

# St. Mary's CE Primary School

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## TERM DATES

School Year  
2017- 2018

### Autumn Term

#### INSET DAY

Monday 4th September 2017  
(no children in school)

#### First day of Term

Tuesday 5th September 2017

#### Half Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday  
27th October 2017

#### INSET DAY

Monday 30th October  
(no children in school)

#### End of Term

Wednesday 20th December

### 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 15th September 2017



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I was impressed with all of the children taking part in the Thames Festival Kids' Choir on Wednesday. They did us all proud at the massed rehearsal and have obviously made a huge effort to learn all of their song words. I look forward to seeing them all outside City Hall at 10am on Sunday, in school uniform, prepared for the weather, with a packed lunch! I hope that those families involved will really enjoy the event and we will see you again at 2pm outside City Hall when the Choir have finished singing. All families are very welcome to come and hear the Choir from 1pm at The Scoop on the South Bank on Sunday and this edition of In Touch contains further information on another Thames Festival event happening on Sunday. I would like to say a very big thank you to Miss Overton for coming with us on Wednesday. We are glad she enjoyed singing along with us!

I hope that all parents with children in Years One to Six have enjoyed this week's Meet the Teacher meetings and found them useful. We would be grateful to receive any feedback that you may have. I am aware that a few parents are finding child care difficult during school events. We would like to be able to support parents more in this way, but due to continuing budget cuts we don't have the man power to support in the way we would like. I am wondering if there are any parents who would be willing to volunteer to run a crèche during some school events? If you would be interested, please let me know on the gate in the morning or drop me a line by email letter or telephone.

Huge thanks to Reverend Laura Fawcett and Pastoral Assistants James and Steve for a wonderful Key Stage Two Communion on Wednesday. During the service, Laura led us in the story of Zacchea a young school girl who stole others sweets which reminded us of a bible story we had read earlier in the week! In worship, we have been looking at how we welcome others as well as ensuring we plant the advice/seeds we are given on good soil. This coming week we will be looking at the challenges and benefits of competition.

It was lovely to see many of you at our celebration assembly this morning. New (and old) parents, you are very welcome to join us every Friday at 9.15am for collective worship. We have celebration assemblies about once a month and we appreciate that not all parents will be able to attend every assembly/celebration assembly, but want to ensure you all feel very welcome to attend if you can!

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that they are also welcome at the FoSMS Welcome Tea/AGM event on Friday 22nd September at 2pm. We are holding this during the day where previously we have held this in the evening. We have struggled with attendance at the AGM over the last few years and so we are going to try something new in an effort to bolster attendance. I know there will be a few of you who would like to attend who will be unable to. I'm really sorry about this, but I hope that you will continue to champion and support the invaluable work that FoSMS do at St. Mary's. As always, please do see me if you would like to discuss this further.

Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

### MAIN OFFICE ENTRY DOOR

Can we please ask that when visiting the school office that you press the entry buzzer and **before** trying to open the door to please **wait for the office to release the door locking system**. Excessive force and pulling the door before the opening is released has caused breakage and costly repairs.

### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers who supported children in school with reading last year, if you would like to continue doing likewise this year please let Mrs Livingstone know via sign up in the office (include your availability and which classes your child/ren are in/ mobile number). Many thanks!



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