



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 20th 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 all the parents who attended our annual Curriculum Afternoon, on Monday, and to those of you who stayed for refreshments and our Relationship Education (RSE) talk led by Miss Shevlin. We would also like to thank Mrs Lessi (PTA Chair) for providing the tea, coffee and sweet treats. We hope you found the afternoon useful. Please visit the 'Curriculum' pages on our school website if you would like to find out more about the curriculum each class follows:

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



House Point Winners

All pupils are placed into a House group when they start our school. The three House groups are St. Thomas, St. Bernadette and St. Francis. Pupils are awarded House Points for high quality work, good effort, behaviour and manners.

Today, we trialled an extra non-uniform day for the House winners at the end of this half-term.

The House winner for this half term is St. Thomas with 1228 points.

Well done to all the pupils in St. Thomas house!

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).

October Half Term Break

We break up today for the half term holiday.

Reminder: School is closed on Monday 30th October for our teacher INSET day. All pupils return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

You can view our term dates on our school website (please click on the 'Term Dates' link:

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

Morning Booster groups

These groups will resume on the first day back – Tues 31st October.

If your child attends one of these groups we ask that they are ready at the main entrance by **8.30am** each morning. It can be disruptive if a pupil arrives late as this means the teacher/teaching assistant has to repeat instructions and/or modelling of work to the pupil e.g. re-demonstrating mathematical calculations taught. For this reason, any child arriving after 8.35am will not be let into school for their group but instead will need to wait until 8.40am to be let in through the Rockingham Road gate. Thank you for your understanding.

Half Term Fun

The Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont, are leading lots of exciting half term activities. On the 23rd 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/>

KS2 Hillingdon Pentathlon

On Thursday, our KS2 team took part in this year's event at Oak Wood School. The children completed a range of multi-skills activities ranging from archery to football. We are delighted to announce that they came in 2nd place overall. Well done to this year's team!

All Saints Day Mass

Please come along to our All Saints Mass on Wednesday 1st November, at 2.15pm, in our school hall.

Please join with your family to say the prayer below from Cafod.

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us.

My School Fund – Parent Reward Scheme

Many thanks to those of you who have donated well needed supplies on our Amazon Wish List. We are so grateful for many of the items due to implications of spends on the school budget, particularly many of the well-being resources for therapy sessions. With the onset of the 'cost of living crisis' we thought we would draw your attention to the School Fund which benefits both parents and the school. Some of you may already be registered. If you shop in Sainsbury's and Argos particularly, you can earn cash back as well as your Nectar points. Here is an extract from the website and the link to join. You just have to name our school.

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers in order to boost school and nursery budgets. By registering, individuals can link their spend to their chosen school or nursery, meaning every time they make a purchase with participating retailers, both will benefit through this innovative cashback scheme.

For every £1 spent with participating retailers, 1% will go to the school or nursery (terms and conditions apply) and 2% will go to the individual. Over time, this figure will add up and can be redeemed in the form of e-gift cards that can be spent online or in-store with participating retailers.

<https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>

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:		
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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/>

Autism Surgery

Who can attend an Autism Surgery? Members, non-members and professionals who are supporting children/families with autism. This session is free to attend.

Date: Wednesday 01/11/23

Time: 10am- 11:30 am

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

Book here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/autism-surgery-morning-f2f-01-11-23>

Please see flyer for more dates

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>

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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

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



Secondary School Applications for Year 6

If you have not already applied for secondary school, the closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th October	HALF TERM BREAK
Mon 30 th October	School Closed – Teacher INSET day
Tues 31 st October	All pupils return after half term break
Wed 1 st November	All Saints Mass 2.15pm in the school hall (all parents/carers welcome)