



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 11th 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,

This week is the national Recycling Week. We now have a pupil recycling monitor in each classroom and our pupil Eco Council members have purchased a new recycling box for each classroom. In Hillingdon, you can recycle paper, cardboard, glass and plastics every week, for free, in the same clear recycling bag. You may like to get your child involved in recycling at home - building on the work we have been doing in school. Next week is the start of Switch Off Fortnight and we will be encouraging all classes to turn off lights and devices when they are not in use. Our Eco Council also met at lunchtime today to carry out a Nature audit of our school using a WWF template tool. They then used their findings to brainstorm ways to add plants/green spaces and to encourage more nature, mini-beasts, birds etc.

Year 3: Stone Age to Iron Age

This week, Year 3 attended a Prehistoric London workshop led by a representative from the Museum of London. There's heaps of history beneath our feet. The Year 3 pupils looked at how we find it, and what it can tell us. They found out about what archaeology is and how archaeologists have pieced together clues to uncover London's past. They observed some real objects from the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and got a glimpse of the largest ever Bronze Age hoard found in London! This week, Year 3 will attend a Stone Age to Iron Age theatre show led by the Freshwater company.



Monday – Odd Socks Day
Monday (14th November) is Odd Socks Day and we are asking all pupils to wear odd socks to school to mark the start of our Friendship Week. Odd Socks Day is a national event all about celebrating what makes someone unique.

Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 will visit the Iver Environment Centre to take part in their 'Seed to Supermarket' education programme. They will investigate where our food comes from and how it reaches our plate. The children will explore the allotments at the centre, discover the different food groups and what makes a healthy meal. Pupils will make and taste some home-made butter and try grinding some wheat. They will investigate plant life-cycles, dissect a seed and plant their own seed to bring home. This links with their Geography 'Food – Trade' unit of work as well as other PSHE and Science topics.

Internet Safety - Parents' Talk

On Monday 14th November, Mary Rebelo (Computing consultant) will visit school to lead Internet Safety workshops with our KS2 pupils.

At 2.30pm, we would like to invite parents into school to hear an Internet Safety talk from Mary. This will finish shortly before the 3.15pm pick-up time.

One-way System

We would like to encourage all family members to use our one-way way system after school. The alleyway into school is very narrow and using our one-way system avoids this alleyway becoming blocked with parents moving in opposite directions (sometimes with push-chairs and prams). **Please enter using the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the playgrounds using the exit that leads onto Rockingham Road.**

Thank you

PTA Christmas Market

We are really excited about the plans for our upcoming PTA Christmas Market - planned for Friday 9th December. This will take place, in our school Hall, from 3.15pm. Further details will be sent home nearer to the time but please save the date in your diaries. This market will include our popular luxury item adult tombola, Sweet Cup stall and Christmas refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine.

Please check your class PTA WhatsApp groups for all communications regarding donation requests.

SEN Coffee Morning

Our first SEN Coffee morning (for this year) will take place on:

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 9am

School Hall

We have invited both the **Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum** and the **Hillingdon SENDIASS** team to give a short talk about the services and support they offer to SEN pupils and their parents/carers.

Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum (PCF): a group of parents and carers of children and young people with learning difficulties, disabilities or additional needs, who aim to represent the views of parents and carers to help influence the way local services are delivered.

Hillingdon SENDIASS: a free, confidential and impartial support service for parents and carers, children and young people up to 25 years old, where the child or young person may have special educational needs.

Tea, coffee and pastries will be served, from 9am, in our school Hall. We hope you are able to make use of this excellent opportunity.

Mr Ellis (SENCO)

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/>

Instrumental Lessons

We offer the following instrumental lessons:

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

You can register by text at: 07782 503260

Online at: www.stagetalent.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
Sun 13 th November	Deadline for PTA Christmas Card orders
Mon 14 th November	Start of Friendship Week 'Wear Odd Socks to School' Day
Wed 16 th November	Yr2 Trip to Iver Environment Centre
Tue 22 nd November	SEN Coffee Morning 9am (School Hall) With SENDiASS and Parent Carers Forum
Thu 24 th November	2 nd SEN Coffee Morning – Hillingdon Autistic Society
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

