



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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.

Afternoon Nursery finishes at 3.30pm.

### 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. Thank you in advance.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all the family members who came along to our Mass on Monday. This was a lovely opportunity to come together to celebrate the birthday of Mary and to pray for the year ahead.

If you attended a Meet the Teacher meeting this week – we hope you found the information useful. The Year 6 presentation will take place this afternoon and we still have the Early Years and KS1 meetings planned for next week (please see the remaining dates in the table below). Our first Parents' Evenings for this year have been planned for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings will be an opportunity for parents to discuss how their child has been getting on over the first half term.

Yesterday, pupils in Years 2 and 5 took part in fire safety workshops led by a representative from the London Fire Brigade. The officer delivered fire safety messages in a sensitive and reassuring way so that the children understood the importance of home fire safety without becoming worried about a fire happening in their home. There were two differentiated workshop sessions for each class.

### Meet the Teacher Presentations – Remaining sessions next week

These presentations will share information including curriculum information, class timetables, homework schedules, uniform expectations etc. All presentations start at 2.30pm in our school Hall and will finish before the end of the school day. The remaining sessions are as follows:

<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 Parents
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Years 1 and 2 Parents
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Nursery and Reception (Early Years) Parents



### SEN Coffee Morning

Our next SEN Coffee morning will take place next Friday (20<sup>th</sup> September) in our school Hall. We will serve tea, coffee and other refreshments after the morning drop off. Please buzz in at our main entrance after you drop your

child off at the green gate – any time after 8.45am.

We will be joined by representatives from the Parent Carers Forum (from 9am) who will give a short talk about the support they offer. They will also be talking about an exciting new project our school has just signed up to be a part of (PINS). The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is new national programme that aims to support the education and health needs of neurodiverse children in schools through a partnership approach working with local authorities and parent carer forums. There will also be the opportunity to ask any questions.

All family members are more than welcome to attend – this is an excellent opportunity for any parents who have just joined our school to meet other parents.

Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Where: School Hall

Starts: 9am

Refreshments served from 8.45am

## **Place2Be – Parenting Smart**

The Parenting Smart website is open to all parents and includes practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/index>



## **Age Restrictions on Social Media**

Pupils cover work on online safety every term. We have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media.

## **Getting in Contact**

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: [office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk)

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

For Special Educational Needs: Mr Ellis (using the contact details above)

Chair of Governors: Mrs Maureen Thorpe (using the contact details above)

## **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](http://www.schoolfriendclub.com)

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

Tel: 0333 355 7374

## **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**

## 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/>

### **Stronger Families Hub**

The Stronger Families Hub operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide families in Hillingdon with information, advice and support.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/stronger-families-hub>

### **Hillingdon Parent Carer Forum (PCF)**

A team of volunteer parents/carers whose aim is to improve services and processes for Hillingdon SEND children. They exist to harvest the voice of parents/carers in Hillingdon, to help shape the services accessed by SEND children, by way of engagement with parents and co-production with the Local Authority.

If you wish to receive information emails, please sign up to their database. They have different levels of volunteering options:

<https://hillingtonpcf.com/>

## 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.stage talent.co.uk/register](http://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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024**

Date	Event
13/09/24	Meet the teacher Year 6
16/09/24	Meet the teacher Year 1 and 2
18/09/24	Meet the teacher UEY and LEY
20/10/24	SEN coffee Morning - from 8.45am (school Hall)
30/10/24	Individual Photos
28/9/24-1/11/24	Half Term Holiday
4/11/24	INSET
05/11/24	Pupils back to school - Kindness Week
29/11/24	National No Pens Day
02/12/24 - 06/12/24	Test Week
12/12/24	Early Years Christmas Production (2:15pm)
18/12/24	KS1 Christmas Production (2:15pm)
20/12/24	End of term. Finish at 12:15pm (no hot lunch)
06/01/25	School opens

Please visit our school website for Term dates:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>