

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2019

TOMORROW:

Years 2 and 5 Stations of the Cross (Church) at 1:30 p.m.

Years 3 and 4 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Mayor's Walk (Years 5 and 6) at 3pm

NEXT WEEK:

Monday

Start of Art & DT Week

World Autism Awareness Week

Nursery Combined am

Tuesday

Easter Production at 2.30pm

Guitar lessons

Wednesday

No Pens Wednesday

Easter Production at 6pm

Violin lessons

Thursday

Non-Uniform Day

Friday

End of Term Mass

(Church) 9.30am

Nursery Combined am

Early Finish at 1.30pm

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday, we invited parents/carers into our Early Years setting to read with the children. Thank you to the numerous family members who came along to support this event. Research by the Book Trust has shown that reading books aloud can help children develop key literacy skills and help them develop a love of reading for life. Please see the Book Trust website for tips and advice:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Mayor's Charity Walk with Years 5 and 6

Tomorrow, the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr John Morgan, has planned to walk 26 miles to raise money for this year's Mayor Charity Appeal.

Tomorrow afternoon (following an invitation from the Mayor), our Years 5 and 6 pupils will be joining him at Rockingham Recreational Ground to walk one or two laps of the field.

Years 2 and 5 Visit to Church

Tomorrow afternoon, our Years 2 and 5 pupils will walk to Church to reflect on the different Stations of the Cross. If you are able to help accompany the children to and from Church - please let your child's class teacher know. The children will be leaving school just after 1p.m. Thank-you in advance.

Years 3 and 4 Trip

Our Years 3 and 4 pupils are very much looking forward to tomorrow's trip to the **Chiltern Open Air Museum**. Year 3 will be learning about the Iron and Stone Age and Year 4 will be learning about Anglo-Saxons. Children should be dressed in their P. E. uniform with **jogging bottoms** and wear a coat, waterproofs, or sun hat, depending on the weather, as most of the activities will be outside. You must provide a packed lunch, in a named plastic bag please, for easy disposal and **a drink** (unless you have ordered a packed lunch from our caterers). We expect the class to be back by 3:30 pm, if the children are going to arrive back to school late for any reason, we will alert you by text message as soon as we know. *We would be grateful if you refrain from ringing the school, as we like to keep the line free for the call from the teacher.*

Art and Design Technology Week

Throughout next week, each class will be undertaking either an art or a DT project. For further details of the project covered in each class please visit the 'Curriculum' page on our school website:

<http://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=17>



Non-Uniform Day (Thursday)

We are holding a Non-Uniform Day (next week) on Thursday 4th April. Pupils may wear their own clothes in return for bringing in a 'bottle donation' e.g. a bottle of wine or spirits. Our PTA representatives will collect these items from the front entrance on Thursday morning.

Thank You - Basketball Hoops

A big thank you to the following parents who spent an afternoon putting together our two new basketball hoops. The hoops have been constructed in our Infant playground and our Key Stage 1 pupils have been putting their basketball skills to the test during their break times:

Estelle's Dad - UEYs

Xiana's Dad - UEYs

Invitation - Years 3 to 5 Easter Production

The Years 3, 4 and 5 Easter Productions will take place next **Tuesday 2nd April at 2:30 p.m.** and then again on **Wednesday 3rd April at 6 p.m.**

It is expected that all Years 3 to 5 pupils will return to school for the evening production on **Wed 3rd April** (unless you have let your child's class teacher know otherwise).

We will open up the front entrance to school at **5:30 p.m.** Parents may drop their children off in class and then make their way to the school hall to be seated for the evening production.

No Pens Wednesday

We are holding another 'No Pens Wednesday' day, next week, banning the use of pens and pencils for one day. Instead the children will be taking part in various speech and language activities with the aim of promoting good communication skills. Please see the Communication Trust website for further details:

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/no-pens-day-wednesday/>

World Autism Awareness Week

Next week is World Autism Awareness Week. The aim of this week is to raise awareness of autism and also the work of the National Autistic Society:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

As a part of this week, the Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support team (HACS) have planned the following event for **Tuesday 2nd April**.

Venue: The Middlesex Suite, Civic Centre, Uxbridge UB8 1UW

Time: 11am-2pm OR 6pm - 9pm

There will be lots of stalls for you to visit and speakers who will be presenting short talks and live demonstrations. This event is free to attend and HACS will be hosting a free raffle.

