

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 28th November 2019

TOMORROW

Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3:30pm
Yr6 Church Visit
PTA Cake Sale

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Reception & KS1
Chelsea Football
3:30pm

Tuesday

KS2 Chelsea Football
3:30pm
Guitar Lessons
Drumming and Recorder
Lessons
Years 2 and 5 Fire
Brigade Workshops

Wednesday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Year 5 Pavilions Carol
Concert

Thursday

Multi Sports 3:30pm
Violin Lessons

Friday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3:30pm
Class Confessions -
Years 4 and 5



Father Christmas - Visit to School

Yesterday, we were lucky enough to be visited by Father Christmas who met with the children in his grotto. Thank you to our PTA for organising this visit and for all the hard work that went into decorating his grotto.

Year 6 Church Visit - TOMORROW

Our Year 6 pupils will visit our Church tomorrow morning. Father Nicholas (and Angela) have kindly offered to talk to the children about our Church and the format of the Mass. We are still looking for some parents to accompany the children - please let Mrs Kumar know if you are able to help. Year 6 will be leaving school at 10:30 am.

Tomorrow's PTA Cake Sale

Tomorrow, after school, our PTA will be selling some delicious cakes and treats. Please remember to bring some loose change if you'd like to purchase cakes. This sale will take place outside our Early Years entrance - from 3:15 pm. Thank you to our Year 4 parents for baking/donating the cakes.

Test Week

Throughout next week, all pupils (Year 1 upwards) will be assessed according to their age and ability.

The results will be shared at our next Parents' Evenings planned for Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd January 2020.

Fire Brigade Workshops

Next week our Year 2 and Year 5 classes will take part in fire safety workshops led by a representative from the London Fire Brigade. Officers use their training, experience and expertise to deliver fire safety messages in a sensitive and reassuring way so children understand the importance of home fire safety without becoming worried about a fire happening in their home. **Our Year 2 pupils will learn that fire is dangerous, and can hurt people. They'll learn about common fire hazards, and to never play with matches and lighters. We also talk about smoke alarms and how they keep homes safe from fire, what to do in an emergency if there is a fire, and how to call 999.**

Our Year 6 session explains that fire kills, destroys homes and spreads quickly. It educates that smoke can be as dangerous as fire, how smoke alarms work, and how to make sure they are working properly. We'll talk about how to make fire escape plans from homes (including tower blocks), what to do if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

Eco Kids - Clothes Collection

Thank you to all the family members who donated unwanted clothes to our recent collection. We are delighted to announce that the Eco Kids Company presented us with an amazing:

£224.95

Pavilions Carol Concert

This year's concert will take place, in the Pavilions Shopping Centre - Chequers Square (outside TK Maxx), at 5 pm on Wednesday 4th December. Our Year 5 pupils have been asked to lead the readings and carols.

Class Confessions

Father Nicholas and Angela will visit school on Friday 6th December to lead confessions with our Years 4 and 5 pupils.

Collecting Children - After School

Each class teacher has a list of adults that have parental permission to collect each of their pupils after school. If you would like to add any additional adults to this list - please either speak to our office staff or send a note into school.

Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Orlaith	16
2	Jack	12
3	Harrison	22
4	Hanna & Leo	10
5	Roisin	22
6	Jacob	11

The winning house was: St Francis with 355 points!

Christmas Lunch- Reception - Year 6

Please make sure to order your child's meal by 11th December to avoid disappointment.



Starting Primary School in September 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, please make sure to apply at your local Borough's website and complete a St Mary's application form. Bring the form with originals of child's birth and baptism certificates, Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of child and parent on a Tuesday to the school office **by 15th January 2020**.

Volunteers needed to visit struggling families in Hillingdon

Our new training course starts on the 23rd January 2020 and I have attached a word document with an advert for new

volunteers. Without volunteers, we can't support families.

For those of you who don't know us, Home-Start Hillingdon is small, local charity working to support Hillingdon families with at least one child under 5 and who are struggling. We recruit, train and manage a team of volunteers who visit families in their own home every week to give support, befriending friendship and practical help. These volunteers have such a huge impact in helping families cope when they are finding things really difficult and professionals like Health Visitors and Children's Centres refer families to us, recognising the difference we can make to issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances. More details of who we are and what we do can be found on our website www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

Home-Start Hillingdon needs volunteers to visit struggling families in Hillingdon

Are you a parent or grandparent?

With 3 - 4 hours per week to spare?

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Do you know someone else who might be interested?

As a parent you'll know just how difficult it can be. Parents supporting other parents: it's a simple idea that really works. Why not use your experience & skills to help families in Hillingdon?

Volunteers visit a family in their own home every week to give support, befriending and practical help. As a volunteer you have such a huge impact in

helping families cope when they are finding things really difficult. Professionals like Health Visitors and Children's Centres refer families to us, recognising the difference we can make to issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances. Full training, support and out of pocket expenses are provided.

Next volunteer preparation course is starting on the 23rd January 2020.

The 10-session course takes place over ten weeks, running on a Thursday, from 9:45 am to 14:30pm, with a break over the February half term holiday.

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

Find out more about us -

www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

INSET Days - School Closed

We have confirmed our remaining two training days for this academic year. School will be closed to pupils on the following days:

- Monday 6th January 2020
- Monday 30th March 2020

We can also confirm that the last day of this academic year will be on Friday 17th July at 1.30pm.

Please see our website for a complete list of term dates:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 29 th Nov	Year 6 visit to Church 10:45 a.m. PTA Cake Sale 3:30 p.m.
Mon 2 nd Dec	Start of Test Week
Wed 4 th Dec	Pavilion Carol Concert - Year 5 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tue 10 th Dec	KS1 Dress rehearsal
Wed 11 th Dec	Dress Up Word Day (Dress up as favourite word)
Thu 12 th Dec	KS1 Production at 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
	Year 3 & Year 4 Trip
Fri 13 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair at 3:30 p.m.
Mon 16 th Dec	EYs combined. All Nursery children to attend am session
	EYs dress rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.
	EYs party at 10:30 a.m.
Tue 17 th Dec	EYs combined. All Nursery children to attend pm session
	EYs Production at 2:30 p.m.
	Carol Concert at Church at 4:30 p.m.
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thu 19 th Dec	End of Term Mass at 9:30 a.m.
	EYs combined. All Nursery children to attend am session
	Early Finish Reception - Year 6 at 1:30 p.m.