

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES School Year 2019-20

Autumn Term

Last Day of Term
20th December 2019

Spring Term

First day of Term
Tuesday 7th January 2020

Half Term

Monday 17th February to
Friday 21st February 2020

Last day of Term:

Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

First day of Term:
Monday 20th April 2020

Bank Holiday:

Friday 8th May 2020

Half Term:

Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May 2020

Last Day of Term:

Friday 17th July 2020

INSET Day:

Monday 20th July 2020

Whole School Attendance 19-20

Week beginning	Percentage
02/09	98.9%
09/09	96%
16/09	97.5%
23/09	99.3%
30/09	97.8%
07/10	97.2%
14/10	98%
HALF TERM	
28/10	99.2%
Overall	98.1%
ANNUAL TARGET 97%	

IN TOUCH

Friday 1st November 2019



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It's lovely to see you all on the return from the half term break, even if it is colder and darker than it was before! The children have had a positive return to school, and have got straight back down to working hard and giving of their best.

In Worship we have begun to prepare for Advent using the Welcome Baby Jesus resource which encourages us to 'Think, Pray and Act' on various reflections in the run up to Christmas. A booklet will be given to those children who have requested one, which will enable them to record the thoughts and prayers of each reflection as well as a recommended action to put the thought into practice. Some children will ask their parent/carers to initial the actions to say that they have completed it. Please see Miss Payne if you would like any further information.

Staff were in school on Monday this week carrying out their own learning around developing children's learning in reading and fostering inclusive and positive play at break times. As a result of this training we are hoping to increase the breadth of games that children are playing, encouraging them to be more imaginative in their play and less reliant on equipment.

Also this week, Mrs Bishop held a meeting on Wednesday evening for parents ahead of our Year Five and Year Six School Journey to Sayers Croft Environmental Field Centre later in November. I would like to say a very big thank you in advance to all of the staff team who are giving up time with family and friends to take the children on what will—I am sure—be a very memorable experience for them.

On Thursday Reception went to The Rose theatre in Kingston to see a performance of 'Oi Frog!' and Year Six welcomed a representative from Transport for London who conducted a workshop on safe travel ahead of their transfer to secondary school. Thankfully not for some time yet, but it is good to be prepared!

Today the children have had their flu immunisations, administered by a spray up the nose—I wish I could have had mine in the same format. Hopefully, it will keep the flu at bay and we will all have a very happy and healthy few months ahead.

Looking forward to next week, we have our progress in learning meetings for parents. This is a chance to touch base with your child's teacher to discuss how all of our wonderful children are getting on in school.

Year Three are off to Hampstead Heath for a spot of orienteering next Tuesday, we welcome Perform into school on Thursday to conduct drama workshops with children across the school and on Friday there will be a Celebration Worship—all welcome—from 9.15am in the hall. Please enter via Charlwood Road. It's a MUFTI day on Friday when we will be collecting items for the upcoming Christmas Fair. Please see FoSMS emails for more information.

Mrs Livingstone and I are heading to Canterbury on Wednesday evening until Friday afternoon for the annual Diocesan Board Conference and Mrs Bishop will be leading the school in our absence. Many thanks to her in advance. Until next week, I hope you have a restful weekend.

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher