

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

IN TOUCH

Friday 6th December 2019



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We were so fortunate to have a visit from Sparkle the elf this morning. As Father Christmas was unable to make it to the fair this evening (he is exceptionally busy this year making toys in his workshop) he sent one of his elves to see us. We really enjoyed her visit. She told us all about how Father Christmas manages to get all of the presents into the bag on his sleigh using magic and we all sang Jingle Bells so well that she has left us all a present. Children who are on the 'nice' list will be getting a gift to bring home from school next week! Huge thanks to Katie, our FoSMS Chair for organising this visit for us, we really enjoyed meeting Sparkle and hope she has got safely back to the North Pole to help Santa with all of his Christmas orders...

It's one of the highlights of the school calendar this evening, the Christmas Fair and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Don't forget to come along and purchase your child's class photo frame as well as lots of other goodies which are on sale. They'll be games, refreshments, Christmas ornaments and cakes, to mention but a few of the delights in store! Huge thanks to the fantastic fair team: Michelle, Katie, Fi and Lou as well as special mention to Sara, Angela and Sadia and all of the class reps who have organised their stalls and will be running them this evening. It promises to be another very Christmassy and magical event.

It is well and truly Christmas at St. Mary's. we have been lighting our Advent candles on our beautiful wreath, huge thanks to Mrs Abraham for organising this; and counting down the days until Christmas using our whole school Advent calendar in the Hall. Please do have a look as we open each door and see if your child's art work is there. Thank you to all of our children for the wonderful Advent pictures and the decorations which adorn our trees every year.

Year Six have been working hard to learn the very first St. Mary's Christmas Carol: It's Christmas Time at St. Mary's; which has been composed by a local composer, Richard Quesnel, especially for our Bicentenary Christmas celebrations. Year Six have written the lyrics and will perform it with Richard, the composer, for the very first time at our Christmas Service in St. Mary's Church on Thursday 19th December from 9.45am. All welcome!

Speaking of which, Year Six are in particularly fine voice this week as they have been singing carols in the Exchange to raise money for Health Poverty Action. Many thanks to Mrs LePrevost for preparing the children and organising this opportunity for them. Thank you to Mrs Bishop and Mrs Dias for their support.

Year Five have been at the National Gallery this week and feedback from gallery staff described them as the most well behaved group that have visited the National, which was really pleasing to hear—well done Year Five and huge thanks to the Year Five teaching team.

Thanks also to the Year Four Team and Mrs Thomas and the Year Two team for taking the children to the British Museum and to Southwark Cathedral respectively. Year Two's sculpture of Mary is now on display in the cathedral so keep your eyes peeled if you are visiting!

Only two more weeks left of the Autumn Term, so rest well this weekend and we'll see you on Monday!
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

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%
18/11	98.3%
25/11	98.4%
02/12	96.9%
Overall	98%
ANNUAL TARGET 97%	