



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Morning Drop-off

**Please arrive within these time slots-**

UEYs: 9.00 - 9.05am

Yr1: 8.55 - 9.00am

Yr2: 8.50 - 8.55am

Yr3: 8.45 - 8.50am

Yr4: 8.40 - 8.45am

Yr5: 8.35 - 8.40am

Yr6: 8.30 - 8.35am

**Siblings can be dropped off together - earliest time for any of your children**

### Collection Times

**PLEASE REMEMBER A FACE MASK**

Each class will go home at the following times:

-3.05pm: Reception (UEYs)

-3.10pm: Years 5 and 6

-3.15pm: Years 3 and 4

-3.20pm: Years 1 and 2

-3.30pm: Nursery

### PE Days:

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) require their PE kits in school every day. Please bring PE bags/kits into school every Monday morning.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our last Newsletter for this academic year. It's been a busy, eventful, year and we'd like to wish you a safe and restful summer holiday when it arrives. We will be sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and would like to wish them all the best in their new secondary schools. Miss Bright (Year 3) will also be leaving our school at the end of this year. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the last few years. Her cheerfulness and positive attitude will be missed by both pupils and staff. Ms Fernandes will be leaving our lunchtime staff due to a move – we hope you will join us in wishing her all the best.

Unfortunately we have two classes away this week who will need to self-isolate until the end of this term. This is very disappointing for the children, families and staff as they cannot even say goodbye to each other. Work will be set for these pupils via Google Classroom.

### Year 6

It's been an unusual year for our Year 6 pupils and they have adapted to the changes remarkably well. Despite the lockdown and government restrictions they have still been able to enjoy the following activities this term:

- Go Ape visit to Black Park including the Nets Adventure and Tree Top Challenge
- Paralympic workshop
- British Museum – Amazing Greek Temples workshop
- Trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker and Dowding Park
- LA Bikeability cycling training
- Wizard of Oz theatre show
- National Archives – WW2 workshop
- War Graves Commission Talk
- Westminster Diocese - Virtual Leavers' Mass Yr6
- Year 6 School Leavers' Mass
- Time Capsule Afternoon

### Yr6 – Next Week

#### **Monday – Cinema Afternoon**

Pupils will get the opportunity to watch a film on the big screen in our school hall. **Any donations of popcorn (preferably small individual packs) would be much appreciated.**

#### **Tuesday – Class Disco/Party**

We have booked a DJ to lead a class disco in the afternoon. Year 6 pupils may wear their own clothes on this day.

#### **Wednesday - Year 6 Picnic Afternoon**

The afternoon will consist of music, games and picnic food. **You may like to pack your child a light lunch on this day and provide them with picnic food or party snacks for the afternoon.**

#### **Thursday – Early finish at 1.30pm**

## **Yr6 Leavers' Mass**

Thank you to all the family members who joined us on Wednesday, online, for our Year 6 Leavers' Mass.

If you were unable to join the live Mass, we have added a video link to your child's Yr6 Google Classroom page. You can access the link by logging in securely through your child's Google account. This link will be removed on the last day of school (Thursday 22nd July).

We have added photographs of the Leavers' Mass to our website along with photographs of recent events including visits to Go Ape and the Battle of Britain Bunker:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=8&qcatid=3>

## **Festival of Archaeology**

Today marks the start of the national Festival of Archaeology. To celebrate: museums and historic buildings across the country are opening their doors for various family friendly events including Reading University - Ure Museum and Shaw House in Newbury. You can search for events near you here:

<https://festival.archaeologyuk.org/find>



## **Year 5 Achievement**

Two of our Year 5 pupils (Ronan and Noah) both attended a football tournament held by London Tigers on Saturday, there were many teams they played against. They were both amazing and a great support to the team. When they reached the Semi Final of the tournament, the game ended in extra time and ultimately a penalty shoot-out. Ronan is the team's goal keeper, it all got very tense! Out of three shots taken, he saved two taking his team into the final. Noah not only scored amazing goals during the matches but he also scored an excellent penalty during the Semi Final. The boys went on to win the final and tournament.

