

# St. Mary's CE Primary School

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## TERM DATES

**School Year  
2018- 2019**

### Autumn Term

#### **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 23rd November



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Huge thanks to all of the staff team who have organised and led our school journeys this week. Mrs Bishop, Mrs Rinaldi, Ms. Overton, Mr Lett and Mrs O'Connell, you have our very sincere thanks for giving up your free time with loved ones to ensure that we have been able to enjoy two fabulous trips this week. I hope that all of our Year Five and Six pupils have had a fabulous time and that they sleep well over the weekend! I am looking forward to hearing all about it.

Next Thursday at 2.45pm we have what we call our Wider Opportunities Concert where our Year Two and Three children will be showing off all that they have learned in their recorder and flute lessons. All parent and carers are welcome, please enter via the Charlwood Road gate.

Next Friday is a Celebration assembly where we invite all of our school community to join us for worship from 9.15am. Again, please enter via Charlwood Road. We will be turning on our Christmas tree lights and looking at the wonderful decorations that the children have been busy making as well as celebrating all of our pupils' achievements in and out of school. At the moment our Early Years pupils are not joining us for worship as they are benefitting from separate worship sessions which are shorter and more closely tailored to their needs.

Also next week we have our Progress in Learning meetings, or parents evenings, where all parent/carers are invited into school to look at their child's work and touch base with their child's teacher. Coming out of these meetings, parents should have a clear picture of where their child's attainment rests in comparison to age related expectations and what, if any, support is needed to ensure that all of our children reach their full potential this year.

Whole school attendance figures continue to look really excellent and are higher than at the same point last year. I should point out that these include statutory pupils only and therefore are a culmination of Year One to Six's attendance. I know attendance is sometimes a double edged sword, but I would like to thank all of you for your support in ensuring our school continues to be outstanding in all areas. Let's see if we can keep up the 98.6% until the end of the year!

For those of you who were not with us last year, you may have noticed that a plaque has gone up outside the entrance to the main school office. This plaque memorialises Emilie Kwan, pupil of St. Mary's, who lost her battle with Leukaemia last year. We all have very fond memories of a happy and tenacious young person and I am very grateful to artist Jo Veevers for capturing the essence of Emilie in her work. I hope that generations of St. Mary's pupils will be inspired by the plaque and the person that Emilie was.

We have also repaired and relocated another plaque in the school for former pupil Alex Wessell. This can now be seen from outside the Charlwood Road gate.

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Before I close, can I ask the driver of a black Volkswagen Passat registration LA12 ECN to make themselves known to me asap please? Many thanks.

It's Nursery's cake sale in the playground this evening. As our Year Sixes are travelling back from Surrey as I type, there is no Hand to Hand this evening.

Until next week, have a restful and warm weekend and we'll look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher

## Whole School Attendance 18-19

Week beginning	Percentage
03/09	99%
10/09	98.8%
17/09	98.5%
24/09	99.3%
01/10	98.7%
08/10	98.2%
15/10	98.4%
HALF TERM	
29/10	99.4%
05/11	98.9%
12/11	98.2%
19/11	98.6%