Day time only - Join everyone in welcoming The Worshipful Mayor of Hillingdon Cllr John Morgan at 12pm.

This event is open to everyone. For more information please see the poster attached.



Nursery (Lower Early Years) - Combined Sessions

Our Lower Early Years (Nursery classes) will be combined on the following days next week:
Monday 1st April: All Nursery children should attend in the afternoon from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. (watching Easter Production).
Friday 5th April: All Nursery children should attend in the morning from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (due to the early finish).

Parents' Evenings (2nd Week Back)

Our Parents Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May**

from 3.35 p.m. until 6 p.m. (2nd week back after the Easter holiday). We will send home a letter, shortly after the break, inviting parents to select a mutually convenient time.

Unfortunately, Mrs Parry is unable to meet on the Thursday and instead will meet parents on Wednesday 1st May.

End of Term Mass

On our last day of this term (Friday 5th April) all pupils from Reception (Upper Early Years) to Year 6 will walk to Church to celebrate our end of term mass. If you are able to help accompany the children to and from Church - please let your child's class teacher know. The children will be leaving school just after 9 a.m. Thank-you in advance.

Last Day of Term - Early Finish

We finish at the end of next week (Friday 5th April) for the Easter holiday. We hope you have a safe and restful break. All pupils return to school on **Wednesday 24th April**.

HOUSE POINTS

House Point Winners (each class):

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Nicole	16
2	Eisaay	22
3	Hanna	33
4	Franciszek	28
5	Uriel	57
6	Elias	26

This week's winning house is: St Francis with 393 points!

Attendance

If a child is sick on either side of a holiday the school may request medical evidence to show the child has been ill. This evidence may be a medical appointment card from the doctors, prescription, hospital discharge letter, etc.

Please remember that the School Attendance Policy is available on the school website and is updated every year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Fri 29 th Mar	Years 3 and Year 4 Trip
	Stations of the Cross (Y2/Y5) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
	Mayor's Walk - Y5 and Y6
Mon 1 st Apr	Start of Art and DT Week
	Nursery combined - 12:30 p.m.
Tue 2 nd Apr	KS2 Production at 2:30 p.m.
Wed 3 rd Apr	No Pens Wednesday
Thu 4 th Apr	Non uniform day
	KS2 Production at 6:00 p.m.
Fri 5 th Apr	LEYS combined. All Nursery children at 8:30 a.m.
	Mass at the end of term at Church at 9:30 a.m.
	End of Term. Reception - Y6 finish at 1:30 p.m.
Tue 23 rd Apr	INSET DAY - School closed
Wed 24 th Apr	All pupils return to school
Fri 26 th Apr	Year 6 - Uxbridge Library visit
	Mass at the start of term - Church at 9:30 a.m.
Tue 30 th Apr	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m. to 6 p.m. (All Year Groups)
Wed 1 st May	Year 1 Parents' Evening
	Start of KS1 Test Period
Thu 2 nd May	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m. to 6 p.m. (EYs and Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Mon 13 th May	KS2 Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 17 th May	Year 4 Trip Gunnersbury
Mon 20 th May	Start of Art and DT Week
	Start of Health and Wellbeing Week/Walk to School Week
	EYs Assembly
Wed 22 nd May	May Procession (hall and playground)
Fri 24 th May	End of Half Term
Mon 27 th May - Fri 31 st May	Half Term Break (school closed)
Mon 3 rd June	All pupils return to school
	Group photographs
	Start of Maths Week

The term dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020 are now available on the school website.



Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support
Registered Charity Number 1066859



World Autism
Awareness Day

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Brought to you by
Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support

CELEBRATE WITH US

TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019

11AM - 2PM OR 6PM - 9PM

THE MIDDLESEX SUIT, CIVIC CENTRE, UB8 1UW

STALLS

Many organisations will be
present for you to meet

- HACS Family & Adult Support
- HACS Recreation
- HACS Employability
- Autism Specialists
- Hillingdon Inclusion Team
- NHS Occupational Therapy
- NHS Speech & Language Therapy
- CDC Paediatrician
- Rural Activities Garden Centre
- CAAS
- Hillingdon PCF
- And many more...

