



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

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,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break with your family. We've got a busy term ahead including next week's Parents Evenings, a New Year Panto and planned class assemblies.

Next Week - Parents' Evenings

We would like to invite you to attend one of our Parents' Evenings on either:

Tuesday 10th or Thursday 12th January 2023

3.20 – 5.40pm

These meetings will be held face-to-face in school. They will provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the results of our recent Test Week and any strengths and targets identified. Before your meeting, there will be a chance to look through your child's books (these will be left outside your child's classroom in a labelled tray). **We ask that you be respectful to other parents and do not look through any other child's work.**

If your child is receiving any Special Educational Needs (SEN) support, their teacher will also discuss their latest Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the provision planned.

To make an appointment: Please return the reply slip sent home on Tuesday.

New Year Panto

As a start of term treat, we have booked a New Year Panto for Thursday 12th January – next week. This will be held (for Reception to Year 6) in our school Hall.

Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3's Class Assembly will take place on Tuesday 24th January. All parents, carers and family members are most welcome to attend. We will open the main entrance to visitors at 2.30pm.

8.30am Support Groups

Your child may be invited to attend one of our Spring Term Booster groups – these are starting on Monday. If this is the case, you will have received a letter this week.



Year 1 Visit

Year 1 will visit the Hillingdon Archives Museum, on Floor 6 of Uxbridge Library on Tue 31st January. As a part of their recent History topic, they will investigate toys and objects from the 1950s and 1960s. The archives team also holds family events during school holidays – further details below.

Victorian Toys – Family Event – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Uxbridge Library – Level 6

Friday 17 February: 2pm to 4pm

A family event where you can explore and play with Victorian toys, including some from the museum's collection.

Cost: Free, but booking is essential

Book: archives@hillingdon.gov.uk

Parents Collective Worship Portal

Please log into the TEN TEN Parents Online Collective Worship Portal to read the Newsletter for January. There are suggested activities you can do with your child at the end of the newsletter. We will text you the parents log in details to remind you how to access the website. The website address is - <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>



Curriculum Topics for This Term

Please visit our school website to view our Curriculum Overviews for this Spring Term 2023. These provide an overview of the topics your child will cover this term:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Overviews%3A+Visits+%26amp%3B+Visitors&pid=86>

Steam – Uxbridge Library

Friday 17 March to Friday 14 April, during library opening hours

All aboard! Come along to learn about the days of steam!

This Archives and Museums Service exhibition tells the story of local railway travel – the stations, trains and locomotives – before the advent of diesel or electricity.

Cost: Free, no need to book

Urgent Reception Applications

If you have not done so already, Reception applications for children born between 01/09/18 and 31/08/19 will close on **Sunday 15th January 2023**. Please note it is most important that you:

Apply to the London Borough of Hillingdon Admissions Team as they send the statutory lists to us. The link is here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8496/Schools-placements-and-admissions>

You will also need to complete a paper form for St Mary's. The supplementary information forms 2023/24 for St Mary's are available at the school entrance and on the following link:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=15>

You are advised to read the Admissions Policy information as to how applications are ranked by the governing body.

Useful SEN Websites and Information

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/>

Hillingdon Local Offer

The Hillingdon local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. It allows families to see what they can expect from a range of local agencies and how to access them.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/4654/SEND-local-offer>

Hillingdon Talks, Moves, Plays

Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS)

Information from the NHS team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people.

<https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/children-integrated-therapy-service>

Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support (HACs)

A charity providing support for children with a diagnosis of autism and their families:

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

Hillingdon Parents Carers Forum (PCF)

<https://hillingtonpcf.com/about>

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 diary dates and TERM DATES - please visit our school website:

You can now subscribe to our Calendar, which will add these events to your 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'

Date	Event
Tue 10 th January	Parents' Evening 3.20 – 5.40pm
Thu 12 th January	Parents' Evening 3.20 – 5.40pm
Thu 12 th January	New Year Panto
Tue 24 th January	Year 3 Class Assembly at 2.30pm.
Tue 31 st January	Year 1 Visit to Uxbridge Library – Toys and objects from the 1950s and 1960s
Thu 2 nd February	Basketball Competition at Uxbridge College
Wed 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Fri 10 th February	Last Day of this half term (finish at usual time)
Mon 13th – Fri 17th February	HALF TERM BREAK
Mon 20 th February	All pupils return – all 8.30am groups resume