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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 9th November



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What a fantastic event we had at the Church last Friday evening. I would like to say a very special thank you to Ted Wainman for organising such a fabulous occasion. It was lovely to see old and new faces and I hope a good time was had by all. I would also like to thank Mike for all of his support; Guy, Sally and Anne for a great bar; DJ Phil for making the Church look even more marvellous than it already does and trying to meet everyone's music requests; and Lucie, Viera, Linda and Bethan for lots of work behind the scenes in shaping the vision and the way forward for our upcoming Bicentenary. If that was the launch, I can't wait for the year ahead! I would also like to thank Mr Lett, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Thomas who are staff Bicentenary leads for all of the hard work they have done in getting to this point in planning for the year ahead!

On to this week in school... Many thanks to Reverend Whittaker who led us through the act of remembrance during worship this morning. It has been lovely to see John twice this week, as he was also in school on Wednesday to lead KS2 Holy Communion. Earlier in the week we were thinking about St. Francis of Assisi—John's favourite Saint—and this morning John prompted us to think about the sheer number of and different groups of people (and animals) who have given their lives in conflict. Children across the school led us in prayer and we enjoyed a respectful two minutes silence as part of our service.

Many thanks to Mrs Livingstone who arranged Tuesday's Learn to Love to Read Workshop for parents. The workshop was very well attended and I hope it was useful to those who were able to come.

Year Six have been to The Crystal on a trip out of school this week. The children said they enjoyed learning a lot about the most sustainable structure in London which links to their Topic 'Full Power' about energy. The children were telling me that the building took 18 months to build!

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed items to today's MUFTI Day, in support of our upcoming Christmas Fair.

This afternoon there is a FoSMS Meeting in the Hall at 2.15pm—I look forward to seeing the Class Representatives there—but all are welcome—please enter via Charlwood Road.

Finally this week, it is Year One's Cake Sale—please support their fundraising in the playground after school.

Looking ahead to next week, it is National Anti-Bullying Week. I will be writing to you all next week to inform you about the school's work in this area and what we have planned for the year ahead. As a result of a pupil survey, we tend not to mark Anti-Bullying Week all in one go on one week of the year. We prefer to spread it across three days—one in each term—in order to make sure that we are all thinking about how we can work to reduce bullying in our school more regularly over time. More information to follow...

What ever you are doing this weekend, I am sure many of you will be taking part in acts of remembrance near and far, what ever your plans—I hope you find time for some rest and relaxation. Christmas is coming...

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher