

## St. Mary's CE Primary School

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### TERM DATES

**School Year  
2018- 2019**

#### Autumn Term

##### **INSET DAYS**

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

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

Wednesday 5th September

##### **Half Term**

Monday 22nd October -

Friday 26th October

##### **INSET DAY**

Monday 29th October

##### **End of Term**

Friday 21st December

#### Spring Term

##### **INSET DAY**

Monday 7th January 2019

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

Tuesday 8th January

##### **Half Term**

Monday 18th February -

Friday 22nd February

##### **End of Term**

Friday 12th April

#### Summer Term

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

Monday 29th April

Bank Holiday: 6th May

##### **Half term**

Monday 27th May -

Friday 31st May

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

19th July 2019

# IN TOUCH

Friday 21st September



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It's been a wonderfully busy week here at St. Mary's—the Autumn Term is well and truly in full swing!

I'd like to say a big thank you Mrs Le Prevost for inviting 'Sound Steps' into school on Monday to talk to children in Key Stage 1 and 2 about group keyboard lessons that are available in Putney.

I was at Chesterton Primary earlier in the week to watch a fantastic Maths Mastery lesson. Wandsworth has been part of the Maths Hubs a national initiative funded by the DfE, and I am delighted that we are going to be taking part this year. The Maths Mastery approach is based on pedagogy used in parts of the world such as Singapore and Shanghai where children achieve well—particularly in Mathematics—in their PISA tests. The approach is based on microsteps of learning where children spend much longer exploring concepts over longer periods of time so that their learning is embedded. I was blown away by the lesson I saw at Chesterton where all of the children were highly engaged and learning extremely effectively regardless of their ability. I'm really excited that we are going to be taking part in this project this year - watch this space for more news...

The first meeting of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will take place next week, where we will be planning and talking about the work that we will be doing in our school this year. As part of that work, I was delighted to see Diversity Role Models in school on Wednesday and Thursday. The charity have worked with us for the last four years as part of our celebration of diversity and relationships education, helping us to learn about different relationships, to celebrate love and to remind us that we need to show respect for other people's views and life choices, regardless of our own.

Clubs started this week, I would like to say a very big thank you to the whole staff team, to parents and volunteers who give up their free time so that our children can benefit from a range of extra curricular activities. There have been a few teething problems with a few clubs, some are hugely oversubscribed, please bear with us while we iron these out and try to increase our provision as far as possible.

Year 6 sat the Wandsworth Test yesterday. There was an air of quiet concentration on the upstairs corridor and all children gave of their best. Parents will be sent results as soon as we are aware we have received these in school.

Cake Sales have begun this week. A huge thank you to the Year Six class reps for getting the ball rolling. Apologies for the lack of clarity around FoSMs and the Bicentenary. I am aiming to meet with all class reps very soon to get FoSMs events up and running. One or two people have responded to my letter about the vacant FoSMs Vice Chair role on which I hope to have some news soon. A group of parents have been, and continue to work very hard on preparations for the bicentenary—my sincere thanks to all. I would especially like to thank Lucie Butterworth, Bethan Deakins and Viera Ghods for their hard work in compiling the initial message and information about our Bicentenary which will come out to all of you in due course.

As I write, Year 2 are at the Florence Nightingale Museum, to support their learning in their 'People of the Past' topic. It was lovely to see so many famous people in school last week (when Year 2 dressed up as famous people of the past) during the Year 2 Entry Point.

It's the first Key Stage 2 Choir practice this evening. Having sung in the Kids Choir at the Thames Festival last Sunday (photo below), we are now turning our attention to the Young Voices Concert at the O2 in 2019!

What ever you are doing this weekend—have fun and we'll see you all again on Monday for some more learning and fun!  
Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher



*Some children from the St. Mary's Key Stage 2 Choir sing in the Kids' Choir at The Scoop (outside City Hall) as part of the Thames Festival last weekend.*