

## St. Mary's CE Primary School

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### TERM DATES School Year 2017- 2018

#### Spring Term

##### INSET DAY

Tuesday 2nd January 2018  
(no children in school)

##### First day of Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

##### Half Term

Monday 12th February - 16th  
February 2018

##### INSET DAY

Monday 19th February 2018  
(no children in school)

##### End of Term

Thursday 29th March

#### Summer Term

##### INSET DAY

Monday 16th April 2018  
(no children in school)

##### First day of Term

Tuesday 17th April 2018

##### Bank Holiday

Monday 7th May 2018  
(no children in school)

##### Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st  
June 2018

##### End of Term

Friday 20th July 2018

# IN TOUCH



Friday 16th March

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Thank you all for engaging with us during Progress in Learning Meetings this week. It has been great to see Parent/Carers in school and we hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and found the meetings useful in terms of the next steps for your child's learning.

I would like to remind all Year Six parents who have a state maintained secondary school place that they are **not** going to take up, to let the Local Authority know as soon as possible so that the place can be given to another child/family. If you have a child in Year Six, please do let us know as soon as you have decided upon your child's secondary placement. Secondary schools will be contacting us shortly to start to arrange transition activities and it would be useful to know who is going where so that we can be sure that we are liaising with the correct schools.

Overall, whole school attendance has fallen recently. Can I ask for your help in trying to get this back up to outstanding levels over the next term? I would remind you that unless your child has a serious health issue, they should be in school. I would also ask parents in Year Five to try to attend secondary school open days at the weekends and in the evenings, *wherever they can*. My thanks to you all in advance.

Year Six have been on their bikes this week as they have been taking part in Cycling Proficiency lessons which culminate in a final assessment and hopefully a certificate of proficiency for all of the participating children.

Year Three went off to The Science Museum on Tuesday of this week. Thanks to Miss Barrett, Miss Ford and all of the parents who supported the trip. Whilst Year Three were extending their scientific learning, half of Year Four were up at St. Mary's Church for Godly Play. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for continuing to arrange this opportunity to explore Bible stories and our own faith and spirituality in this way.

Thank you to all Year Five parents for entering into the spirit of Victorian Day in Year Five. It is disappointing that almost all of the children had to receive the cane today, but I am pleased to report that none of them had to be sent to my office for a 'special Head Teacher caning'! Thanks to Mrs Rinaldi and Mrs Khatib for organising the day and for being great sports!

Thanks to Mr Ellis for organising an afternoon of Year Four sports with Holy Ghost this afternoon. The rain held off and both schools enjoyed competing and taking part together!

Until next week, have a snow free weekend! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher



Lee Barnes will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon on Sunday 25 March, **to raise money for Shooting Star Hospice in memory of Emilie Kwan.**

If you would be kind enough to consider donating, it would be most appreciated.



**Shooting Star Chase**  
Children's Hospice Care



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