## **My School Fund**

Our school is a part of the My School Fund Initiative. Together we can boost our school's budget - plus your own. It's completely free to sign up and you (and our school) will receive eGift Cards to be used at participating retailers (based on the percentage of your spend).

Step 1: Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to sign up and link to our school (use postcode: UB8 2UA).

Step 2: Register

Step 3: Spend at participating retailers including Argos and Sainsbury's

Step 4: Start receiving your eGift Cards!

## **THANK YOU**

Governors Maintenance Fund and Gift Aid

Thank you for all your voluntary donations and thank you very much to all of you who are able

to Gift Aid your donations. Our latest Gift Aid Claims from HMRC total £929.92! This additional funding makes a huge difference.

PARENTS OF PUPILS LEAVING US THIS YEAR please remember to cancel BANKERS ORDERS for voluntary donations.

If you are a UK tax payer and would like to consider Gift Aid please collect the information from the rack outside of the Main Entrance. Our new Finance Officer, Miss Taberer, will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please contact the Finance Office if your circumstances have changed and you need to cancel your Gift Aid Declaration.

### **Upper Early Years**

To celebrate their time in Early Years on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July we will be having a Teddy Bears picnic.

Children can bring in a small teddy or a soft toy and a small picnic. The children will not be sharing their food with anyone. (NO NUTS or FIZZY DRINKS PLEASE)

Children will also have their lunch as usual on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please send a packed lunch as usual on both days if children bring lunch from home.

Children will finish at 1:30pm on the last day of term i.e. 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Our Plan for September**

#### **What time will pupils start school?**

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) will be able to come into school between 8.40 and 8.50am. Teachers will take the morning register shortly after 8.50am. We will continue to use the green gate entrance on Rockingham Road.

#### **What time will pupils finish school?**

All classes (Reception to Year 6) will finish school at 3.15pm. Parents should still access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

#### **Hot Meals**

Due to the easing of government restrictions, we are pleased to announce that our hot meal service will resume in September. The hot dinner menus will be available from August. School lunches can be ordered through our school caterer's website:

[https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school\\_meals/login.php](https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php)

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Following on from our recent assembly, you may like to sign your child up for this year's Reading Challenge at your local library. This year's theme is: **Wild World Heroes**. Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how **you can make a difference** to the environment too.

Please visit this website for further details:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Time Capsule Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon, all classes took part in a Time Capsule Competition. All pupils were invited to capture memories of life during the Covid-19 pandemic in a special time capsule that will be sealed and preserved for the next 25 years and then opened in 2047. The children were invited to reflect upon how our lives were affected during this significant time in history by creating art, photography, writing or digital media to share with future generations. You can find out more here:

<https://www.thenational.academy/enrichment-time-capsule>

## HISTORY MYSTERY



**Can you identify this object?**

**What do you think this object is?**

**Why do you think it was made?**

**When was it made?**

**Who made it?**

**How was it made?**

You may like to talk to your child about what they think this object is - helping them to develop their enquiry skills. Older pupils may like to do some research.

**We look forward to hearing about what pupils think this object might be on Monday!**

## Playday 2021

We are happy to announce that this year's Playday event on the 4th August will be going ahead. Events will take place at various venues across the Borough. There will be a range of free activities available for families to book. Groups will be small so as to maintain social distancing. All booking details can be found at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday)

### Please remind yourself of the Public Health Guidelines below:

Students **MUST NOT** come to school if they, or a member of their household, have **one or more of the main COVID symptoms** or have been tested for COVID.

The three symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of dates - please visit our school website:

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

Date	Event
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports to be sent home to parents/carers
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Cinema Afternoon
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco/Party - Yr6 Non-Uniform Day

Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	No Pens Wednesday Year 6 Picnic Afternoon
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term Ends (All classes finish at 1.30 p.m.)