



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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 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 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,

Pupils in KS1 and KS2 really enjoyed watching the Early Years dress rehearsal on Monday morning. Our EYs pupils then performed for family members on Tuesday afternoon. Our youngest children performed their parts and recited their lines brilliantly! If you attended, we hope you enjoyed the show.

This morning we were lucky enough to be visited by MP for Uxbridge - Steve Tuckwell. Mr Tuckwell was given a tour of our school and then met with our Year 6 Eco Council representatives who shared some of the things we have been doing in school to reduce our carbon footprint. He then answered some of their questions including why he decided to become an EP. Thank you to Stella, Jack, Milena and Soliana for giving up their lunchtimes to prepare their presentation.

### **Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production at 2:15pm**

Our Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production will take place on Tue 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm. Please wait by the front entrance for the main doors to be opened, at this time, for family members.

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

This year's Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in our Church. Our Year 3 pupils will lead the singing and act out key scenes from the nativity. All family members are most welcome to attend. The concert will start at 4pm.

### **Christmas Lunch**

The Pantry will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. This will be accompanied by Christmas music and crackers. If your child is having a packed lunch on this day, you may wish to pack some festive snacks or party food. Pupils may wear Christmas jumpers/clothes on this day. This is not a non-uniform day. Pupils should wear Christmas jumpers alongside their uniform.

### **Reminder – 8.30am Groups**

All booster groups finish today. Your child may be invited to join our new groups starting back near the end of January.

### **Last Day Term**

We finish on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December at the earlier time of 12.15pm. There will be no lunch on this day. This is our last Newsletter for this term. We hope you have a lovely Christmas with your family. All pupils return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### **PTA and the Christmas Carol Service**

With the Countdown to Christmas we are planning our final event of 2023!

Following the Carol Concert at Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> the PTA will be running a small event in the hall, this will include.

- Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate
- Cakes & Biscuits
- Raffle - An amazing raffle (including a hamper)
- Tombola (Luxury & Toys)
- Elfridges mystery bags

Again, THANK YOU for your supporting your PTA and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

### **Messages from Year 5**

Be kind  
Be Friendly  
Be caring  
If we did this the world  
would be a better place.

Dear God, we ask you to help  
all in the world to be kind  
together.

Please help us to be kind to  
each other

Please stop people in the  
world being mean to each  
other.

Help us to make the world a  
better place

Help us to be stewards for  
this beautiful world

### **Respect all**

Love and respect as Jesus did.

We spread our colour,  
We do our best,  
We love each other,  
Like we expressed.  
We live like Mary our mother,  
The way she taught us to act.  
We follow her example,  
Like in class how we discuss the facts.  
Behave, be fair,  
Love everyone  
We say our prayers,  
School is fun

Jesus taught us to love everyone  
Trust me it will make love fun.  
To be kind and caring makes a big  
difference.

In aid of HCPT & Botwell Church

## A Christmas Nativity Musical Night

Fantastic Raffle Prizes & Lots of Festive Cheer for the Entire Family

Tickets available from the church office:  
Adults - £5 | Children - £2.50  
Family (2 Adults, 3 Children) - £15

21st December, 7pm start  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, UB3 2AB



## Magical Musical Nativity Evening.

Join the St Mary's Holy Communion pop-up choir and BOTWELL singers for a Magical Musical Nativity Evening.

Time: 7pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Venue: BOTWELL church hall, Hayes UB3 2AB

In aid of HCPT and Botwell Church

All school age children are invited to take part

Dressing up is welcome and could include :

Angels, shepherds, kings, animals, stars, police, firefighters, princesses, doctors, nurses, school, children

For more information or to purchase tickets, please email

[siobhanf@hotmail.com](mailto:siobhanf@hotmail.com)

or ring BOTWELL church on

020 8573 2544

## **Read With Me**

We would like to invite parents to read with their child(ren) in their classroom(s) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8:50 to 9:10am or 2:45 to 3:05pm. We know from past experience how enjoyable this is for children and parents alike. This will be a festive themed 'Read With Me' session and we invite you to bring festive themed stories, children's bibles or poems from home. Don't worry if you do not have any festive themed books there will be plenty to choose from in school, these books will then be available in the school library for children to take home and share. Miss Gahan

## **Christmas Events in School**

**In the lead up to Christmas we have organised the following events:**

Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Concert (in our Church) at 4pm</b> Our Year 3 pupils will lead the singing in our Church
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Term Mass</b> Please come and join us for Mass at 2pm in the school hall

## **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.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>309</b>
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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/>

### ALLERGY

As this is a "Nut Free School", please do not send packed lunches with any nuts. E.g. Peanut butter/ Nutella.

### Year 3 Parents

Thank you very much to all the parents and children who donated hats, scarves and gloves to the Church, for the poor and needy. Fr. Nicolas and Angela were so grateful and mentioned it in a lovely Thank You card. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs. Parry

### 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

Or

register at: [www.stagetalent.co.uk/register](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
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Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Concert (in our Church) at 4pm Our Year 3 pupils will lead the singing in our Church
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Mass at 2pm in the school hall
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Term ends at 12.15pm (no lunch)

## Wildlife Watch

This year, our school will be investigating how the recreational ground behind the school (Rockingham Park) changes during the year.

We have already started investigating and discovered lots of interesting things:

- We found parakeets eating fruit in a rowan tree next to the river.
- We observed red kite birds circling above waiting for their prey to emerge.
- We found slugs, worm, woodlice and flies in different parts of the park.
- We used tree guides to name some of the trees and found evergreen trees, rowan trees and sycamore trees.

We will be returning to the recreational ground in the spring term but in the meantime, it would be wonderful if the children could continue to observe and record the following:

- The names of birds they see, a description of its features (e.g. brown feathers, long beak), where they saw it and what it was doing
- The names of trees they notice, a description of their leaves (e.g. colour, size, shape) and where it is in the park (e.g. near houses).
- The names of animals and insects they find, or see evidence of. They might not see an animal but they might see signs of a burrow where an animal lives. Add a description what you find.
- The names of plants they see. Are they flowering? Are they sprouting, healthy plants or are they dying? Describe what you see and where you see it.

We would love to learn about what you've found so please record it or take a picture to email to the office. You can write down your observations on slip at the bottom of this page. Every observation returned to school will be entered into a draw at the end of term and you could win a science book! I have books, guides, binoculars and some minibeast investigation pots that children can borrow if they would like to go exploring. The children have loved looking for parakeets and red kites so I hope they enjoy noticing more exciting things in our local area!

Mrs Park

## Wildlife Watch

Child's name:

Year:

What did you find?

Describe what you've found:

Where did you find it?

If it was doing something, what was it doing?

Any extra information: