visit Church at 10:30am to find out more about the different Stations of the Cross. If you are able to help, please let your child's class teacher know.

Art Club

Group 2 are due to start their first lesson next week (Thursday 5th March) at 3:30pm.

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**.

Child's emergency contacts

Please make sure that all your child's emergency contacts are up to day. It is parents' responsibility to inform us of any changes to their contact details as soon as possible.

Please note that these contacts are separate from the authorised people to collect your child.

SchoolMoney passwords (payments for trips)

Passwords for SchoolMoney have changed. If you have not logged in to SchoolMoney in the last 2 months you will need to reset your password. Please contact the school office to receive a link via email and text to reset your password.

Clothes Collection

Thank you for all the donations of clothes this week. These have been collected by representatives from ecokids who will donate funds according to the number of bags collected. We will keep you informed of how much we receive.

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/>

Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Sophia	5
2	Dominik	13
3	Edward	24
4	Chloe & Daniel	5
5	Edey & Rosa	12
6	Imogen	13

The winning house was: St Thomas with 201 points!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 28 th Feb	School birthday Mass 2:30 pm
	PTA Year 2 birthday cake sale 3:15 pm
Mon 2 nd Mar	Start of Book Week
	PTA Coffee Afternoon 2:45 pm
Wed 4 th Mar	Stations of the Cross - Y2 & Y5 10:30 am
	WE day
	Camp Out with My Favourite Book
Fri 6 th Mar	Dress up as favourite book character
Mon 9 th Mar	Start of Science Week
Wed 11 th Mar	Y6 Uxbridge Library Visit am
Thu 12 th Mar	Y6 Uxbridge Library Visit am
Mon 16 th Mar	Start of Test Week
Tue 17 th Mar	Stations of the Cross - Y1 & Y6 10:30 am
Mon 23 rd Mar	Start of Science Week
	Y3 school trip

Tue 24 th Mar	Prospective parents tour to school 1:30pm
Wed 25 th Mar	Stations of the Cross - Y3 & Y4 10:30 am
	Y6 Junior citizens
Thu 26 th Mar	Year 4 Trip
Mon 30 th Mar	Extra INSET day - school closed-
Wed 1 st Apr	Mass at the end of the term at Church 9:30 am
	Movie night 3:40 pm
Thu 2 nd Apr	KS2 Production 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm
Fri 3 rd Apr	Early finish at 1:30 pm
Mon 6 th Apr - Fri 17 th Apr	Easter break
Mon 20 th Apr	First day of summer term. All pupils back to school
Tue 28 th Apr	Parents' evening 3:35 - 6:00 pm
Thu 30 th Apr	Parents' evening 3:35 - 6:00 pm
Fri 1 st May	WE walk day
Mon 4 th May	School open
	VE Day celebrations week start
Wed 6 th May	Mass VE remembrance 9:30 am
Thu 7 th May	VE Day Street Party Lunch
Fri 8 th May	Revised Bank Holiday -school closed-
Mon 11 th May	KS2 SATs Week starts
Mon 18 th May	Start of Life Bus week
Wed 20 th May	Second movie night 3:40 pm
Thu 21 st May	Ascension Mass and May Procession 2:30 pm -3:30 pm
	Pupil Voice Day
Mon 25 th May Fri 29 th May	Half term break
Mon 1 st Jun	Group photographs
Fri 5 th Jun	Crazy hair
Mon 8 th Jun	Phonics Screen Check week starts
	Year 4 - Start of Times tables test
Tue 9 th Jun	Class Mass Y2 & Y5 9:30 am
Wed 10 th Jun	Sweet cups go home
Thu 11 th Jun	HOAC Year 6
Fri 12 th Jun	HOAC Year 6
Mon 15 th Jun	Start of Healthy School Week
	Non uniform-sweet cups return
Tue 16 th Jun	Class Mass Y1 & Y6 9:30 am
Fri 19 th Jun	Year 6 Visit Uxbridge War Memorial 9:15 am
	Year 6 Bunker Trip 10 am
Sat 20 th Jun	Summer fete 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Mon 22 nd Jun	Start of Test and Maths Week