

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES School Year 2020-21

Autumn Term

Half Term:
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

INSET Day:
Monday 2nd November
Last day of Term:
Friday 18th December

Spring Term

INSET Day:
Monday 4th January

First day of Term:
Tuesday 5th January

Half Term:
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

INSET Day:
Monday 22nd February
Last day of Term:
Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day:
Monday 19th April

First day of Term:
Tuesday 20th April

Bank Holiday:
Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term:
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Last Day of Term:
Friday 23rd July

Whole School Attendance 2020-21

Week beginning	Percentage
03/09	93.4%
07/09	96.6%
14/09	92.8%
21/09	97.0%
28/09	98.2%
05/10	91.7%
12/10	98.5%
19/10	
Total:	97.2%

IN TOUCH

Friday 16th October 2020

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

This week has flown by in the blink of an eye and with it comes the news that London is being moved to Tier Two. In terms of what we are doing in school, we do not need to change what we are currently doing. We have had our first question through the enquiries form on the website this week which is, given the change, should parents wear masks at pick up and drop off. The Tier Two (high) guidance says that face coverings should be worn inside where social distancing is difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet. The Tier Three (medium) guidance says the same. In answer to the question—although staff would appreciate anyone who feels they can wear a mask wearing one there is no expectation that parent/carers will wear a mask at pick up and drop off.

Earlier in the week we had a health and safety inspector in school who was looking at our COVID-19 risk assessment in particular. One thing they felt parent/carers could do was to limit contact with others when dropping off and picking up, especially where persons are from different households.

We recognise that the flu immunisations are scheduled much later in the year than usual. We have contacted the school nursing service who have said they have no earlier dates available for immunisation as they are prioritising children in secondary schools who are at greater risk from contracting and spreading viruses. The nursing service are booked solidly working their way through our local schools.

Many thanks to all of the parents who have contacted us in the last few weeks offering help and support in setting up and using Microsoft Teams. As you will see from the letter which came out yesterday, we are at the point where we are asking parent/carers to activate their child's school account. We are very grateful to all of those parent/carers who have been in contact to offer support and we will drop you a line to take you up on your offer if needed.

Quite a few parent/carers have asked what is happening with FoSMS and have put forward some great suggestions to keep our fundraising, in particular, going. I have been putting people in touch with a member of the committee but as many of you will know we are currently without a Chair. Is there anyone out there who would like to take on this role within FoSMS at the current time? Please get in touch if you think you have the capacity to take on this important role in bringing our community together.

Some of you have asked whether there will be a two week half term break, but we have no information at the moment and our half term, is as previously advertised:

26th-30th October!

Congratulations to Oliver in Year Two and Leo in Year Three who have been nominated for an endurance badge. I hope to get these to all recipients next week! One final reminder before I close that we will be returning to full school uniform expectations following half term, including black shoes.

Until next week, have a restful weekend,
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

This week's Family Point Totals:

GREEN
162

BLUE
175

YELLOW
185

RED
151

LEARNING WARRIORS

Nursery: Gabby for ADAPTABILITY and Isla for COOPERATION

Reception: Ethan for RESILIENCE and Francesca for COMMUNICATION

Year One: Eben for RESILIENCE and Allegra for RESPECT

Year Two: Ciaran for THOUGHTFULNESS and Harry for RESILIENCE

Year Three: Anna and for COOPERATION and Henry for COMMUNICATION

Year Four: Valerie for ENQUIRY and William for THOUGHTFULNESS

Year Five: Nabila for ENQUIRY and Elia for ADAPTABILITY

Year Six: Callum for ENQUIRY and James for COMMUNICATION



Well done to all of these children for developing key learning skills in their approach and attitude to school this week—keep up the excellent work!