

# St Mary's Isleworth

With Christ in our hearts we reach out to others

**St Richard Reynolds: Pray for us! Blessed John Haile: Pray for us!**

## The English Martyrs

On 4 May 1535 at Tyburn in London the Parish Priest of Isleworth, Blessed John Haile, and St Richard Reynolds, the confessor at Syon Abbey were killed. They were the first of many martyrs of the English Reformation. Of these martyrs, forty-two have been canonized, and a further 242 have been declared Blessed; but the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for their faith cannot now be reckoned. The persecution lasted a hundred and fifty years and left a permanent mark on English culture: to this day Catholics continue to suffer certain minor disabilities under English law.

The martyrs celebrated today came from every walk of life. There were rich and poor; married and single; men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

From 2001, there are also celebrated on this day the forty martyrs of England and Wales who were canonized on 25 October 1970 and formerly celebrated on that day. They include Saints Cuthbert Mayne, John Houghton, Edmund Campion, and Richard Gwynn, as well as Saints John Roberts and Ambrose Barlow from the Benedictine monastery of St Gregory at Douay (now at Downside Abbey in Somerset).

## Friday Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning and parent work shop on healthy eating and oral health from 9-10am on Friday 10th May in the small hall. All are welcome!

## Walk to School Week

We'll be keeping walk to school week from Monday 20th May. Debra the Zebra will be visiting the children on Friday 24th May and there will be a breakfast for walkers, scooterists and cyclists on Thursday 23rd.

### ABSENCE REPORTING

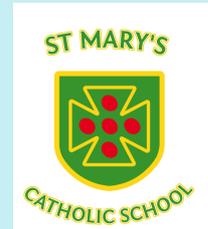
**Please use the form on the school's homepage to report your child's absence. Don't email the school office.**

### 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](http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk)

**Pay and book meals at:**

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**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.

### Message from Chair of Governors

Following the note on the Sundries Fund in last week's newsletter it is appropriate to provide some supplementary information at the start of this new financial year. School funding nationally is causing great anxiety to governors and head teachers. Government funding to schools is provided as a payment for each pupil but this has not increased in line with inflation in recent years. Government is imposing additional costs on schools, such as increased National Insurance Contribution and employer pension contribution, and approving pay awards for staff. Many of these have not been funded by the Government whilst others have been funded but only until March 2020, with no promise of funding beyond that date.. Pay awards are now expected again with no commitment by government to provide funding. The school cuts website provides an assessment of the possible consequences; <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/schools/?chosenSchool=3133504>.

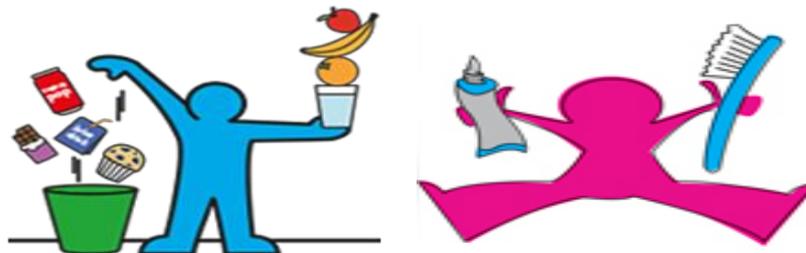
At St Mary's through careful budget management by governors and judicious use of resources by the head teacher, and significant support from parents through direct giving and the PTA – for which sincere thanks – recent annual budgets have been balanced. The aim this year is again to balance the budget but, in the light of the new costs and currently a prospect of no increase in funding, we will have to keep the budget under careful review. Our priority remains the education of our children, and we will attempt to avoid any changes which detract from that. I repeat our appreciation of all the financial contributions you have made and we hope you will continue to make. *Jim Park*



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## Free Healthy Eating & Oral Health Parent Sessions



This informal group-based parent/carer session will give you information, knowledge and ideas on how to make healthier choices for your child and family.

You will explore different facts about food, with tips to make healthier choices creating a balanced diet using tooth-friendly food and drinks, as well as advice on tooth brushing and visiting the dentist.

The session will last approximately one hour and you will receive a **free toothbrush pack for your child**.

**Location: St Mary's Small Hall**

**Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Time: 9am to 10am**



## CLASS ATTENDANCE

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

	2R	98.33%
	2C	96.67%
	3F	96.43%
Our attendance target is 96%	4M	95.16%
	4S	95.00%
	5O	94.64%
	DOLPHINS	94.58%
	3M	93.75%
	6A	93.75%
	1L	93.33%
	6E	92.74%
	LLAMAS	91.67%
	5S	91.52%
	SQUIRRELS	91.35%
	1T	82.50%

### Attendance

Attendance for the first week back is much lower than usual. I will investigate whether this is due to authorised absence for those children who have 97% attendance or over (during the attendance trial I am continuing to run I will authorise up to 5 days an academic year) and I will also consult with the other local Catholic schools to see if they had similar attendance percentages. At first glance there seems to be an unusually high amount of illness. Education Welfare Guidelines tell us to use all available evidence when deciding on the reason for absence. For instance if you're on holiday and your child, on returning to school, tells us or their classmates that you've been on holiday in term time but you've told us they were off sick we can take what the child says and record the absence as unauthorised rather than illness. We don't do this as it seems to me to do this might encourage some parents to put more pressure on their children to lie to their teachers. I'd like to suggest that you are honest with us and tell us if your child has been on a term time holiday - even if it's not authorised. As the saying goes - "tell the truth and shame the devil!".

