

St Mary's Isleworth

With Christ in hearts we reach out to others

Our School Prayer

Dear God, help us to make this school a safe, happy place. Help us to do our very best in our work and to look after each other. Help us to make you and our family proud of us. So that, with Christ in our hearts we grow in love to help others. Amen

Welcome back to school everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed a great summer holiday and you all had a great break too. At the start of this new year we pray for our school family and we remember those children and adults who have left us. St Mary -pray for us! This year we welcome Mr G Lawlor and Miss E Groarke to the teaching staff. Sadly Mrs Squillaci remains unable to come back to work at the moment; in her absence Mrs Bentley will lead on First Aid. Mrs Reese is also unwell. Please remember them in your prayers. You can see an updated staffing list here: <http://bit.ly/31PDCO1>. We aim to get class and school routines established as quickly as possible after the 6 week break. Please help us by bringing your child in and collecting them at the end of the day in good time. Aim to arrive at school at 8:45am (not before) and then children should go straight into classes. In this way we'll avoid over crowding in the school car park. Please keep your child with you and do not let them play around the cars. Help minimise pollution and improve air quality by walking, scooting or cycling to school. To read our Arrival and Collection policy click here: http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/_Media/arrival-and-collection.pdf.

Entering and exiting classes

A reminder on the routes children need to use to get to their classrooms. EYFS and Y5 use the back double gates, Y6 use these gates too and enter school through the main toilets. Y1&2 use the front double gates and go in through their outside classroom doors. Y3&4 also use the front double gates. Y3 use the door at the far

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SCHOOL DATES

Click here to see the 2019-2020 term dates: <http://bit.ly/2ZB1MuF>.

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FAQS

Check out the FAQs section of our website. <http://bit.ly/2KTO5kV>

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CALENDAR

See the school calendar here: www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/calendar.html



Visit the school website at: www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk

Pay and book meals at: www.parentpay.com

Sign up for this newsletter at: <http://eepurl.com/qw2Uv>

Our menu stays the same until half term: <http://bit.ly/2L06jRN>

Remember that we do not allow jewellery of any kind and that it's summer uniform until half term: <http://bit.ly/2lBwTr6>. All items must be named. Hats and caps must be uniform.

end of the teaching block and Y4 use the door at the back of the teaching block.

Remember to give all of the teachers (new and existing) time to get to know their classes at the start of the new year. This year we are introducing a new behaviour policy (more on this in a future newsletter) and at the curriculum meetings (all at 9am in the main hall and then in the classrooms) when you will have a chance to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms. All are welcome: Y1 24th September, Y2 4th October, Y3 1st October, Y4 8th October, Y5 2nd October, Y6 26th September.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants are available to talk to you before the start of the day (8:45am to 8:55am) and at the end of the day (3:20pm to 3:30pm). If you need more time please arrange that with them. I've asked staff to close their classroom doors at 8:55am so that the school day can start promptly. Children arriving after 8:55am (even if the gates are still open) must enter school via the office.

Homework

Once the children are settled in teachers will start sending homework home. You can see a breakdown below. Knowledge planners (for history until half term and then geography to the Christmas holiday) will be uploaded onto the class pages. Approx 50% of what the children will in their topic is on the knowledge planner so this is a great way of you getting involved at home. Maths Passports can be assessed here: <http://bit.ly/34bCRB7>.

Reception	<p>After October half term: Children have a phonics book and new sounds and tricky words are added weekly. Once children start blending, they will bring home a reading book and a reading record which should be signed by parents once a week to say that their child has read at home. Before they blend a <u>picture</u> book will be sent home for you to share and talk about. Children can read and share books with an adult every day. A library book will be sent home on a weekly basis (from October for Reception).</p> <p>When they are ready, Nursery will bring home a library book for you to share together.</p>
Key Stage One - Years 1 and 2	<p>Children will be given a list of spellings to learn each week which follow the phonics or spelling patterns taught in their groups or words linked to the curriculum. They will be encouraged to learn the pattern not only the individual words. They will be encouraged to use these words and words with the same spelling pattern in their writing. Key vocabulary and terms from the Knowledge Planners (on class pages) will be included in spelling lists. Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes at home with an adult. The Home Reading Diary should be completed each time. Maths Passports can be supported at home (from the summer term in Y1).</p>
Key Stage 2 Year 3 to Year 6	<p>Children will be given a list of spellings to learn each week which follow the phonics or spelling patterns taught in their groups or words linked to the curriculum. They will be encouraged to learn the pattern not only the individual words. They will be encouraged to use these words and words with the same spelling pattern in their writing. Key vocabulary and terms from the Knowledge Planners (on class pages) will be included in spelling lists. Children are expected to read daily for between 15 minutes to half an hour, at home with an adult. Learning of multiplication facts (timetables) will be ongoing. Maths Passports can be supported at home.</p>

Text messages

Later this year we will switch from our text messaging service 'Teachers2Parents' to the free ParentHub app. To continue to receive messages please download and register on the app. Details on the next page.



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Instructions for Parents



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Fridays

Kick London will be in this Friday so children in Y2-6 need to come into school in their PE kit. This is one of their weekly PE sessions so they also need to have kit in school. Y1 need kit in school but EYFS children do not. Y4 children will be swimming this year starting with 4M on Monday 16th. 4S swim on Wednesdays starting 18th. If you can help walk the children to and from the swimming pool please speak to the class teachers or email reply@smi.hounslow.sch.uk with Swimming as the subject.