SPEAKERS

We have many speakers
who will be presenting
speeches and practical
demonstrations

- Jack Whitfield - Professional Autistic Speaker
- Inclusion Team - Cygnet Programme
- Daisy Hudson - Autistic Speaker
- Autism Specialists - Lego Therapy Demonstration
- Steven Fisher - Autistic Speaker
- Brunel University
- Met Police - Autism Passport

Available on the Day

Welcome Pack and Refreshments
Free Raffle Ticket

We will be welcoming The Worshipful Mayor of
Hillingdon Cllr John Morgan at 12pm

We look forward to seeing you

School Fundraising Team (PTA) Newsletter

28th March 2019

PTA Team

Sarah Wells Y5	Chair 07855 998693
Jo Allen Y4	Secretary
Aileen Gallahue Y4	Treasurer/Social Media 07940 987660
Bea Posada Saez	Vice Treasurer
Vacant	Class Rep. Co-ordinator
Vacant	Event Promotion Co-ordinator
Tamara	Class Rep LEY am
Catherine	Class Rep LEY am
Agnieskza	Class Rep LEY PM
Anna	Class Rep LEY PM
Cecila	Class Rep UEY
Bruno	Class Rep UEY
Bea/Eamon	Class Rep UEY
Isabel	Class Rep Year 1
Ola	Class Rep Year 1
Tara	Class Rep Year 2
Clare	Class Rep Year 2
Katie	Class Rep Year 3
Catherine	Class Rep Year 3
Magda	Class Rep Year 4
Milena	Class Rep Year 4
Roxanne	Class Rep Year 5
Sue	Class Rep Year 5
Jenny	Class Rep Year 6
Denise	Class Rep Year 6

Welcome Milena as our new Y4 rep. We sadly say goodbye to Margarita, thank you for all of your support and hard work.

PTA Class Reps.

What do they do?

- Enhance our feeling of a community
- Inform parents about fund-raising events
- Ask for your help when needed
- Encourage other parents to organise events
- Attend meetings where possible
- Encourage others to attend
- Volunteer at events
- Preparation tasks in advance of events

Last year - we raised:

Sept 2017 - July 2018:

You are all amazing £9,848.79

At the end of term we had raised £13,000
for the Library Bus

Sept 2018 - July 2019:

Curriculum Afternoon 12/10/18 - £231.33

Christmas Cards - £346.07

Christmas Raffle - £1,577.29

Christmas Fayre 23/11/18 - £2,961.23

HAL Profit Matching £1,097.30

Church Community Fund £500.00

NATO - £600.00

Summer Fete 29/06/19 - £

Please come forward to organise an event

**Spring is on its way, lighter evenings
Easter will soon be here!**



Thursday 4th April

**It's non-uniform day, wear your
brightest colours to celebrate
Multi-coloured day for Spring!**

In exchange for bringing in a bottle of wine
or spirits.

Summer Fete preparation has begun, we
want to offer a bigger tombola, more prizes
and games

Thank you for your donation.

Please bring your bottle in on Thursday
morning.

Library Bus Grant Application Update

Unfortunately, the PTA were unsuccessful in their grant applications to the National Lottery and Morrisons. It is crucial we apply for as many grants as possible, if there are any parents who have experience in writing grant applications, please let us know. This is something you can do at home without the need of attending any meetings.

A Fantastic Fundraising Week For the Library Bus!



Bedtime Story Event Cake Sale £101.90
After School Cake Sale £66.00
Huge thank you to all
our volunteer bakers



Ladies Night-In and Raffle £300.00
A huge thank you to Catherine Scotland for
organising this event and everyone who supported
the event



Sponsored Scoot and Skip £208.00
Four of our pupils (and one sibling) Gracie &
Rosie Allen and Róisín, Johnnie & Órlaith Gallahue
raised £208 for the library bus on Sunday doing a
sponsored skip and scoot in the sunshine at
Rockingham Rec.

**If you and your family have any ideas for a
mini fundraiser for the school, please use
the crowd funding link:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/st-marys-uxbridge-library-bus>

Next PTA Meeting
Church Hall 8pm
Monday 29th April

Please come along.....

Treasurer Update

There has been intense focus on fundraising for the Library Bus, and we are all very proud of our community reaching the £20,000 target.

However, the PTA also continues to support the school in other activities, recently a donation to the Year 6 PGL coach expenses as well as sponsoring the travelling theatre company performance of Robin Hood that entertained the whole school in January.

We are also working towards providing fluorescent safety bibs/sashes for all pupils when they are taken off site.

*A community
not a committee*

