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TERM DATES
School Year 2019-20

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 1st May 2020

Don't forget to read
the attached message
from the Parish of
Putney!

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Hi everyone and welcome to week two of this very unusual term. We hope that you are all well—again please do let us know if you are not and especially if there is something we can do to help.

There has been a lot of speculation about schools reopening in the media this past week. Again, we know what you know. As soon as we have any further information then we will let you know.

I am so pleased with the work that all of the children are doing at home—I have seen some fantastic photos of them working hard as well as some of the amazing work they have produced—please tell your children how delighted we are that they continue to work hard and that they are doing a great job. We miss them all and look forward to seeing them all as soon as it is safe to do so.

Some of you have told us that it would help you to see someone from school at this time. With that in mind, keep an eye out for a short pre-recorded video next week and the beginning of 'Head Teacher Challenges'... Find out more by watching the clip!

We have also been thinking about ways that we can retain our sense of community as a Church School at this time and so Reverend Whittaker has very kindly agreed to record a short act of worship for us each week—again watch out for the first one coming very soon...

Earlier this week we received a message from M:Tech who are one of the organisations that we work closely with. They have asked if we can forward this message to you:

*First and foremost we hope you and your families are safe and in good health during this difficult time. To keep the music going for the children during this challenging period, M:Tech have created an interactive platform called Team Tutti. It features a series of inspiring weekly music tech lessons, challenges and progressive quizzes. Every week new lessons and content will be unlocked and things will become more challenging as children progress. It's designed to be fun but also educational. **There is no cost to parents as Team Tutti is not a substitute for M:Tech.** The platform is completely secure and safe to use. M:Tech have designed the whole thing and created the content so it's ideal for children aged 7-13. So please visit www.teamtutti.org with your children, enjoy the introduction video and get them off and running. The first lesson is being released on 27th April, although you can go online and catch up at any time. Creative expression is always a positive and at a time like this we can certainly all use as much of that as we can get. We hope you enjoy Team Tutti!*

I hope you continue to find the Resilient Movers content useful—we have provided some feedback to Urban Strides this week and hope that this resource will continue to be useful to you as we manage our lives in a very different way during lockdown. All feedback is gratefully received and is passed on to Urban Strides.

Finally, congratulations to Rosa in Year five who is our first thankfulness star. Rosa was nominated by Mrs Rinaldi and is doing a great job of having an attitude of gratitude who it will be next week? Please keep your children who are embodying our core value coming and next week it could be them! we hope you all remain safe and well.

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Five who is our first
this week... I wonder
nominations, for
of thankfulness,
Until then—

Rosa Year Five
...lets her teacher know
when she has enjoyed a
lesson and says thank
you! Her teacher says it's
a small gesture that goes
a long way to showing she
is engaged in her learning
and that the planned
work is having an impact!

THANKFULNESS!



Our thankfulness section of the Core Values board in the main corridor downstairs is looking very empty... So, I wonder if there are any parent/carers out there who would like to nominate a child for a star on the board?

When we are in school, **teachers nominate children who are demonstrating the value in practice** and then we put their picture and a short blurb (30 words or less) on a star and put it on the board as an excellent example of the value in action.

If you would like to nominate your child—please send 30 words or less to:
head@st-marys-
putney.wandsworth.sch.uk—
with the subject:

Thankfulness, you won't get an immediate response but I will pick the 20 most thankful examples and will put them on the board for when the children come back. I'll also share some of the stars right here in this space on In Touch each week!

Our
Thankfulness
Star this
week is...