

# St. Mary's CE Primary School

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## TERM DATES School Year 2019-20

### Spring Term

#### First day of Term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

#### Last day of Term:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### Summer Term

#### First day of Term:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

#### Bank Holiday:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

#### Half Term:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

#### Last Day of Term:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### INSET Day:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

# IN TOUCH

Friday 10th January 2020



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It's great to be back after the Christmas break and to see all of your lovely children again. Thank you very much for all of the cards and generous gifts you bestowed upon myself and the staff team before the break. We are very grateful and hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are feeling refreshed at the start of 2020!

Speaking of Christmas, you will remember that before the break, we had our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Glass Door homeless charity and I am pleased to announce that we have been able to send a cheque for £356 to the charity as a result of our efforts. Many thanks to everyone for joining in the fun and wearing their Christmas best in support of a great cause.

We had a really festive end of term and my thanks go to Jane and her team for a fabulous Christmas dinner which is always the highlight of our final day in school before the break, this—I mean last—year was no exception. We also enjoyed a visit from West End in School who performed the pantomime Dick Whittington and his Cat for all of our children in Year One upwards. We would like to say a very big thank you to FoSMS for funding this wonderful treat for us all. It was greatly enjoyed.

We thought that Father Christmas might not make it this year. When Sparkle the Elf visited us, I explained that Father Christmas was behind in his orders this year and so couldn't come to the Fair but he did manage to come and visit our younger children at the very end of term and for this we are very grateful. Thank you Father Christmas—we promise we will try and be as good as we can this year and look forward to seeing you again next year!

Yellow family were triumphant in the Family Points Competition at the end of term and our Yellow Family Captains are currently liaising on what the family's treat will be this term.

All of our children have made a positive start to the new calendar year and there has been a purposeful learning atmosphere around school this week. We were delighted to welcome Reverend John to lead worship this morning. John introduced our half termly theme of 'Grace' and we sung a very moving rendition of Amazing Grace which the children only learned/revised yesterday. We are really looking forward to welcoming John back to help us explore the theme further but we are also looking forward to seeing Jono, Jarel and Nikky who, for those of you who don't know, are all part of our Parish Team. As John said this morning, Grace is fundamental to our understanding of the Christian life, but we so rarely talk about it in school. Hopefully we will all have a better or increased understanding of this concept by half term and we are very grateful for the input we will gain from the team at St. Mary's Church.

Finally, sad news. We are saying goodbye to Mrs Coyle who is currently supporting our children in the Nursery Class. Mrs Coyle has been with us almost nine years now and has made a significant contribution to the children of St. Mary's over the years. We wish her well in her new adventure and thank her for all that she has done at St. Mary's.

A very happy new year from all of us here at St. Mary's, enjoy a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday for another exciting week of learning!

Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

### Whole School Attendance 19-20

Week beginning	Percentage
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
06/01	96.2%
13/01	
20/01	
27/01	
03/02	
10/02	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
24/02	
02/03	
09/03	
16/03	
23/03	
30/03	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>ANNUAL TARGET 97%</b>	