

# St. Mary's CE Primary School

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## TERM DATES

**School Year  
2018- 2019**

### Autumn Term

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

(no children in school)

#### **First day of Term**

Wednesday 5th September  
2018

#### **Half Term**

Monday 22nd October - Friday

26th October 2018

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 29th October 2018

(no children in school)

#### **End of Term**

Friday 21st December 2018

### Spring Term

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 7th January 2019

(no children in school)

#### **First day of Term**

Tuesday 8th January 2019

#### **Half Term**

Monday 18th February - Friday

22nd February 2019

#### **End of Term**

Friday 12th April 2019

### Summer Term

#### **First day of Term**

Monday 29th April 2019

Bank Holiday: 6th May 2019

#### **Half term**

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st

May 2019

#### **Last Day of Term**

19th July 2019

#### **INSET DAY**

Monday 22nd July

# IN TOUCH

Friday 7th September

# WELCOME BACK

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We have had a very happy and positive start to the new school year. Welcome back to those families who are established and to those of you who are new to St. Mary's, we extend a warm greeting from all of us. It's been so lovely to be back and to see all of you again after the break.

At the beginning of every year we are always delighted to welcome new children and adults to the school. I would therefore, like to welcome Camilla in Year Three, Miss McCrone our new Physical Education Teacher, Madame Goalen our new French Teacher and Miss James our new Reception Class Teaching Assistant. Miss Cairns—our Reception Teacher—was married over the summer break and is now Mrs Davidson. We wish her and her new husband much happiness in their life together.

This week our new Nursery and Reception children and their parents have been into St. Mary's to meet their teachers and see where their classrooms are and what they are like. From Monday the children will begin to come into school in small groups until they are all in school at the same time the week after next.

A letter should have come to all parents via ParentMail about Meet the Teacher meetings, which start next week. Some of you have already returned your reply slips—thank you very much!

We have our first Key Stage Two Communion Service with our new incumbent Reverend John Whittaker, next Tuesday (11th) at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to join us. I will be sending home a list of Key Dates for the year very soon. Please put them somewhere safe!

Some of the Key Stage Two Choir are off to rehearse at St. George's Church next week for their performance in the Thames Festival Kids' Choir. All families are welcome at the Scoop for the performance on Sunday 16th September at 1pm. The performance is due to last roughly an hour. Further information for those children who are involved is coming home today.

Just a reminder that parents are always welcome at Friday morning Worship at 9.15am. Next Friday (14th) will be one of our monthly celebration assemblies in which we share in our children's accomplishments in and outside of school. All parents welcome—please enter via the Charlwood Road gate. If you have certificates or awards for this assembly, please pass them to the school office.

Finally just a few reminders for the year. The school handbook will be coming to you all via email next week but until then can I ask you to support our aims and ethos by ensuring your child:

- has a full and good night's sleep
- is on time for school each day
- attends school every day unless they are unwell or observing the 48 hour rule
- is supported in their learning and well-prepared for each school day
- is wearing the correct uniform which is well labelled, preferably with stitched labels
- shows a growing independence to look after their belongings, resisting the urge to deliver forgotten items during the day
- has their PE kit in school every day
- is picked up from school on time at the end of every school day

I know you share our aspirations for your children and would encourage all parents to contact their child's class teacher (in the first instance) immediately if they have any concerns or queries as to their child's education or well-being here at St. Mary's.

I wish you all a very happy and productive 2018-19 and look forward to working with you all. We'll see you all on Monday—have a restful weekend!

Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

