



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 attended our Prayer Group on Tuesday afternoon. We now have a prayer tree outside Year 6 – pupils can take a leaf to write a prayer and then put it in the tray beside the tree. We will hang the prayers on our tree for our school community to join in your prayer. Thank you to Albert and Krystal (Year 3 pupils) for helping to cut out all of the leaves for our tree. Tuesday was World Mental Health Day. The children watched a special Mental Health Day assembly, led by Ant and Dec, and then completed PSHE activities in class. Pupils were also set a homework task encouraging them to talk about any fears or worries that they may have – please see below for further details.

### Curriculum Afternoon - Monday

Our Curriculum Afternoon will take place on **Monday (16<sup>th</sup> October)**. Our Year 6 pupils will give parents a tour of each class, whilst pupils are working, from 2pm until 2.30pm. Please arrive at anytime between 2pm and 2.15pm if you would like a tour.



At 2.30pm (following the tours): we plan to share information about our new RSE (relationship education) scheme – in our school Hall. Our PTA members are also providing refreshments in return for a small

donation. **Please bring some loose change if you would like to purchase tea, coffee etc.**

### Tempest Photographs – Online Orders

#### **Have you ordered your school photos yet?**

A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on: 01736 751555 (option 3)

### PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will take place on **Thursday 19th October from 8pm**, in the Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael. Our PTA will run through the amazing fundraising from last year and elect new Core Team members, encourage and support new volunteers to join in and definitely have some fun.

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

## ITV Britain Get Talking - HOMEWORK TASK



ITV's Britain Get Talking and Young Minds are collaborating to help children across the country open up.

Yesterday, pupils were set a homework task encouraging them to talk about any fears or worries that they may have. You can watch

a short video clip here with Ant and Dec explaining the task:

<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/schools.html>

### Children's Mental Health

At St. Mary's we are promoting the Health and Well-Being of children as we understand that a healthy body and mind will enable the child to reach their full potential to become a lifelong learner. Mental health is how we feel, how we think and how we behave. Mental Health promotion for children is everybody's business. At St. Mary's, we recognise that all children and adults need the foundation of positive mental health to benefit fully from all of the opportunities available to them. Please visit our school website for further information and links to some websites and documents you may find useful:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Children%27s+Mental+Health&pid=90>



### Year 3 – Half Term Fun

The Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont are leading lots of exciting half term activities. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> October you can visit the centre to help make a Neolithic mattress made from woven sheep fleece. This links with Year 3's Stone Age topic.

Further details can be found here:

<https://coam.org.uk/>

## Lunch Box Policy

### Never allowed in Lunch Boxes

- Fizzy drinks
- Sweets
- Chocolate bars
- Chips or burgers
- Hot food or drinks
- Nuts
- Items of food on skewer sticks
- Fruit Winders
- Meat on bones e.g. chicken drumsticks
- Prawns/shellfish

**Grapes: Please cut in half length ways**

### Allowed on Friday only – 'Treat Day'

- Crisps
- Sweet biscuits

### 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.

## **Coats and Jackets**

We try to get the children outside for their break times as much as possible for fresh air and exercise. They won't go outside in the event of heavy rain but they will still have their break times outside if it is spitting with rain. All pupils should bring a coat/jacket to school if it is likely to rain. Thank you in advance.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St Francis</b>	<b>262 points</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/>

## 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)



## Secondary School Applications for Year 6

**If you have not already applied for secondary school, the closing date for applications is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

To give your child the best possible chance of being offered their preferred school(s), please ensure your application is received on time. Hillingdon council cannot be held responsible for any problems with internet providers; they are therefore recommending you submit your application online to the Admissions at London Borough of Hillingdon by **Friday 20th October 2023**. If you live out of borough you need to apply to your own local authority.

## Eligibility for Household Benefits

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for help with fuel payments or Early Years Pupil Premium. You can check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If you have any problems with your application on the above website please contact Mrs Taberer directly on [jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk) This application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If eligible you are able to download a certificate to provide to us to support your application for Free School Meals. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again, this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Curriculum Afternoon at 2pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM BREAK
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Mass 2.15pm in the school hall

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