



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 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.

Siblings should be dropped off at the earliest time for any of their brothers and sisters.

Collection

UEYs: 2.55pm

Yr1: 3.25pm

Yr2: 3.20pm

Yr3: 3.15pm

Yr4: 3.10pm

Yr5: 3.05pm

Yr6: 3pm

Please ensure that your child stays with you after you pick them up - pupils should not be playing on the playground

Dear parent/carer,

It's been a busy first week back in school. As well as starting their new year group curriculum, pupils have also been completing work on our new rules, routines and the importance of regular handwashing. We're all still getting used to the new 'norm' - thank you for helping us to make sure that the new systems run as smoothly as possible.

Our pupils have also completed some informal assessments this week.

These will be analysed and the findings used to plan activities to help fill any gaps in knowledge due to the lockdown.

Morning Drop-off

Parents, with siblings, should drop off all their children all the earliest time of any of their children e.g. if you have a child in Yr6 you can drop off all your children between 8.30 and 8.35am.

We are trying to avoid any queuing at the school gate.

At certain times, this area has been very congested. Please help us by not arriving at the gate any earlier than your children's drop-off time.

Our aim is that parents will arrive between their children's drop-off times, drop their children off and then leave to help keep this area clear (helping everyone to maintain social distancing).

Start of Term Mass

On Tuesday, Father Nicholas led our 'Start of Term' Mass online so that all pupils could participate.

If you didn't get the opportunity to watch the Mass live, it can be viewed on our parish YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqLPiqAbuPHXUjB2PwBOu6w>

Autumn / Winter is here...

If your child has asthma and uses a preventative inhaler (**Beige/ Brown/ Orange/ Red/ Purple/Pink**) please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** as we are heading towards the most challenging season for asthmatics.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team.



Social Distancing - Before and After School

A few parents have expressed concerns regarding other parents not socially distancing at the school gate, in the playground after school and at local parks including Rockingham Recreational Ground. We would like to remind our family members to avoid close contact with other parents/carers before and after school. Once you pick up your child, please ensure that they stay with you at all times and that they are not playing with other children on the KS2 playground.

The latest government guidance:

'You should continue to avoid close contact and remain socially distant from anyone you do not live with or who is not in your [support bubble](#).

It is critical that everybody observes the following:

- *SPACE - Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings).*

The rules on social contact will change from Monday 14 September - you must not meet in groups of more than 6 when meeting with people outside of your household.

This will be the law from Monday 14 September.'

A big thank you to all our parents, who are following this guidance, and helping to keep our school safe for all.

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>

PE Kits

All classes have set days for PE.

We ask that all pupils come into school dressed in their PE kits on these days. They will wear their PE kits all day and then come home in them at the end of the day.

Each class will have PE on these 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

Reception: Do not have a separate PE kit

Lunches

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.lgfl.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.

'Meet the Teacher' Presentations

All of our teachers have produced a short 'Meet the Teacher' presentation providing various details about school routines, homework, curriculum etc. These presentations are available to view on our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Classes&pid=10>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 14 th Sept	Mission Statement Activities
Mon 14 th Sept	Piano lessons start
Tue 15 th Sept	Guitar lessons start
Mon 5 th Oct	Start of Black History Week
Mon 19 th Oct	Start of One World Week: Class based workshops
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term Break