



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 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,

Welcome back! Thank you to the parents who came along to our All Saints Mass on Wednesday. Father Nicholas talked to the children about this special day and suggested they research some saints including- The Ulma family: Killed for having hidden eight Jews in their home in 1944. The Ulma family were beatified this year, making it the first time an entire family were beatified together, including the child carried in the mother's womb at the time of her death.

Carlo Acutis: Considered the patron saint of the Internet, Carlo Acutis was a young Catholic who tried to live his whole life in deep communion and friendship with Jesus.

New PTA Committee

Following the AGM of the PTA (shortly before the October break) we have a core team elected. The new members are as follows:

Jo Allen (Y3 mum) Chair
Lydia Li (Y1 mum) Secretary
Dora Leiz (Y2 mum) Treasurer.

A big thank you to the previous committee, including Mrs Lessi (Chair), for all their hard work fundraising last year – they did an amazing job and we are very grateful for all the support we received.

We are really looking forward to all of the exciting plans the new team will put in place for this year.

Cut Carbon Month

This month is Cut Carbon Month. On Monday our school Eco Committee will meet to come up with an Action Plan to reduce the use of carbon in our school. This might be a good opportunity to talk to your child about how we can all reduce our use of electricity at home by switching off devices when they are not in use.

Reception Class - Knife and Fork Workshop

On Tuesday, our school caterers will visit school to lead a Knife and Fork workshop with our Reception pupils. Following on from this visit, it would be helpful if parents could praise their children for using a knife and fork correctly at home putting their cutlery together on their plate when they have finished eating. We will also reinforce this at our lunch times.

School Shoes

All pupils must wear black shoes to school. Pupils must not wear trainers of any kind unless they are doing PE lessons (this includes black trainers). Thank you in advance

History Workshops

We have two History workshops booked for next week. Freshwater Theatre will visit school on Wednesday to lead a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop with our Year 3 pupils. On Thursday, Year 2 will attend an online Great Fire London session led by staff from the Museum of London.

Consideration for our Neighbours

We have had several complaints recently (from our neighbours) regarding inconsiderate parking by a small minority of our parents. We ask that parents do not park in disabled bays or block drives before or after school. Thank you.

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.

House Point Winners this week:	St. Bernadette	268
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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/>

Coffee Morning

This is a chance for parents/carers to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoy tea or coffee and a sweet treat alongside our Family Support Team and access up-to-date information about what's going on both at HACS and locally.

Date: Wednesday 08/11/23

Time: 10am- 11:30 am

Location: HACS Resource Centre, Dudley PI, Hayes UB3 1PB, UK

Book here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/coffee-morning-08-11-23>

Please see flyer for more dates

Behaviour & Anxiety Support meetings

(members only) For parents, carers & professionals who are supporting an autistic person who are seeking advice around behaviour. (Please note that our staff are not medically trained. The advice provided via these groups is not suitable for acute, crisis or emergency cases)

Date: Thursday 09/11/23

Time: 10am- 11:00 am

Location: Virtual Zoom

Book here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/behaviour-support-meeting-morning-09-11-23>

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.stage talent.co.uk/register



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 6 th November	Start of Cut Carbon Month
Tue 7 th November	Reception Knife & Fork Workshop
Wed 8 th November	Year 6 LIVE Remembrance workshop Year 3 Theatre Workshop
Mon 13 th November	Start of Switch Off Fortnight
Tue 12 th December	Early Years Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 th December	Key Stage One Christmas Production at 2:15pm School Christmas Carol Concert in the Church at 4pm