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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 7th May 2020

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It's a short week as some of us break early for the weekend to celebrate Victory in Europe day tomorrow. I hope that wherever you may be that you are able to celebrate to some extent...

I came across a post from Buckden Primary School in Cambridgeshire which might bring some comfort to some who are worried about their children during this time. I have attached it to In Touch this week for those who are interested. As lockdown continues the rhetoric around the damage that is being done to children's learning is ramping up. I think this is terribly unhelpful and will only serve to put pressure on parent/carers who are already doing an amazing job to support their families. If you are worried—don't be, we will be here on the other side of this to support you and your children (as will all of the wonderful secondary schools that our Year Six children will transfer to in September) to close any gaps that may have arisen and as the piece says there is much that children will be learning—skills and lessons that perhaps they might not learn in school.

Speaking of our fabulous Year Six children, they have been very busy at home during lockdown and through a marvellous team effort and some hard work with Mrs Bishop have created a beautiful poster to remind us that our core values can help us to thrive in this lockdown. Thank you Year Six—I know I echo Mrs Bishop when I say I am very proud of the work you are doing at the moment and this piece is an excellent example—you continue to lead us all and set an exemplar for us even during this very strange time we find ourselves in! Thank you to you and Mrs Bishop for this poster—I am laminating two copies as I type and will display it proudly at home and school!

Urban Strides have been in touch this week and would like me to give a shout out to the following pupils whose engagement has been epic during the Resilient Movers online workshops: **Daisy** (Y2), **Florence** (Y4), **Shannon** (Y4), **Grace** (Y5), **Betty** (Y5), **Coral** (Y6), and **Duru** (Y6) - well done girls (come on boys!), we are really proud of you and delighted that you have been spotted by Amy and the crew at Urban Strides for demonstrating endurance in your work! Keep it up!

Normally at this time of year we are sitting National Tests and beginning to prepare for Christian Aid Week. Although some of us won't miss the tests, I am sure there are many pupils who are disappointed to miss out on the 'Take £5 and turn it into £50' enterprise project. If you would still like to take part in some fundraising for Christian Aid—please see the attached information from the Parish of Putney...

Finally, the moment some of you have been waiting for. Thank you and well done to all of you who took part in the Head Teacher's Challenge this week. The challenge was to build the tallest tower using only six sheets of newspaper. This week's winner is: Willow in Year One—her tower measured 199cm! Congratulations Willow—keep an eye out for your prize in the post! I wonder what next week's challenge will be? Tune in to find out more next week...

Until then, stay safe and well,
Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

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 staff/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 a 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!

The winner of this week's Head Teacher's challenge is:

Willow in Year One!
Fantastic work Willow—you must have shown a lot of endurance to build your tower! Congratulations!

