



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### 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

**Siblings can be dropped off together**  
- earliest time for any of your children

### Collection Times

**PLEASE REMEMBER A FACE MASK**

Each class will go home at the following times:

-3.05pm: Reception (UEYs)

-3.10pm: Years 5 and 6

-3.15pm: Years 3 and 4

-3.20pm: Years 1 and 2

-3.30pm: Nursery

### PE Days:

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) require their PE kits in school every day. Please bring PE bags/kits into school every Monday morning.

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may have seen the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday, outlining the government's 'step 4' roadmap proposals. Despite this announcement, we feel that it is sensible to keep our current operational model until the end of this term. This week, we saw new data showing that more than 623,000 pupils are currently self-isolating and 28,000 are absent due to confirmed cases of Covid-19 – this is another significant rise compared with the previous week. Our view is that removing our current protective measures on the 19<sup>th</sup> July (with only a few days away from the end of this term) could create more problems for the next term and risks creating further disruption as we go into the new academic year. As a result, our staggered start and finish times will continue until the end of this term and all classes will remain in their separate 'bubbles' throughout the day.

### Our Plan for September

#### **What time will pupils start school?**

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) will be able to come into school between 8.40 and 8.50am. Teachers will take the morning register shortly after 8.50am. We will continue to use the green gate entrance on Rockingham Road.

#### **What time will pupils finish school?**

All classes (Reception to Year 6) will finish school at 3.15pm. Parents should still access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

#### **Hot Meals**

Due to the easing of government restrictions, we are pleased to announce that our hot meal service will resume in September. The hot dinner menus will be available from August. School lunches can be ordered through our school caterer's website:

[https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school\\_meals/login.php](https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php)

#### **Extra- curricular clubs**

We are currently planning for more clubs to resume in September including our Gymnastics Club, PSD Multi-sports and football. Further details will follow in the Autumn term.

## Year 5 - Heartstone Celebration

The **Heartstone Odyssey** (by Arvan Kumar) is a thought provoking fantasy story that deals with the issues of racism and inclusion. Our Year 5 pupils have been reading the story as a part of weekly story circles including discussions of the issues highlighted. They have also been working on a range of cross-curricular activities - sponsored by Uxbridge library and developed by the Heartstone Trust. Yesterday, Year 5 took part in a celebration event attended by the author, local schools and representatives from Uxbridge library. The children shared some fantastic work - including charters to promote diversity, poems and art projects.

## Summer Reading Challenge

This morning, representatives from Uxbridge library led a virtual assembly with the children introducing this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is: **Wild World Heroes**. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how **you can make a difference** to the environment too.

Please visit this website for further details:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Wizard of Oz Show

We have booked for all of our pupils to watch a Wizard of Oz show, on Monday, performed by M&M Productions. They will perform three separate shows throughout the day so that pupils can sit separately in their class 'bubbles'.

## Time Capsule Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon, all classes will take part in a Time Capsule Competition. This unique project, launched in partnership with Place2Be and BAFTA, captures and preserves the experiences of young people during this extraordinary time. We're inviting our pupils to capture memories of life during the Covid-19 pandemic in a special time capsule that will be sealed and preserved for the next 25 years and opened in 2047. The children will be invited to reflect upon how our lives were affected during this significant time in history by creating art, photography, writing or digital media to share with future generations.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.thenational.academy/enrichment-time-capsule>

## Years 4 to 6 - HISTORY MYSTERY



**Can you identify this object?**

**What do you think this object is?**

**Why do you think it was made?**

**When was it made?**

**Who made it?**

**How was it made?**

You may like to talk to your child about what they think this object is - helping them to develop their enquiry skills. Older pupils may like to do some research.

**We look forward to hearing about what pupils think this object might be on Monday!**

### Playday 2021

We are happy to announce that this year's Playday event on the 4th August will be going ahead. Events will take place at various venues across the Borough. There will be a range of free activities available for families to book. Groups will be small so as to maintain social distancing. PAll booking details can be found at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday)

### Please remind yourself of the Public Health Guidelines below:

Students **MUST NOT** come to school if they, or a member of their household, have **one or more of the main COVID symptoms** or have been tested for COVID.

The three symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

### UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of dates - please visit our school website:

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

Date	Event
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Wizard of Oz Shows
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 WW2 Workshop
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Time Capsule Afternoon
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 online Iron Age Workshop - Museum of London Year 6 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Talk Year 5 Uxbridge Library Story Circle
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports to be sent home to parents/carers
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	No Pens Wednesday
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term Ends (All classes finish at 1.30 p.m.)

