

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES School Year 2018-19

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 15th February 2019

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What a lovely sunny day on which to end the first half of the Spring Term!

There is an air of excitement in the air this week as we approach our week of celebrations in our Bicentennial year. As many of you will know, our school was founded on the 20th February 1819. With the 20th falling in half term—we have focussed our Birthday celebrations in the week beginning 25th February. There are many exciting events planned for this week—make sure you check the information which Mr Lett, our Bicentennial co-ordinator, has sent home and that you are all prepared for a very special week—especially the dress up day on the Wednesday!

It's not too late to book tickets for the Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church on Friday 1st March. The service will be led by Bishop Christopher and we look forward to celebrating with children, parents, staff and governors from the past and the present—as well as many special guests! I hope to see many of you there!

It's also not too late to bag yourself a ticket for the Bicentennial Ball on Saturday 2nd March. Please contact your FoSMS rep if you would like to purchase a ticket. It promises to be the hottest ticket of the season so don't miss out!

Attendance has taken a hit this week. Some children have experienced illness at the end of half term and it is understandable that they are absent from school, however many families have left early for holidays and planned to return later after half term. May we remind parents that all holidays and visits during term time are unauthorised and will appear as a 'G' code on your child's registration certificate. We appreciate those families who work with us, taking their holidays during planned holidays and supporting our efforts to make all areas of our school as outstanding as possible.

We are experiencing some problems with the front door. This door is extremely important as it keeps us all safe whilst we are at school. Can we ask everyone to wait until the door is released from its electromagnet before pulling on it to open it. The door should open soundlessly and if there is a loud clicking noise as it opens then you have yanked it off its magnet. Please refrain from doing this and in doing so, help to keep us all safe and secure!

Pupils who are currently in the KS2 Choir will be singing at the upcoming Bicentenary Service, but as we have completed our preparation and performance for Young Voices 2019, I am inviting children who would like to join us for the rest of the Spring and Summer Terms to sign up. Pupils who were members of the Choir in the Autumn will be given priority, but please let me know if you would like to be added to the waiting list as we do have some spaces. If we are oversubscribed names will be pulled out of a hat! Rehearsals start on Friday 8th March and will finish at 4.20pm.

I look forward to seeing you all in a week's time for what promises to be a very memorable week here at St. Mary's! Until then, have a restful week!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 18-19

Week beginning	Percentage
07/01	98.1%
14/01	98.5%
21/01	97.8%
28/01	97.7%
04/02	95.9%
11/02	93.7%
Overall	97.5%
HALF TERM	
25/02	
04/03	
11/03	
18/03	
25/03	
01/04	
08/04	