



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 19th 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.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the Easter break with your family. On Wednesday, we came together as a whole school community to celebrate our start of term Mass. Thank you to Father Nicholas for leading. We have a busy summer term ahead with lots of events planned including trips, visits, workshops, assemblies and our Yr6 production. Please keep checking this weekly newsletter for regular updates.



Year 4 River Models

Last term, our Year 4 pupils found out more about rivers and the water cycle. At the end of this topic they produced some fantastic 3D models to help show what they had learned.

Inclusive Football Panathlon

Before the Easter break, our KS2 team represented our school at this year's Hillingdon Panathlon. Our team played a series of football games, in an inclusive environment, at Oakwood Secondary School. We are delighted to announce that our team were awarded 3rd place (bronze) in this competition.

Parents' Evenings

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place next week. This will be an opportunity for teachers to share the results from our Easter tests. A letter was sent home on Monday inviting parents to request an appointment.

Year 5 Parents: Mr Stringer has already met parents to discuss the results from our Easter tests. If you still have any further questions, or would like to discuss anything further with Mr Stringer, please contact our school office to request a follow-up meeting.

Nursery Parents: Mrs Bowen's father has sadly passed away so she will send out her Parents' Evening letter when she returns. Please remember Mrs Bowen and her family in your prayers.



SEN Coffee Morning

When: Wednesday 1st May

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

All parents/carers are most welcome to attend

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.



UNICEF – Rights Respecting Schools

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. We have just signed up to the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). The RRSA embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy,

healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

The Award recognises a school’s 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 the RRSA here:

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

One Way Exit

Our one-way exit (after school) has now reopened following building work. **Please use this route to help avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school.**

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Book Week – Competition Winners

As a part of last term’s ‘Book Week’ we set a writing task for each class linked to our growth mindsets theme. The standard of competition entries was fantastic!

The winning entries will be displayed on a new display board in our main corridor.

Our writing winners from each class are as follows:

Year One: Daniel

Year Two: Mikelle

Year Three: Clementine

Year Four: Marron

Year Five: Estelle

Year Six: Oliver D.

Parenting Smart - FREE Course – Starts Next Week



STARTS NEXT WEEK – Thank you to all the parents who registered for a free place.

Key information

- Length: 4-week online programme (15-minute sections)
- Frequency: Up to 1 hour per week at a time convenient for you

- **Start date:** 23rd April 2024
- Access via any device and at a time that suits you
- 6 modules: Each module focuses on one parenting skill

Further information is available online:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/parenting-smart-online-course/>

Our Lunch Box Policy

Never allowed in Lunch Boxes

- Fizzy drinks
- Sweets or Chocolate bars
- Chips or burgers
- Hot food or drinks
- Nuts or sesame seeds (school is a nut free zone)
- Items of food on skewer sticks
- Fruit Winders
- Meat on bones e.g. chicken drumsticks
- Prawns/shellfish

Grapes: Please cut these in half length-ways

Allowed on Friday only – ‘Treat Day’

- Crisps
- Sweet biscuits
- Cakes

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>

History Trail in Uxbridge

Year 3 will be going on a walk about in Uxbridge, learning about the history of Uxbridge. Father Nicolas and Angela will be joining to talk about the local history.

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. Thomas	188
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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

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



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
22/04/2024	Year 2 Parents Evening
23/04/2024	Year 2 Parents Evening
23/04/2024	Year 3 History Trail - in Uxbridge.
23/04/2024	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening
25/04/2024	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening
01/05/2024	SEN Coffee Morning