



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2020

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

Finishing Times TODAY

PLEASE REMEMBER A FACE MASK

Early Years: 1.15pm

Years 5 & 6: 1.20pm

Years 3&4: 1.25pm

Years 1&2: 1.30pm



Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has been jam packed with Christmas activities. On Monday, all pupils (from Yr1 upwards) watched a 'Punctuation Christmas Special' and got the chance to record a selection of Christmas songs. The following day, all pupils enjoyed a recording of Jack and the Beanstalk – broadcast from the Compass Theatre in Ickenham. On Wednesday, all pupils watched our online end of term Mass. Yesterday, the children came to school wearing their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed their festive lunch boxes and other activities including class discos. Today, the last day of term, is Christmas DVD day.



Finishing Times - TODAY

Pupils will finish school at the earlier times listed below:

Early Years	1.15pm
Years 5 and 6	1.20pm
Years 3 and 4	1.25pm
Years 1 and 2	1.30pm

We hope you have a safe and restful Christmas break.

All pupils are due back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Revised Going Home Times – AFTER CHRISTMAS

After the Christmas break, each class will go home at the following revised 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

We have made these changes so that parents (and siblings) aren't waiting around for so long on the playground after school.

Starting Primary School in September 2021

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, please make sure to apply at your local Borough's website **and** complete a St Mary's application form. Bring the form with originals of child's proof of birth, baptism certificate, Certificate of Catholic Practice and proof of address of child and proof of address of parent to the school office **by 15th January 2021.**

Parent Survey RESULTS

A big thank you to all the parents who completed our annual survey. You can now view the results online: <https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=What+our+parents+say%2E%2E%2E&pid=106>

We have used the results of this survey to help inform this year's School Development Plan. This includes plans to provide parents with more information about what their child will be learning in each class, each year.

History/Geography Knowledge Organisers

All classes cover either one History, or one Geography, topic every half term.

We have sent home information regarding the topic your child will cover after Christmas.

This Knowledge Organiser lists key knowledge that all pupils are expected to know (**and remember**) by the end of each topic.

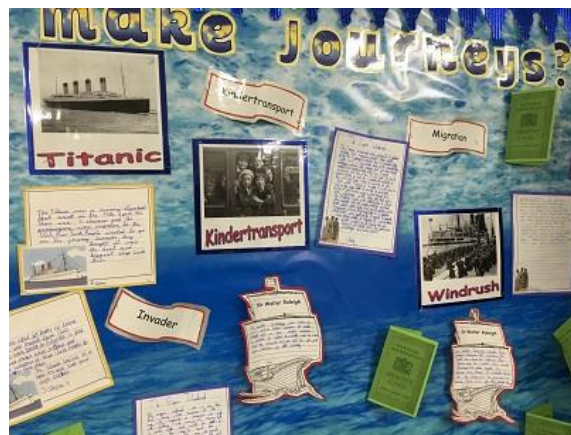
It also lists key vocabulary that the children will use. If your child is in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) it would be helpful if they could research, and then write down, the meaning of each word.

Teachers will use these sheets in class. History and Geography assessments will be based on what pupils have remembered throughout the year. You may wish to help your child to remember some of the facts listed.

We plan to send home further Knowledge Organisers, every term, to give parents a better awareness of what is being covered in each class.

If you would like to find out further information about the topics your child will be studying throughout the year – please visit the History and Geography curriculum pages on our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Information&pid=11>



Music

Hymn of the week

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=RD_8FUPItZ5Xs&feature=share&playnext=1

Composer of the month

John Williams - Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter

<https://youtu.be/wtHra9tFISY>

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

Pupils Self-Isolating

If a pupil is self-isolating due to COVID symptoms (or because a member of their household has symptoms) we will set home learning activities through Google Classroom.

Teachers are unable to set these activities on the first day of absence as they are in their class teaching. All pupils will be set activities, from the second day they are absent from school.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Fri 18 th Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term (Early Finish Times)
Mon 4 th Jan	INSET Day (School closed)
Tue 5 th Jan	All pupils return