



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 17th May 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.

Year 6

Well done to our Year 6 children for all their hard work preparing for and sitting their end of KS2 SATs tests this week. They completed their last test on Thursday. They still have lots of transition work to complete and we are still gathering lots of written evidence that will count towards our end of year teacher writing assessment levels. We have planned lots of cross-curricular projects, visits, talks and workshops for the children to enjoy before they finish in July. They also have their 3-day residential visit to look forward to.

Prayer Group for Parents

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our prayer group on Tuesday afternoon and to Angela for leading this group. Our prayer group meets each half term and is a lovely opportunity to spend some quiet time away from our busy daily routines praying together.

Walk to School Week

Next week is 'Walk to School Week'. We have been asking all pupils to make an extra special effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

This week is an excellent time to take some Active Travel photographs (please see further information below). Where possible, all photographs emailed to our office will be included on our photo collage that will be produced by our LA Travel Team. So far, our office has only received a few photographs of children walking, cycling or scooting to school. It would be much appreciated if parents can email some more photographs to our school office. We won't be able to create our office photo collage without them:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Cross Country

Our KS2 Cross Country team will represent our school at Monday's competition. If your child has been chosen to take part, they will have received a letter providing further information.

Class Photographs

Our photographer (Tempest) visited school, last week, to take all class and group photographs. You should have received information, emailed home on Monday, giving you details of how to order your child's photograph. Please contact our school office if you'd like any further information:

Our May Procession

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

Sports Days

This years Sports Days will take place as follows:

Mon 24 th June at 9.15am	Years 3 to 6 (KS2) Rockingham Recreation Ground
Thu 4 th July at 9.15am	Early Years School Playground

Year 5 Class Assembly

We would like to invite you to Year 5's class assembly on Tuesday 9th July at 2.30pm. All family members are most welcome to attend.

Free Museums and Galleries

Saturday is International Museum Day. You can check this list of 200+ free museums and galleries in London and the South East of England:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/free-museums-and-art-galleries/>

Sushi in Lunchboxes

We ask that pupils do not bring in sushi, or any other raw fish products, into school. Lunch boxes are placed on the trollies in our corridor areas and can be sitting there for over 4 hours before pupils get to eat the contents. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to keep them chilled. We also have a few pupils who are allergic to sesame seeds. Thank you for your understanding.

Active Travel – Photo Activity

Take part - this May

During the month of May, we are asking parents, children and school staff to get involved by walking, cycling or scooting to school whenever you can.

We would like parents/carers to capture these active travel moments and submit the photos to us so we can send these on to the Hillingdon LA Travel Team. **As part of the campaign, the Travel Team will be creating a photo collage for us to proudly display in our school.**

What do I need to do as a parent/carer?

We would ask parents, where possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride). **Take photos of these moments and email them to our school office throughout the month of May.** If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.



Below are the requirements for the photos:

- Your child/children walking to school (Safely). Using pavements, safer crossing points around our school such as Zebra crossings, Signalised crossings, bridges, subways, etc.
- Your child/children scooting or cycling to school (Safely). In appropriate safety clothing such as helmets, knee and elbow pads, etc.
- Your child/children using public transport such as buses or trains.

Please be aware that any photos emailed into school will be used for the photo collage and possibly shared via the Travel Team social media. Please only send images you are happy to be shared. All photographs need to be received by the end of May 2024.

Please email any photographs to:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Thank you in advance for your help.

Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check

As in previous years, our Year 4 pupils will participate in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. Over the last few weeks, pupils have been completing the practise 'checks' in class. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12.

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>

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

Practical tips to support children’s wellbeing and behaviour

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

Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

For Special Educational Needs: Mr Ellis (using the contact details above)

Chair of Governors: Mrs Maureen Thorpe (using the contact details above)

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.

May Half-Term: Holiday Club



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	358
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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/>

Stronger Families Hub

The Stronger Families Hub operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide families in Hillingdon with information, advice and support.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/stronger-families-hub>

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

Spare Chairs

If anybody is interested in any of the chairs, maybe for a BBQ or summer family/friend gathering, please contact the school and you are welcome to have them for free.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
24/05/2024	May Procession
24/05/2024	Half Term. Finish at 3:15pm

Please visit our school website for Term dates - including 2024 to 2025:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>