



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 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.

Collection Times

UEYs: 2.55pm

Yr1: 3.25pm

Yr2: 3.20pm

Yr3: 3.15pm

Yr4: 3.10pm

Yr5: 3.05pm

Yr6: 3pm

PE 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 and Friday

Dear Parent/Carer,

We held our first ever remote Parents' Evenings this week. If you received your phone call home this week - we hope that you found your consultation useful.

The following meetings will take place next week:

Class	Dates
Year 3	Mon 19 th and Wed 21 st October
Year 4	Mon 19 th and Wed 21 st October
Year 5	Thu 22 nd and Fri 23 rd October
Year 6	Thu 22 nd and Fri 23 rd October

Your child's class teacher will ring you (on your main contact number) between 2pm and 6pm on one of the days listed above. **You may receive a call from an 'Unknown Number'**. Please let our school office staff know if any of these days/times are not convenient.

These meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and will give you the chance to ask any questions that you may have. So that we have time to talk to all parents, each telephone consultation will need to be about 5 minutes long. Parents of pupils with a Special Educational needs will be allocated more time to discuss their child's updated support plan (IEP). Updated IEPs were sent home this week.

One World Week: Dress-up Day

Throughout next week, we will celebrate One World Week in school. Each class will find out more about a particular country whilst completing various cross-curricular activities. They will then get the chance to share what they have found out with other classes via Google Meet.

We will be holding our popular dress-up day on **Thursday (22nd October)**. Pupils can come to school on this day wearing clothes that are associated with the country that they will be studying. This could be national costumes or simply clothes that are the same colour as the country's flag e.g. France = blue, white and red clothes. Each class will learn more about the following countries:

Early Years	India
Year 1	Portugal
Year 2	Ghana
Year 3	Australia
Year 4	Italy
Year 5	Japan
Year 6	Brazil



Year 2 Great Fire London Workshop

On Monday, our Year 2 pupils will take part in a Great Fire of London workshop (linking with their History topic). The children will experience London in 1666 as they recreate life in Pudding Lane. They will meet the famous diarist Samuel Pepys and debate the rebuilding of the city.

This session will be led by the Freshwater Theatre Company.

You may like to play this online game with your child, possibly over the weekend, linking to this Year 2 work:

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>



History Curriculum

For further information about our History Curriculum - please visit the Curriculum zone on our school website:

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

This page includes the following information:

- Topics for each class (per term)
- Learning covered in each year group
- Useful website links
- Places to visit (linking to topics)



Google Classroom

Our online remote learning platform, Google Classroom, is now being used by all teachers to set homework and other online learning. In the event of a lockdown, we will use this more widely to set any work missed by pupils. As we are all getting used to this new system, there may be a few teething problems. Please let our school office know if you encounter any issues. Thank you.

Breakfast and After School Club

We have planned for these clubs to resume after the October Half Term break. We have been in contact with the School Friends club to help them develop a Risk Assessment that will ensure a safe reopening. Both clubs will be based in our school hall with pupils sitting separately in their 'bubble' groups. Pupil movement around the hall will be restricted and the children will be served food and drinks at each table. Please visit the School Friends Club website for further details.

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs/>

Hymn Practice Songs

The children have been practising the following hymns this week:

Harvest Samba (as we approach October, it's time to be thankful for what we have):

<https://youtu.be/NTdIrITIXks>

Our God is a great big God:

<https://youtu.be/eaXPXWBcE3I>

New Intake - Instrumental Lessons

Enrolment for Piano, Guitar, Base Guitar, Recorder and Flute is now open.

Please contact Stage Talent directly to register your interest: www.stagetalent.co.uk

Sickness - Absence from School

Pupils should not be sent into school if they have any 1 (or more) of the following [coronavirus symptoms](#).

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You should have received further information in an email sent home yesterday.

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>

Pantry Packed Lunch Orders

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/schoolmeals/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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 19 th Oct	Start of One World Week: Class based workshops
Mon 19 th - Fri 23 rd Oct	Remote Parents' Evening
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term Break