



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) should arrive from 8.40am via our Rockingham Road entrance.

This gate is locked at 8.45am each morning.

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

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE, this sometimes changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports sessions. All pupils (Years 1 to 6) should bring their P.E kits into school **every Monday** and then take them home every Friday. Thank you.

Pupil Bags in School

We ask that pupils only bring in book bags (and draw string P.E bags for their P.E uniform). Each child only has a single peg for these bags (in most cases in the main corridor) and we do not have the space for large rucksacks or other similar bags.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parents' Evening consultations this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and sharing their achievements with their teacher.

Mrs Bowen's father has sadly passed away and she is not currently in school. She will send out her Parents' Evening letter when she returns to work. Please remember Mrs Bowen, and her family, in your prayers.



Earth Day

On Monday we celebrated Earth day in school. All pupils, in KS2, took part in a recycling competition (sponsored by Stockley Park) to design a new paper recycling bin to be used outside our front entrance. Stockley Park have agreed to purchase this new bin and they will award a goody bag to the winning entry from each class.

School Wellbeing Survey

All junior pupils completed a wellbeing survey this week. The results will be used to plan whole school support and individual pupil interventions. This survey has been financed through our ongoing work with the children's mental health charity Place2Be. If you signed up to their Parenting Smart online course, that started this week, we hope it is going well.

SEN Coffee Morning on Wednesday

When: Wednesday 1st May

Time: 8.50am (after the morning drop-off) – in our Hall

All parents/carers are most welcome to attend – you do not need to confirm you are attending.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served from 8.50am

We are very fortunate to be joined by a range of professionals from our LA SEN Teams who will lead short talks, from 9am, about the services they can offer. We will be joined by -

- **The Hillingdon Local Offer team:**

The local offer provides information for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers.

- **SENDiASS:** The Service provides legally based, impartial, confidential information and advice for parents of children with SEN.

- **Local Authority Key Working Team:** Offers a range of universal and targeted support to help families reach their full potential.



Ascension Mass

Please come and join us for the celebration of Mass for the feast of the Ascension on the 9th of May at 2.30 pm in the school hall.



Our May Procession

Please come and join us on the 24th of May for our May procession in the school playground. This is a very special celebration at St. Mary's. Our first communion children will be invited to come in their First Communion outfit and help lead the procession with Fr. Nicholas. It would be lovely to have as many members of our school community attending the procession. Please put the date in your diary and join us as we have our procession and sing hymns about Mary.

History Trail in Uxbridge

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 3 class followed a trail around Uxbridge town centre learning about the History of some of the significant buildings along the route. The children explored war memorials, the oldest building in Uxbridge, the old market house and various other clues to the past. They were fortunate to get a private tour of the upstairs rooms in the Crown and Treaty. It was here that King Charles I, and his Parliamentary opponents, met during the English Civil War in 1645. Thank you to Father Nicholas (newly appointed as Chair of the Uxbridge Local History Society) and Angela for walking with the children telling them lots of facts along the route.



Dyslexia Training

We hold a range of special needs professional development for our staff across each year. On Tuesday, we will be visited by a representative from the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) who will lead training with our teachers and teaching assistants. The focus will be on identifying signs of dyslexia and practical classroom strategies to support pupils with an existing diagnosis.

Year 5 - Titanic History Workshop

This morning, pupils took part in a workshop led by representatives from the National Archives in Kew. The children analysed a variety of historical sources developing their enquiry skills.

Year 4 MTC

As in previous years, our Year 4 pupils will participate in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. Over the next few weeks they will complete practise 'checks' in class.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Pupils can practise their recall using their Rock Stars login.

The results of this check will be used to identify if your child may need additional support.

Further information for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>



Rights Respecting Schools (RRSA) – BRONZE Award

We are delighted to announce that we were awarded the UNICEF RRSA Bronze award this week. The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children’s rights at the heart of school life in the UK. UNICEF UK works with schools to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive.

This Bronze Award recognises our achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

You can watch a short video clip introducing this award here:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/about-us-new/>

Information: Year 6 and Year 2 SATs Tests

The government has published some new parent leaflets providing further information about the Year 2 and Year 6 end of year SATs tests. You can access them online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

Practical tips to support children’s wellbeing and behaviour

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/index>

Amazon Wish List – School Supplies

Please help support our school by donating school supplies from our Amazon Wish List <https://amzn.eu/fgZpVLv>

Any purchase would be greatly appreciated.

School Friend Clubs – Updated contact details

Website: www.schoolfriendclub.com

New booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

House Point Winners this week:	St. Bernadette	239
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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.cnl.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/>

Speech Link – Parent Portal

Speech and language support for parents and carers:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

Tiny Happy People

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website is here to help you develop your child's language skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Instrumental Lessons

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Book a Free one-to-one Music Lesson

For children aged 4+ wishing to learn piano, guitar, ukulele and violin at our school.

Register by text to: 07782503260 and include:

Child's Name, Age, Music Instrument

Or

register at: www.stagetalent.co.uk/register



Attendance

We are sure that like us, you as parents and carers, realise the importance of attendance and punctuality. At St. Mary's, we continue to work hard to try to raise attendance levels and to reduce instances of lateness. There is much evidence to show that good attendance plays a vital role in helping your child to achieve their potential. We also know that poor attendance can lead to other problems for children. How can you help your child attend school regularly?

- Talk to your child about school. Make sure your child understands why school is important;
- Get everything ready for school the night before;
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays;
- Take holidays during school holidays and not during term time;
- Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock- see who can beat the clock!
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness (you will know!)
 - If your child is slightly under the weather, still send them into school- children often start feeling better as the day goes on and they get busy, and if the school is worried, we will call you.

Safeguarding Our Children

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact the school straight away. You can always speak to Miss Shevlin, the Designated Safeguarding lead, if you have any concerns about a child. You can also call Hillingdon Stronger Families Hub on [01895 556006](tel:01895556006). If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

It is all our responsibility to safeguard children

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
01/05/2024	SEN Coffee Morning - from 8.50am Talks start at 9am
06/05/2024	Bank Holiday. School closed.
24/05/2024	May procession
24/05/2024	Half Term. Finish at 3:15pm