

St Mary's Isleworth

With Christ in our hearts we reach out to others

Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

“Dear brothers and sisters: let us put the Living One at the centre of our lives. Let us ask for the grace not to be carried by the current, the sea of our problems; the grace not to run aground on the shoals of sin or crash on the reefs of discouragement and fear. Let us seek him in all things and above all things. With him, we will rise again.” Pope Francis Easter 2019.

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a great break. We were blessed with the weather over the Easter weekend and for the first day back too. Let's hope it bodes well for the rest of the term. I feel an immense sense of pride on the first back back seeing all of the children looking so ready to come back to school and so neat in their summer uniforms. It's summer uniform from now until Oct half term please: www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/_Media/uniform-policy.pdf.

Sundries Fund 2018-2019

A huge thank you to all of you who contributed to the 2018-2019 fund in total £17469 was raised. This money goes directly into the curriculum allocation and is 100% spent on resources for children. In 2018-2019 we spent £6031 on maths resources, £10989 was spent on books, paper, pencil, rubbers and so on. We spent £1000 on the library to update books. In total we spend just under £44000 on curriculum resources. Your contribution to this pot has ensured that we can keep providing the children and the teachers with all of the equipment they need to learn. Thank you again! The Sundries fund for 2019-2020 (April 2019 to April 2020) will open this week so that you can continue to support the school in this vital way. There have been changes to the funding we receive since last year's crisis but the school cuts website (<https://schoolcuts.org.uk/schools/?chosenSchool=3133504>) is still indicating that we will still be losing £150 per child. In order to mitigate this loss the suggested donation via the 2019-2020 Sundries fund (payable via ParentPay) will be £150. Last year some parents asked to be able to pay more and so you can pay more if you wish. You can make regular or one off payments. Thank you in advance.

New Menu

The summer/autumn menu is now being served. This menu can be see here: <http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/letters-and-updates/april-october-menu.pdf>. It will continue until half term of the autumn term.

ABSENCE REPORTING

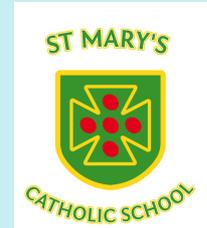
Please use the form on the school's homepage to report your child's absence. Don't email the school office.

FAQS

If you have questions you'd like answered please email them in and we'll consider adding them to the FAQS section of the website.

TERM DATES

Click here: <http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/about-us--maintenance-fund/about-us--dates.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>

View the school calendar on our website.

School Closure (what happens if)

If the school needs to close or cannot be opened a text message would be sent to parents and a message would be uploaded to our homepage.

Learning at Home

Our trial of the Reach Academy history and geography continues this term. History topic knowledge planners for this half of term are on the class pages of the website (Y2-6). Approx 50% of the content the children cover in class in history comes from these planners so they are a great way for you to know what's going on and get involved. Year 1 have lesson maps, also on their class pages, which will tell you a bit about the learning. Summer term newsletters will be uploaded too as will the medium term outlines (over the next fortnight) which will give you curriculum coverage in all areas for this term.

100% Attendance Badges for the Spring Term

A list of children who achieved 100% attendance for the spring term will be included in a future newsletter. These children will receive their badges at an upcoming assembly.

School Calendar

Our online calendar is updated regularly by the school office staff to view it click here: www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/calendar.html.

School Productions

Now that we are 2 forms of entry all of the way through the school I have looked again at productions and assemblies across all of the year groups. At St Mary's children take part in a production once each year (R,1,2,3&4 at Christmas), Y5 at Easter and Y6 in the summer term. Y5 also prepare and run the EYFS sports day in the summer term.

After considering our ongoing work in addressing workload and well-being I have decided that as of this year Y5 will no longer put on a leavers' assembly. I've taken this decision in order to streamline the frequency of performances and ensure that teachers can focus on the core purpose of the school. I understand that this will be a disappointment but I hope you understand. The Y6 production this year will be Aladdin.

