



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) should arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.50am. Teachers will take the morning register shortly after 8.50am. Please use the green gate entrance on Rockingham Road.

Collection Times

All classes (Reception to Year 6) finish school at 3.15pm. 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.

PE Days:

All classes have set days for PE and pupils should come into school wearing their PE kits on these days (they do not need to bring in their school uniform to get changed into after these lessons). You should have received a text informing you of your child's allocated days. Please contact our school office if you didn't receive this message.

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have been working extremely hard during their first full week in school and adapted to their new classroom routines really quickly.

Next week, each teacher will provide a 'Meet the Teacher' PPT including curriculum information, upcoming events, pupil expectations etc.

We've been lucky enough to have seen some really hot weather this week. Please remember to provide your child with a sun hat and water bottle (and apply sun cream before school) if this continues next week. On Wednesday this week, we celebrated our Feast Day. The children revisited our Mission Statement, looked at the history of our school and took part in an online Mass led by Father Nicholas.

You can find out more about the History of our school on our website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=History+of+St%2E+Mary%27s&pid=94>



Extracurricular Clubs

Our gymnastics clubs started back this week on the following mornings:

- Monday: Years 4 to 6
- Wednesday and Friday: Reception (UEYs) to Year 3

You should also have received a letter this week with details about our PSD Sports clubs.

Our before and after school club has also resumed – please use the following website for bookings:

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/>

Information

Our school website includes up-to-date policies, term dates etc.:

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

If you need any further information – please email our school office:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

COVID-19

Pupils should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19.

If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and they should follow public health advice.

Hygiene and Advanced Cleaning

- Pupils are still washing their hands more frequently throughout the school day.
- After school there is an enhanced cleaning regime from 3.15pm.
- Each class has cleaning materials to use throughout the day.
- Lunch tables are cleaned between the different lunch services.
- Windows are kept open around the school - good ventilation is a priority.
- All visitors entering the school building are required to wear face masks.
- Assemblies have resumed but in smaller groups of no more than three classes together.

Homework – Google Classroom

From next week, each class will continue using Google Classroom to set pieces of homework. Each pupil should be provided with an individual log-in. Please see your child's class teacher if you experience any difficulties.

Reading

As a part of their homework we ask that pupils try to read at home every night (at least three pages). You can support your child by listening to them read, asking questions about what has been read and helping them to maintain their Reading Record books. This is also beneficial for KS2 pupils (please record pages read in their Homework diaries).

Year 1 – Grandparents Needed

Year 1 are looking for any grandparents who would be willing to answer some questions about their childhood - school, home, food, toys, holidays, pocket money, etc. The questions would be posed by the children and visitors may even like to bring in some photos to show to pupils. This could either take place in person (we could use our school hall to ensure social distancing) or remotely through Google Meet. Please let Miss Gahan (Yr1 teacher) know if you (or a family member) might be able to help. Alternatively, please email our school office:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Thank you in advance.



Hot Meals

Hot lunches can now be ordered through our school caterer's website:

https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php

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!

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. An application form, asking which financial benefits you receive, is available from the school office or by email:

jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk This information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. You can also check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details 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. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again, this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of dates (including TERM DATES) - please visit our school website:

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

Date	Event
4 th October 2021	Parent's evening
4 th October 2021	Start Black History Month
18 th October 2021	One World Week
19 th October 2021	Tempest Individual Photos
21 st October 2021	Term Ends
22 nd October 2021	Inset Day (school closed)
25 th October 2021	Half Term (Autumn)
1 st November 2021	School re-opens
1 st November 2021	YR2 Phonics Screening Check
4 th November 2021	Flu nasal vaccination /Reception to Year 6
11 th November 2021	Remembrance Day
15 th November 2021	Start of Friendship week
16 th November 2021	Lady Light House Show

17 th December 2021	Term Ends (please note the early finish 1.30pm)
4 th January 2022	Inset day (school closed)
5 th January 2022	School re-opens