

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 5th October



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Dear Parent/s and Carer/s

It has been another fun packed and busy week of learning here at St Mary's.

With any school community there are always friends and colleagues coming and going. This week we said a sad good bye to Ms Jennifer Martin our Nursery Teaching Assistant, who is moving on to pastures new undertaking a business apprenticeship. The children and staff wished her all the best for the future, gave her cards and gifts then followed with many children praying for her during our act of Worship on Tuesday.

It's not all sad news though as this week saw a number of new members of staff and volunteers starting at St Mary's. Welcome back to Hana Kasa and Dorothy Chan who are here until Christmas to obtain work experience for their studies. We are very pleased to have Ann Burfitt and Mr John supporting learning both in and outside the classroom, both of whom are also here to gain valuable experience working in a school setting.

Tuesday staff meeting was led by our Bicentennial staff committee (Mr Lett, Mrs Thomas and Mrs McCarthy). They shared the exciting plans to mark the 200th Anniversary of our school. For someone who has worked here since the times of Noah, I was surprised to hear that St Mary's is actually the oldest school in Putney! Just goes to show that we never stop learning! Further information about dates and celebrations will be sent home soon, but a quick heads up to keep Friday 2nd November free in your diaries when the launch takes place in the evening. Watch this space!

Thursday saw our football and netball teams venturing up to Dover House Road to take part in the PPSSA tournaments, with many of our neighbouring schools in Putney. Well done to our teams for great team work. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Naughton and to Mr Lett for giving up their time to accompany and support the children, without whom these events would not take place.

Throughout the week there has been the most wonderful sound of music and singing across the school as our children prepared for the Harvest service. I never get tired of listening to children singing, especially such positive and uplifting numbers. The results of such preparations were beautifully showcased during our Harvest service today at St. Mary's church. A huge thank you to all of the staff for preparing, what was a superb range of contributions and of course to our amazing children who led us confidently through our service sharing much joy and laughter as they went! Many thanks to Revd. John Whittaker who shared a thought and blessing that brought our service to a close. It was amazing to see such generosity on our virtual altar of much needed donations for the Wandsworth Food Bank. If you haven't donated already you still have time as Dan from the food bank won't be collecting until late Monday morning.

Finally Miss Payne and Mrs Bishop have been greatly missed these last two days during their time at the Southwark Diocese Board of Education's conference. Before leaving a challenge was given to the children to sing so loud at the Harvest Service that their voices would be heard in Canterbury (where the conference was being held). I hope you agree that the children did a sterling job and would have made Miss Payne very proud indeed.

Wishing you a restful weekend whatever you are doing and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday morning bright and breezy, ready for learning.

Mrs Livingstone