



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021

Google Classroom

If accessing Google Classroom on the internet (on a laptop or desktop) - please type the following into your address bar: classroom.google.com

School Contact Details

If you are having any difficulties with Google Classroom - please contact our school office.

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Telephone: 01895 232814

Keyworker Revised

Sports Coach Times:

Pupils attending school should wear their PE kits to school on these days from next week -

Tues: Years 5, 6, 1 and 2

Wed: Upper Early Years, Year 3 and Year 4



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you are all safe and well.

On Wednesday, the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. He has promised that education settings, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education. We will remain open to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers after February half-term, as we are now. We are missing you all here and cannot wait until we return to normal! You are all doing a brilliant job supporting your child with home schooling.

Class Timetables

These have been shared by teachers on Google Classroom. The timetable is purely a guide for you and your child to work through and should give some structure to your day. However, do not worry if you are unable to follow this exactly as we know that many families are sharing devices between siblings and parents.

Mindfulness Friday

All teachers have planned activities for next Friday (5th February) as a part of our Mindfulness Friday event. Each teacher will set related tasks on Google Classroom for this day. This may include PHSE activities, video clips, yoga, listening to relaxing music, mindfulness colouring sheets - to name but a few examples. **There will only be one live Google Meet on this day (in the morning).** As the aim of this day is to promote good mental health and wellbeing – teachers will not answer any comments on this day or provide any feedback to pupils.

Parents' Evenings

We held the remainder of our Parents' Evenings this week. Some Year 3 and Year 5 parents will get their phone call this afternoon. We hope you have found these meetings useful. If you didn't get the chance to speak to your child's class teacher – please contact our school office.

History and Geography

The children are covering the following topics this half term

Class	Topics this Term
Year 1	Geography: People and their Communities Where in the world do different people live?
Year 2	History: Holidays How have holidays changed over time?
Year 3	History: Comparing the Bronze Age to the Iron Age
Year 4	Geography: Rivers and the Water Cycle How does the water go round and round
Year 5	History: The Anglo-Saxons
Year 6	History: The Ancient Greeks

Please visit the History and Geography pages on our school website for lots of websites, video clips and other resources that support learning in these topics:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Information&pid=11>

History Quizzes and Games

Your child may like to have a go at these quizzes and games from English Heritage. They can test their knowledge on a range of topics we cover in school:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/quizzes-and-games/>



Let's Count! Census Day

Census Day is taking place on Sunday 21st March.

On **Thursday 4 February, at 11.00am**, Professor David Olusoga will be running a live lesson to the nation on YouTube. This lesson will focus on 'Equality, representation and the census'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFfZZN7Jvs8&feature=youtu.be>

February Half-term

Schools will close as usual over the February half-term break **to all pupils**. The government announced, on Tuesday, that schools are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during this week.

Online Reading Books

Our school uses the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Unfortunately pupils are unable to borrow books from school at this time.

The Oxford Reading Tree books can be accessed online via the Oxford Owl website. You will need to register for a FREE log-in. Once you log-in, you can search for books in the library. If you click on the 'Levels' drop down menu you can search for books according to your child's current school Reading level/band:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>



Pantry Packed Lunches

If your child is attending school as a keyworker, you can now order a packed lunch from our school meals provider - the Pantry:

<https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/>