



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 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

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

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,

Despite national restrictions, we still have lots of things taking place in school.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils took part in a remote orienteering workshop broadcast live from Hyde Park. This session (led by the Royal Parks) included using maps, keys and a compass.

On Wednesday, all pupils took part in a class assembly, a 2 minute silence and various other activities to mark Remembrance (Armistice) Day.

These activities included poetry writing and arts and crafts.

Today, all pupils celebrated Mass online with Father Nicholas.



Early Years Poppy Art

Road Safety

Next week is National Road Safety Week and we will be teaching the children about road safety. Please can you speak to your children about road safety, and show them how to be safe on the road. The school is surrounded by busy roads and especially coming into the winter months when it is darker it is harder for drivers to see young children. Please can you make sure your children stay with you when you are near the road. Nearly two in three road accidents happen when children are walking or playing near the road.

Friendship Week

We will also be holding our Friendship Week from Monday. All pupils will pick a Secret Friend, from their 'bubble', who they will make an extra special effort to be kind to on the playground.

Although we learn about E-Safety every term, we will also cover some extra work next week.

You may find this website useful:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



Library Bus Update



All classes have had the opportunity to get on board and see the library bus first hand. It was wonderful to hear all their excitement!

We are currently waiting for electrics to be completed on the bus. When this is finished, we will be able to adjust the colour and the brightness of the lighting. The bus will also have two air conditioning units, one upstairs and one downstairs. These will keep the bus cool in the summer months and warm in the winter. There are also a few more little jobs that need to be completed before we can start moving books in. As excited as we are about starting to use the library bus, we have to balance this with ensuring that everything is just right before we start to move the books in. Once the books are on board, this would make snagging issues and electrics difficult to complete.

Music

Hymn of the week

Light of the world-Here I am to worship

<https://youtu.be/Aa9FIUHkiwQ>

Composer of the month

John Williams - Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter

<https://youtu.be/wtHra9tFISY>

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

Pupils Self-Isolating

If a pupil is self-isolating due to COVID symptoms (or because a member of their household has symptoms) we will set home learning activities through Google Classroom.

Teachers are unable to set these activities on the first day of absence as they are in their class teaching. All pupils will be set activities, from the second day they are absent from school.

Christmas Events

Due to COVID restrictions, our Christmas Productions, Carol Concert and PTA Fair will not take place this year. We have still got lots of exciting activities lined up for the children to enjoy. Further details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 16 th Nov	Start of Friendship Week
Mon 30 th Nov	Test Week

Fri 18 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 4 th Jan	INSET Day (School closed)
Tue 5 th Jan	All pupils return