



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) can come into school from 8.40 a.m. – we will open our Rockingham Road entrance at this time. Please try to arrive before 8.45 a.m. so we can start our morning lessons on time (this gate will be locked at 8.50am).

Pupils arriving at the main entrance (after this time) will be marked in the register as late.

Collection Times

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

Please use our 1-way system to avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school:

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.

P.E. Lessons

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) get changed in school for their PE lessons. The children have been asked to bring in their PE kits every Monday and then take them home again every Friday.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupils came into school today wearing their Christmas jumpers/clothes, excited about the prospect of meeting Santa in his grotto. A big thank you to our PTA for organising this event, arranging for the photographer to take photos and for all of the hours that went into decorating the grotto. We are very fortunate for all the support we get from our parents.

Our Christmas Market is fast approaching and will take place on Friday 9th December. It will include a Christmas luxury item tombola, activities for children and seasonal refreshments. The 9th December will also be a Christmas Jumper/clothes day in school.

Year 2 – Visit to Uxbridge High Street

Yesterday, our Year 2 pupils walked to Uxbridge town centre to survey the different food shops on the high street. They also visited Marks & Spencers for a talk about the different food they sell and the journey it has taken to get to the store. This supports work they have been doing in Geography investigating where our food comes from. They have carried out fieldwork including finding shops/landmarks on local maps and aerial photographs as well as drawing a simple plan of our high street based on their visit observations and photographs taken.

You can find out more about our Geography curriculum on our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Geography&pid=51>

Missing Jacket – Year 6

A lightweight black tog 24 jacket has gone missing. It was last seen in our Year 6 classroom a few weeks ago. If your child has brought it home in error (thinking it is their coat) – please can you ask them to hand it in to Mr Stringer, Mrs George or a member of staff in our school office. Thank you.

SEN Coffee Mornings

A really big thank you to all the parents/carers who attended one (or both) of our Coffee mornings this week. It was really nice chatting to everyone and we were lucky enough to hear from four guest speakers across the two mornings. If you attended, I hope you found these talks useful. We aim to provide future meetings every term. Please let me know if you would like any further information (or guest speakers) included at future events.

I've listed some of the websites mentioned at these talks in the section below. Thank you again, Mr Ellis.

Test Week

All pupils will carry out various assessments, next week, based on their age and ability.

We will share the results of these assessments at our next Parents' Evenings which will take place in early January:

- Tuesday 10th January
- Thursday 12th January

Morning Booster Groups

Many of our pupils attend Booster groups and pre-teaching sessions before school - starting promptly **at 8.30am**. We have an increasing number of pupils turning up late for these sessions. This can be very disruptive for the children who arrive on time as it means the teaching input needs to be repeated again. From Monday, any child arriving after 8.35am (over 5 minutes late) will need to wait until 8.40am to come into school via the Rockingham Road entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

Useful SEN Websites and Information

Hillingdon SENDIASS website: Hillingdon SENDIASS is a free, confidential and impartial support service for parents and carers, children and young people up to 25 years where the child or young person has or may have special educational needs. Their website includes useful information and links to a range of support groups available:

<https://www.hillingdonsendiass.co.uk/>

Hillingdon Local Offer

The Hillingdon local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. It allows families to see what they can expect from a range of local agencies and how to access them.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/4654/SEND-local-offer>

Hillingdon Talks, Moves, Plays

Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS)

Information from the NHS team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people.

<https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/children-integrated-therapy-service>

Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support (HACs)

A charity providing support for children with a diagnosis of autism and their families:

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

Hillingdon Parents Carers Forum (PCF)

<https://hillingdonpcf.com/about>

Instrumental Lessons

We offer the following instrumental lessons:

- Piano,
- Guitar,
- Violin,
- Singing
- Ukulele

You can register by text at: 07782 503260

Online at: www.stage talent.co.uk/register



Autumn / Winter is coming.....

If your child has asthma and a preventative inhaler (Beige/Brown/Orange/Red/Purple/Pink) please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** even if your child is well as we are heading towards the most troublesome time of year for children with asthma.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of diary dates and TERM DATES - please visit our school website:

You can now subscribe to our Calendar, which will add these events to your device's calendar.

Please click on the following tabs on our school website to create this link:

'Upcoming Events' - 'View all events' - 'Subscribe' - 'Add school events to Calendar'

Date	Event
Fri 25 th November – Fri 2 nd December	Toy and luxury item donations collection
Mon 28 th November	Start of Test Week
Thu 8 th December	Early Years Christmas Production at 2.30pm PTA will provide refreshment and mince pies for a small donation
Fri 9 th December	PTA Christmas Market from 3.15pm (School Hall)
Mon 12 th December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Tue 13 th December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Production at 2.30pm PTA will provide refreshment and mince pies for a small donation Carol Service (Church) at 3.45pm
Fri 16 th December	Last day of the Autumn Term – Early finish at 1.30pm