



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. via our Rockingham Road entrance. This gate will be locked at 8.45am).

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 can 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 lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and extra sports coaching 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 for your help.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to the parents who came and joined us for our 'Parents Prayer Group' this week. Please join us on the 10th of October at 2.30 pm for our next prayer group.

We held our Years 3, 5 and 6 'Meet the Teacher' presentations this week. We hope you found these meetings useful. Further information can be found on our school website or by contacting our office team:

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

Our remaining 'Meet the Teacher' presentations will take place next week on the following days, in our school hall, at 2.30pm:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception parents)	Monday 18 th September
Year 1	Thursday 21 st September
Year 2	Tuesday 19 th September
Year 4	Wednesday 20 th September



World Car Free Day

The 22nd September (next Friday) is World Car Free Day, when all around the world towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic. It's a great chance to re-imagine our streets around people.

Our pupil Eco Council have been promoting this initiative with each class and would like to encourage our family members to consider these key messages:

- 1) **Ditch the car! Walk, cycle or scoot to school.**
- 2) **Drop a stop. Get off your bus a stop earlier and walk the rest of the way.**
- 3) **Meet up with friends and walk together.**
- 4) **Dust off your bike or scooter and try cycling/scooting!**

After School

We would like to remind all pupils not to ride their bikes/scooters, on our playgrounds, when leaving school to avoid any accidents. Please supervise your child when they are collecting their scooter or bikes. Thank you.



Expensive Water Bottles

We've seen an increasing number of pupils bringing expensive Air Up water bottles into school. These can be as expensive as £59.99 with the added expense of pods and accessories. We are concerned that this new trend may be putting pressure on parents to buy them. Although we actively encourage pupils to bring water bottles into school we would prefer pupils bring in

cheaper alternatives.

Care for Creation

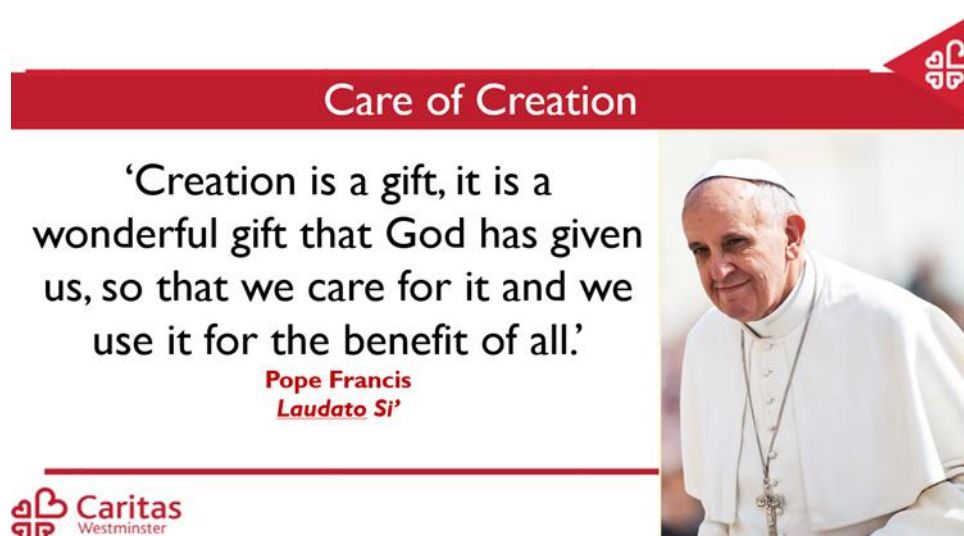
Each half term we are focusing on an area of Catholic Social Teaching in all year groups.

In the summer term the children learnt about Human Dignity and this first half term of the year the children are learning about Care for Creation. We are teaching the children that how we care for the earth is another sign of how we are Christians, how we show God's love in the world and put our love into action. God made the world for us. The world is everyone's home. We need to look after it. Being a steward of creation means being someone who cares for the world.

Please could you continue to talk about caring for creation at home with your children.

This a useful link with a short video about looking after Gods creation.



<https://youtu.be/IL0NMnJNWl8?si=QxZWCz0C6gKhDaGF>



Care of Creation

‘Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all.’

Pope Francis
Laudato Si'



Before and After School Club

	Breakfast Club	After School
Monday - Thursday	7.45am - start school	3.15pm - 5.30pm
Friday	7.45am - start school	3.15pm - 5.15pm

To register simply visit:

www.schoolfriendclub.com

Once you have accessed the website click the 'our clubs' tab at the top left-hand corner, then scroll down to the St. Mary's (Hillingdon) club page. You will be able to register yourself and your children. Once you have created an account you can either book online or over the phone: 0844 2727158

Morning Drop-off

Please drop your child off between 8.40 and 8.45am.

Registers are taken, in class, shortly after 8.45am.

PE Lessons

All pupils, from Year 1, should bring their PE kit into school every Monday and then take it home again on Friday.

House Point Winners this week:	St Thomas	421 points
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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.cnwl.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/>

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons

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



The poster features a central graphic with musical instruments and icons: a piano keyboard, a guitar, a cello, a flute, and a violin. Text on the poster includes: 'Instrumental Lessons Register Today!', 'Book Your Free Lesson Now!', 'Register by Text: 07782 503 260', and 'www.StageTalent.co.uk'. At the bottom, it specifies 'Stating: School + Instrument + Child's name + DOB'.

Or

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 18 th September	Early Years Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)
Tue 19 th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)
Wed 20 th September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)
Thu 21 st September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)