



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

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,

Welcome back – we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your family. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to our start of term Mass on Monday. It was lovely to celebrate the beginning of this year as a school community.

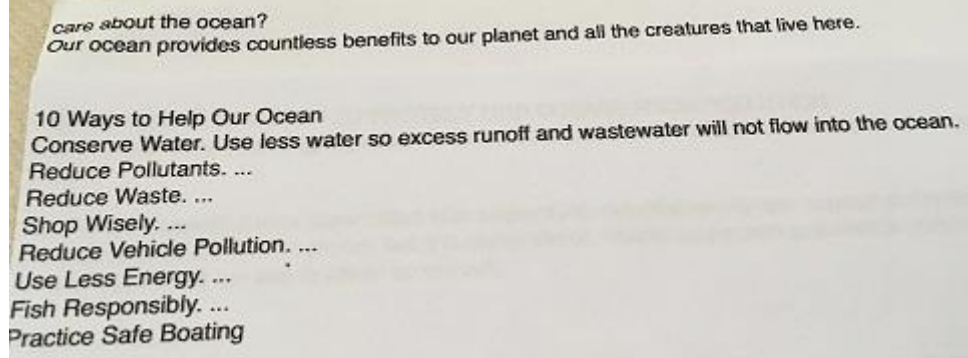


Year 4 Holiday Project

Well done to the Year 4 pupils who completed an optional homework project, over the Christmas break, exploring how we can protect our ocean environments. Individual pupils completed some fantastic work including 3D models, poems, art work and PPT presentations.

'Oceans 3D model'
Antoni (Year 4)

'Key messages for looking after our oceans' – Enrico Yr4



School Friend Clubs – Updated contact details

Website: www.schoolfriendclub.com

New booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

Parents' Evenings

You should have received a letter this week inviting you to attend one of our next Parents' Evening dates on either:

Tuesday 23rd January

Thursday 25th January

This will be an opportunity to look at books and discuss the results from our recent Test Week.

Your child's class teacher will also talk about any planned interventions including SEN support.

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.

Parents Prayer Group and Mass

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Mass for the start of the year on Monday. Also thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Prayer group this week. All parents are very welcome to attend the next Parent's Prayer group which is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.45pm. Parents are also very welcome to attend the next school Mass. The children also have the opportunity to attend prayer group each week in school which are run by the Chaplaincy team.

Reception and Year One parents Workshop on Phonics

We would like to invite parents of Reception and Year One children to attend a Phonics and Reading Workshop on Monday 22nd of January at 2.30pm. The workshop will be to help parents to know more about how we teach reading and how you can support your child at home. The school uses Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) Phonics scheme and we will use the opportunity of the workshop to look at the phonics scheme and to give parents information on ELS.



There is also more information for parents on the school website using the link below.
<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=English&pid=64>

House Point Winners this week:	St. Thomas	225
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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/>



Hillingdon Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) offers free, impartial, and confidential information, advice, and support. We aim to empower and enable parents/carers to be able to take an active role in decisions made about their child/young person regarding their education. Our drop-in sessions are for parents/carers to ask questions and share experiences.

Drop-in sessions for January and February

- 12th January 9 -11am
Hayes End Family Hub, College Way Hayes UB3 3BB
- 22nd January 9 – 11am
Coteford Children’s Centre, Fore Street, Coteford HA5 2HX
- 31st January 1 – 3pm
McMillan Children's Centre, Judge Heath Lane, Hayes UB3 2PD
- 7th February 9 – 11am
Cherry Lane Childrens Centre, West Drayton, Middx UB7 9DL
- 19th February 12.30 – 1.30pm
Nestles Early Years, Nestles Avenue, Hayes, UB3 4QA
- 26th February 1 – 3pm
Hayes End Family Hub, College Way Hayes UB3 3BB

Please use the link below to register with the setting before attending, you will be asked to sign in. You do not need to print, please just register electronically. Do not worry about the age of your child when registering for these drop ins, all parent/carers of children and young people 0-25 welcome.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7409/Hillingdons-childrens-centres-Registration-form>

We look forward to seeing you.

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



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
Tuesday 23rd January	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 25th January	Parents' Evenings