

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%
04/11	98.2%
11/11	97.1%
Overall	98%
ANNUAL TARGET 97%	

IN TOUCH

Friday 15th November 2019



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Today, we have been supported—on our first Anti-Bullying day of the year—by Jemima and Rosie from Unique Voice. All of our children have taken part in a workshop with them and watched an extremely well written drama about Kate and Tammy's first few days at a new school or Lola and Taz's shell finding competition on Friendship Island. The piece made us think about celebrating who we are and how powerful we can be when we act to help others.

Children have been working on activities provided by Unique Voice with their class teachers and there have been some really interesting discussions around anti-bullying across the school. Many thanks to Jemima and Rosie and also our wonderful staff team who have worked hard with the children to examine some important themes.

As many of you know, we supported the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance earlier in the week by wearing odd socks to school on Tuesday. We raised an amazing £137.96! Thank you to everyone for joining in the fun and for supporting our chosen Anti-Bullying charity.

We were also fortunate to be joined by Reverend John on Monday, who led a thought provoking act of worship around the theme of remembrance. Children marked the two minutes silence and we listened to some well written poems from Salik and Gonzalo in Year Six. Many thanks to Reverend John for a lovely service and to the children for sharing their work.

Each week, we share the scores on the doors in relation to our attendance with you all. At the moment, our figures are looking pretty good, but we have already had a number of requests for absence during the last week or so of this term. Our unauthorised holiday absences were 13.7% compared to the national average of 8.6% last year and our medical and dental absences were 13.4% compared to a national figure of 5.3%. I appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to get medical appointments, but there are local weekend surgeries available now and so we ask wherever possible that parents try to make appointments outside of learning time. As we all know poor attendance is related to poor academic performance, and more importantly social and cultural development can be adversely affected. Thank you to all of our families who contribute to our positive attendance figures by reinforcing the value of going to school everyday with their children—it is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Livingstone and I really valued the time that we spent at the Head's Conference at the end of last week and it has given us much to think about for the future. It's lovely to have been away, but it is even better to be back! Many thanks to Mrs Bishop for leading in my absence.

Whatever you are doing, we hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday! Have a restful weekend,
Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

CHRISTMAS FAIR - JAM JARS

Please see information on our school website or on attached link :



<http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Issue-531-8th-November-2019-Christmas-Fair-jam-jar-flyer.pdf>

regarding the Christmas jam jar donations for this years - jam jar deadline is 29th November 2019.

Many thanks