

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%
18/11	98.3%
25/11	98.4%
02/12	96.9%
09/12	91.9%
Overall	97.5%
ANNUAL TARGET 97%	

IN TOUCH

Friday 13th December 2019



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As you can see from our weekly attendance figures the lurgy has come to St. Mary's! Some of us have been feeling really under the weather and have needed to take some time off this week in particular. Some of you will have seen the information we sent home on measles earlier. There are reports of both norovirus and measles outbreaks in Wandsworth, with some schools having to close, so please be on the look out for the signs and symptoms. Fingers crossed none of our families, governors, friends or staff come down with either and to those of you who are unwell we send our love and get well wishes and hope you are better soon. There are a large number of families who are leaving school early for the Christmas holiday and/or returning late to school at the start of the Spring Term. As I have mentioned before, no-one can help being unwell, but I do encourage families to take their holidays during the school break. These additional unauthorised absences will put great pressure on our attendance target this year.

Also sent home today was information about the change in Admissions Policy at St. Cecilia's Secondary Academy, please do take a look at this and respond to the consultation if you can.

I want to say another huge thank you to the Christmas Fair Team—we had such a lovely time last Friday evening. It was a wonderfully relaxed affair and I know that the FoSMS team are hoping for record fundraising—more details to follow once all expenses are in. Speaking of the Fair, some of you will have seen the beautiful 'St. Mary's at 200 Patchwork' tea towels and postcards. If you haven't purchased any yet, get in quick while stocks last—the tea towels, in particular, will make great Christmas presents for all the family. Tea towels are £6 each or you can pick up two for £10—all proceeds will go to FoSMS. Many thanks to Nellie for thinking of this idea and all of her hard work to bring it to fruition!

This week, Nursery have been on their very first school trip this term travelling to the post box to deliver a Christmas Letter on Monday. Whilst Nursery were posting their letters, the Key Stage One Choir were spreading Christmas Cheer, singing carols to the residents of The Platt Centre. We've had exit points in Nursery and Year Six, with the Year Sixes singing the Christmas Carol for which they have written the lyrics to their parents—who have had a sneak preview before the Nativity Service at the Church next week. On Thursday, a smaller than normal Year Five went to the Sikh Gurdwara to enhance their learning in Religious Education and this afternoon, we enjoyed the story of Dick Whittington and his cat. Huge thanks to FoSMS who funded our pantomime this year which was brought to us by West End in Schools. Many thanks to Mrs Bishop for organising this treat for us all, oh no she didn't, oh yes, she did!

Looking ahead to next week, Year Two have their exit point at 9am on Wednesday and Year Five at 2pm. Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Church on Thursday morning from 9.45am when we will gather together for our Christmas Service. Finally on Friday it is Christmas Jumper day. Everyone is welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper and we'll be collecting for Glass Door homeless charity. It is also our school Christmas Dinner before an earlier than normal pick up time of 2.30pm. Huge thanks to Jane and her team for what promises to be another festive nosh up!

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Khatib who supports learning in Key Stage Two. Mrs Khatib is going to work at a Secondary school—back to her roots—and we thank her for her work at St. Mary's and wish her all the very best!

This is the last edition of In Touch for this year/term. Next week we will all be taking home another fabulous edition of St. Mary's News. I'm really grateful, as always, to Lindsey and Nicola for doing such a great job—I know you are all going to really enjoy this edition.

Until next week, stay healthy and have a restful weekend,
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher