

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 26th September 2019

TOMORROW

Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3.30pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday

School Photographer
(Individual & Siblings)
Gymnastics Club 8 am
Reception & KS1
Chelsea Football
3:30pm

Tuesday

Year 5's Class
Assembly at 9 am
KS2 Chelsea Football
3:30pm
Guitar Lessons

Wednesday

Gymnastics Club 8 am
Years 2 and 4 Mass
(Church) at 9:30am
Violin Lessons

Thursday

National Poetry Day
Multi Sports 3:30pm
Cross Country
Competition at 4 pm

Friday

Gymnastics Club 8am
Tennis Club 3:30pm



School Photographer Visit

We have planned for our photographer to visit school on Monday (30th Sept) to take all individual and sibling photographs. Please check to make sure that your child is wearing their full school uniform on this day (including a tie). Thank you.

Year 5's Class Assembly

Year 5's class assembly will take place on **Tuesday (1st Oct) at 9am**. The theme of this assembly is harvest and CAFOD. All parents, carers and family members are most welcome to attend. A member of staff will open up the front entrance, shortly after 8.50am, for all visitors to make their way to the school hall. **Please see the table of 'upcoming dates' below for a full list of all class assembly dates for this term.**

Considerate Parking

We ask that parents avoid driving their car into Rockingham Close wherever possible. This area has various parking restrictions (monitored by traffic cameras and parking wardens) and becomes very congested during drop-off and pick-up times. If you do need to use this road, please avoid parking across our neighbours' drives or in their allocated parking bays. We have had a few complaints, over the last couple of weeks, from angry residents unable to access their drives and parking spots. Thank you for your consideration in advance.

School Clubs & Extra Curricular Activities

For a small school, we are fortunate that we are able to offer a wide choice of extra-curricular activities/clubs. This currently includes the following:

- Gymnastics Clubs (Years 1 & 2, 3&4 and 5&6).
- KS1 and KS2 Chelsea Football sessions.
- Guitar and Piano Lessons (Stage Talent Academy)
- Violin (Hillingdon Music Hub)
- Drumming and Recorder lessons (Pablo Souza - Music Teacher)
- Multi-sports after school activities
- Basketball Club
- Tennis Club
- Coding Club (computing and programming)
- Netball and Football Club (including participation in the Hillingdon Primary League Competitions)
- Breakfast and After-school Clubs

If you would like any additional information about any of these activities, please either contact the school office or our Extra-Curricular Activity Lead (Mr Morris).

Years 2 and 4 Class Mass

This Mass will take place on Wednesday 2nd October, at 9.30 am, in our Church. A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have already volunteered to walk with the children to and from Church (both classes will leave school **shortly after 9 am**). Any additional offers of help will be gratefully received.

Please remind your child to bring a coat (if it is likely to rain).

Early Years Video: Talk to Me

This short video (produced by the Hillingdon Speech and Language Team), talks about key strategies and messages parents can use to help develop their young child's speech, language and communication skills.

The clip explains how to help young children to talk and communicate using different methods such as singing, looking at books, playing together and praising a young child's attempt at communicating. Please click on the following link:

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

Book Bags

We ask that all pupils bring their book bags to school every day. These bags are used to carry reading books, Reading Records/Homework diaries and to bring home any letters or homework.

P.E. Kits

Although each class has set days for P.E. they may also take part in additional lessons throughout the week (usually led by our sports coach). We ask that pupils bring their P.E. kit in every Monday morning and take it home at the end of the week for washing.

Jackets and Coats

We have seen quite a lot of rain over the last few days (and the forecast predicts more bad weather to follow)! We try to get the children outside for their breaks, wherever possible, and ask that pupils bring a coat/jacket to school if it is likely to rain.

One World Week: Dress-Up Day

As a part of our One World Week celebrations we are inviting pupils to dress up (in clothes associated with the country they are studying) on **Friday 18th October**. This could be traditional clothes - or simply items of clothing that are the same colour as the national flag (please don't go out and buy any

expensive costumes). Each class will study the following countries:

Class	Country
Early Years	Kenya
Year 1	Australia
Year 2	Namibia
Year 3	Norway
Year 4	Italy
Year 5	Fiji
Year 6	Brazil

Absence procedure

If your child is absent please:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence.
- Send a note in or e-mail on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence -you must do this **even if you have already telephoned us**.

School Email:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Last Week's House Point Winners

Year	Name	Number of House Points
1	Amelia	6
2	Hattie	21
3	Eissay	12
4	Keira	16
5	Ifeaka	21
6	Shea	10

The winning house was: St Bernadette's with 280 points!

Secondary School Applications

If you have not already done so, the closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October 2019.

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 25th October.**

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 St Mary's application form and bring originals of birth certificate, baptism and Certificate of Catholic Practice and proofs of address of child and parent on a Tuesday to the school office by **15th January 2020**.

Oversubscription at St Mary's

The school has been regularly oversubscribed by Catholic applicants for a number of years. We are one form entry school and have one Reception class with only 30 spaces. Shown below are the numbers of applications for Reception 2019:

- 169 applications
- 64 Catholics of which 43 are in our Parish

Tissues

With the cold 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. We will be sending plastic bags after half term but clothing can be sent in any black sack or plastic bag. We ask if these can be brought into school on **Thursday 14th November**, as these will be collected first thing on Friday. We thank you in anticipation of receiving lots

of bags of unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, bags and belts to raise money.

Parish Family Shared Lunches at the Parish Hall- 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Bring a plate of food/drink to share. All welcome.

- Sunday 29th September
- Sunday 10th November
- Sunday 8th December
- Sunday 9th February
- Sunday 8th March
- Sunday 26th April
- Sunday 17th May
- Sunday 21st June

School Website - Term Dates

Please see our website for Term Dates, Curriculum information, parent letters, a copy of this Newsletter, school Policies and other useful information:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon 30 th Sep	Individual and sibling photographs
Tue 1 st Oct	Year 5 Class assembly at 9 a.m.
Wed 2 nd Oct	Year 2 & Year 4 Mass (UPDATED)
Thu 3 rd Oct	National Poetry Day
Tue 8 th Oct	Year 4 Class assembly at 9 a.m.
Wed 9 th Oct	Year 3 & Year 5 Mass (UPDATED)
Mon 14 th Oct	Start of One World Week Curriculum afternoon at 2:30 pm Food around the world at 3 p.m.
Tue 15 th Oct	Year 3 Class assembly at 9 a.m. Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m.
Wed 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening from 3:35 p.m.
Thu 17 th Oct	Y3/Y4 Rugby Mega Fest at 4 p.m. Eco workshop year 1-6
Fri 18 th Oct	Passport Morning Dress-up Day
Mon 21 st - Fri 25 th Oct	HALF TERM (school closed)
Thu 31 st Oct	Deadline for Secondary School applications.
Fri 1 st Nov	All Saints Mass

Mon 11 th Nov	Start of Friendship Week
	Year 5 school trip
Thu 14 th Nov	Clothes to be brought for collection
Mon 18 th Nov	Start of Safety Week
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.
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.
Thu 19 th Dec	End of Term Mass at 9:30 a.m.
	Early Finish Reception - Year 6 at 1:30 p.m.