### Social Media and WhatsApp

I included a section on WhatsApp groups in a recent newsletter. It saddens me to hear that parents are still discussing each other and other children on social media and WhatsApp. **From this weekend we will no longer respond to parent requests for information, about other parents or other children, related to items or threads which have been posted on parent WhatsApp or social media.**

Please don't join WhatsApp groups and if you are a member of a school/year group/class group please leave the group. **Remember that the law says that any member of the group is jointly responsible for what is posted in the group.** At the earliest opportunity I will be reviewing the Home School Agreement and will be looking to see, that moving forward, it contains a commitment that parents do not discuss staff, other peoples' children or each other - face to face, online or on social media. We offer a number of ways that parents/carers can contact the school if they have any concerns or issues they wish to discuss. We advise parents/carers to make an appointment to discuss any concerns with the appropriate staff rather than express their feelings through social media. The school does not use social media to resolve school matters, preferring to direct parents/carers to the correct channels within school which promote face to face discussion.

### 100% for the Spring Term

Well done to all those children who achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term. Their names are further down this newsletter. They will receive their badges at the **Achievement Award Assembly on Monday 13th May**. Children with awards should bring them in on the day to share.

**SQUIRRELS**

Lukasiak Viktor  
Quainoo Sophia

**DOLPHINS**

Manikon Benjamin  
Obinna Kensey  
Pereira Emily

**LLAMAS**

Corscadden Oisin  
Gale Harrison  
Maher Isabella  
McGinley Constance  
Myrie Emily  
Piwowar Mateusz  
Robinson Elijah

**1L**

Albanese Sebastian  
Atille Francesca  
Baines Elis  
Davies Matilda  
Gawley Isla  
Menzies Jeremy  
Morgan Holly  
Ndee Elizabeth  
Robinson Anthony  
Soboyejo Adepeju  
Tanner Callum

**1T**

Bhatti Riya  
Carvalho Frontoura Mariana  
Griffin Alannah  
Haddad Nicole  
Kamanga Isabella  
Lapastora Ellie  
Mee Thomas

**2C**

Bober Nicola  
De Santana Silva Ricardo  
Gluszko Liam  
Knight Ciara  
Korus Kasper  
Lennon Erin

**4S**

Araujo Veronica  
Lennon Francis  
Mehtani Manan  
O'Sullivan Callan  
Samuel Sophie  
Stanisz Jakub

**2R**

Cadavid Moreno Christopher  
Czuper Dominik  
Foley Mya  
Giles Lucy  
Gosling Samuel  
Lyp Nicola  
McGlew Tadhg  
McKeever Flynn  
Pilecka Gosia  
Screen Jeffrey  
Sultan Hayden

**3F**

Crawford Elsie  
Dela Cruz Kate  
Hopkins O'Rourke Frankie  
Marshall Preston  
Robinson Molly  
Vinnell Oliver

**3M**

Baker Arthur  
Costa Roseann  
Faulkner Elsie  
Howson Samuel  
Quainoo Lauren  
Rehu-Ormsby Ava  
Robinson Arabella  
Samuel Hannah  
Sergiou Efrosini  
Tomkins Alexander

**4M**

Dabre Ian  
Davies George  
D'Souza Matthew  
Haddad Daniel  
Kamanga Jane  
Lapastora Sebastian  
Phillips Emanuel  
Smela Nicola

**5O**

Bober Claudia  
Cabral Joshua  
Claude Marina  
Consiglieri Olivia  
Crawford Isla  
Da Costa Lynsey  
Gosling Brendan  
Malek Anna  
Powell Perpetua  
Tanner Leo  
Tidon Jose  
Wisniewski Filip

**5S**

Atille Sophia  
Brito Lobato Lenny  
Celinska Klaudia  
Douglas Oran  
Gotfryd Amelia  
Kryston Nikola  
Warcaba Max

**6A**

Bale Evelyn  
Cuba Cayro Angela  
Diby Emmanuela  
Freitas Daniel  
Gutteridge Eva  
Kocela William  
Lennon Joseph  
McKeever Darcey  
Telford Jessica  
Vinnell Natalia  
Wolczynska Julia  
Zafar Anisa

**6E**

Butler Sophia  
Jaison Daniel  
Kicka Maria  
Russell James