

## 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 December 2017

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Well, it's the last In Touch of 2017! It certainly has come around very quickly... Nursery have been very busy this week, not content to wind things down in the final full week of half term, they have been taking their first school trip out to the post box and they have held their end of topic exit points. Year Two and Year One have also held exit points this week, Year One's is still to come this afternoon when parents will be treated to a session on 'Let's Celebrate Celebrations!'

The Key Stage One Choir visited the Platt Centre to sing carols on Monday and some members of the Key Stage Two Choir joined with the Choir of All Saints Primary to sing at the Parish Christmas lunch. Many thanks to Mrs Le Prevost for organising this and to Mrs Bishop for helping the Key Stage Two Choir on Wednesday at the Church. We're sorry you got so wet on the way back!

Our governing body met on Tuesday evening for the last full meeting of the term. Our governors will meet again in March but the Committees and Faith Group will swing into action as soon as we return in January. Many thanks to all of our governors and volunteers who support the school in this vital way. We are very grateful for all the time and effort that you put in.

We had our last Celebration Assembly of the term this morning, our Collective Worship theme, as we continue to work through the A to Z of Advent, was 'U is for Unexpected'. We watched 'An Unexpected Christmas' a short film by St. Paul's Church, Auckland, New Zealand—it is well worth a watch if you haven't seen it! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TM1XusYVqNY>.

It was also lovely to see the range of activities that St. Mary's children are involved in outside school as well as celebrating their many achievements in school. Of course the highlight was the presentation of the Dad's Football Cup, which this year went to the Year Six team who presented a match report of their efforts! Huge thanks to all of the parents who are involved in this tournament, we are very grateful for the funds it raises for our Sport Days every year.

Looking ahead to next week, we have West End in Schools here on Monday afternoon to perform this year's FoSM's Christmas treat, 'Cinderella'. A very big thank you to FoSMs—we are really looking forward to a Christmas pantomime!

On Tuesday morning, we have our Christmas Service, 9.45am at St. Mary's Church. The children are performing 'Christmas Around the World' this year and I for one am very much looking forward to seeing it! We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

On Wednesday we will all be donning our MUFTI and Christmas jumpers in aid of local homeless charity 'Glass Door'. We will be enjoying what promises to be another delicious Christmas dinner before school finishes at 2.30pm.

I'm sure I will see many of you before then, but if I don't may I wish you a very joyful Christmas and a happy 2018! See you in January! Let's hope it warms up a bit!

Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

### **ELECTRONIC PACT BOOK FEEDBACK**

Many thanks to all those who replied to our survey regarding how you prefer to communicate with your class teacher. 85% prefer using the new electronic PACT email system with only 15% wanting to continue with the old red PACT book system.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property box is, once again, very full! Can we ask that everyone checks for any items they may have lost before the end of term please.

Remaining items at the end of term will be donated to our second hand uniform. PLEASE REMEMBER to ensure your child/s uniform is labelled correctly so we can return lost items promptly please!

