



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### 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,

This week we held our Annual Friendship Week starting with our Odd Socks Day on Monday. Pupils came to school wearing odd (and some very colourful) socks as a way of demonstrating that we are all unique. As a part of this week, we held Internet Safety workshops for KS2 pupils with a focus on being kind online. These were led by Mary Rebelo (ICT consultant). Mary also led an E-Safety workshop with parents on Monday afternoon. If you were able to attend, we hope you found this session useful. We have also included further information and useful links on our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=18>



### Year 3 Theatre Workshop

This week, Year 3 attended an 'Early Man' theatre workshop led by the Freshwater company. They travelled back to the days of early man and the Stone Age. The Freshwater Time Traveller took the class on an imaginary journey back through time to discover what life was like in early Britain.

### Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 visited the Iver Environment Centre to take part in their 'Seed to Supermarket' education programme. They investigated where our food comes from and how it reaches our plate. The children explored the allotments at the centre, discovered the different food groups and what makes a healthy meal. Pupils made and tasted some home-made butter and tried their hand at grinding some wheat. They investigated plant life-cycles, dissected a seed and planted their own seed to bring home. This links with their Geography 'Food – Trade' unit of work as well as other PSHE and Science topics.

### KS2 Boccia Competition

Today, pupils represented our school at the annual Hillingdon KS2 Boccia Competition held at Pield Heath House school.

Boccia (pronounced bot-cha) is a sport similar to bowls. It is a target ball sport which tests both muscle control and accuracy.

### Santa's Grotto – Non-Uniform Day

Visits to the PTA Santa's Grotto will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (next week). This is a children's only event during school hours. This will be a Non-Uniform day and we are encouraging all pupils to wear Christmas jumpers/clothes for their grotto photograph.

## Coffee Mornings - Next Week

We have organised two coffee mornings, for next week, including talks from guest speakers. Both of these meetings will take place in our school Hall

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 - at 9am**

We have invited both the **Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum** and the **Hillingdon SENDIASS** team to give a short talk about the services and support they offer.

**Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum (PCF)**: a group of parents and carers of children and young people with learning difficulties, disabilities or additional needs, who aim to represent the views of parents and carers to help influence the way local services are delivered.

**Hillingdon SENDIASS**: a free, confidential and impartial support service for parents and carers, children and young people up to 25 years old, where the child or young person may have special educational needs.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - at 9am**

#### **Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support (HACs)**

Representatives from HACs will be visiting school to lead a short presentation for parents to speak about the services that they provide.

HACS (Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support) are a local charity who provide support to children on the autism spectrum and their families. This support includes regular training events, monthly autism surgeries, respite activities and recreational trips/events. Please visit their website for further information: <http://www.hacs.org.uk/>

Tea, coffee and pastries will be served, from 9am, in our school Hall.

Hope to see you there,

Mr Ellis

### 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](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



## One-way System

We would like to encourage all family members to use our one-way way system after school. The alleyway into school is very narrow and using our one-way system avoids this alleyway becoming blocked with parents moving in opposite directions (sometimes with push-chairs and prams). **Please enter using the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the playgrounds using the exit that leads onto Rockingham Road.**

Thank you

## 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/>

*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
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> November – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Toy and luxury item donations collection
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	SEN Coffee Morning 9am (School Hall) With SENDiASS and Parent Carers Forum
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Christmas Jumper Sale
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> SEN Coffee Morning – Hillingdon Autistic Society
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Santa's Grotto: Non-Uniform Day (Christmas jumpers/clothes)
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Production at 2.30pm PTA will provide refreshment and mince pies for a small donation
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Market from 3.15pm (School Hall)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Production at 2.30pm PTA will provide refreshment and mince pies for a small donation Carol Service (Church) at 3.45pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn Term – Early finish at 1.30pm

