

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 18th October 2018

TOMORROW:

One World Dress-up Day

Passport Afternoon
Last day of this Half Term

FIRST WEEK BACK

(after the October break):

Monday

Gymnastics Club
KS1 Chelsea Football
Coding Club

Tuesday

KS2 Chelsea Football

Wednesday

Gymnastics Club
Netball Club

Thursday

All Saints Mass
(Church) at 10.30am
Years 3 to 5 Multi-Sports Club
Rugbytots Club

Friday

Gymnastics Club
Years 3 to 6 Basketball Club

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have had a busy week celebrating One World Week. Activities have included assemblies, art work and music linked to different countries from around the World. Tomorrow, we are inviting all pupils to come to school wearing clothes associated with the country they have been studying (this could simply be items that are the same colour as the national flag). Alternatively, they may prefer to wear traditional clothes from a country their family members originate from. We will also be holding our popular Passport event in the afternoon whereby each year group will decorate their classroom so that it represents the country they have been studying. All pupils will then visit each class/country getting their passport stamped along the way.

Get Talking - Vocabulary Development

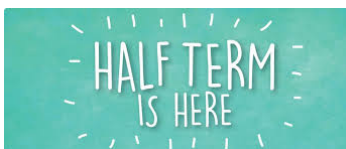
One of our School Development Targets for this year is to develop our pupils' vocabulary. Research has shown that reading with children every day at home (and talking to them about what they have read) helps to develop knowledge of a wider range of words. Vocabulary development starts from an early age and we would like to encourage our parents of younger children to talk to them using different methods such as singing, looking at books, playing together and praising attempts at early communication. The Hillingdon Speech and Language Team has produced a short video called 'Talk to Me' highlighting the importance of talking to young children:

<https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/hillingdon-talks/video-talk-to-me/>



Happy Holiday

We break up tomorrow for the Half Term Holiday (usual time). We hope you have a fantastic time with your family and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Monday 29th October**.



Year 3's Class Assembly and Future Productions

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who visited school, on Monday afternoon, to watch Year 3's class assembly. Please take a look at our website for the dates of our Christmas productions and carol service taking place next half term:

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

Netball Team

Well done to our school netball team who won their first match last Thursday: **14 - 0.**

All Saints Mass - All Welcome

On the morning of **Thursday 1st November** all pupils will walk to Church to celebrate our All Saints Mass. If you are able to help accompany the children to and from Church, we will be leaving school just after 10am (the Mass will start at 10.30am).

HOUSE POINTS

House Point Winners (each class):

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Jack	19
2	Saskia	32
3	Lara	5
4	Nicky	25
5	Katie	10
6	Florence	23

This week's winning house is: St Thomas with 195 points!!

Tissues

With the cold and hay fever season almost upon us we would be grateful for

donations from parents of boxes of tissues. As you can imagine we get through loads of boxes and have depleted our budget allocation. Donations would be gratefully appreciated.

Labelling all uniform, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes

Please ensure all your child's uniform, water bottles and lunch boxes are labelled with their name. This will help to prevent lost property.

Fundraising for the School

We are arranging a clothing collection to raise funds for the school for after half term. At the moment we have very little storage space and would ask that if you have any unwanted clothing you could store them for us. Clothing can be sent in any black sack or plastic bag. We ask if these can be brought into school on **Monday 29th October** (first day back after half term) as these will be collected first thing on Tuesday. We thank you in anticipation of receiving lots of bags of unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, bags and belts to raise money.

Secondary School Applications

If you have not already done so the closing date for applications is Wednesday 31 October 2018.

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; they are therefore recommending you submit your application online to the Admissions at London Borough of Hillingdon by Friday 26th October.

Starting Primary School in September 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, please make sure to apply at your local Borough's website and complete St Mary's application form and bring originals of birth certificate, baptism and Certificate of Catholic Practice (Priest reference) and proofs of address of child and parent on a Tuesday to the school office by 15th January 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Fri 19 th Oct	One World Dress-up Day
Mon 22nd Oct – Fri 26th Oct	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 29 th Oct	All pupils return to school
Thu 1 st Nov	All Saints Mass (Church) at 10.30 a.m.
Friday 2 nd Nov	Year 5 Science Museum Trip
Tue 6 th Nov	Years 1 and 2 Mass (Church) at 9.30 a.m.
Wed 7 th Nov	Prospective Parents Tour 9:30 a.m.
Mon 12 th Nov	Start of History Week
Tues 13 th Nov	Time Capsule Show
Fri 16 th Nov	Years 2 and 5 Mass (Church) 9:30 a.m.
Wed 21 st Nov	Christmas Jumper Day Prospective Parents Tour 1:30 p.m.
Fri 23 rd Nov	Christmas Fayre 3:30 p.m.
Mon 26 th Nov	Y6 and UEYs Height and Weight Check
Fri 30 th Nov	Sports Hall Athletics
Mon 3 rd Dec	Start of Test Week
Wed 5 th Dec	Pavilion's Carol Service Y5
Mon 10 th Dec	Start of Friendship Week