

## 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 5th June 2020

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Hi everyone and welcome to the final half term of this year. The last few months have been a strange time and we have all been working in a very different way to our normal day to day routine.

I would like to say how proud I am of the staff and children that have come into school so far this week—they have coped well with a new way of coming in and out of school whilst adapting to a different approach to learning, they have done us proud. It's been good to finally have greater numbers of children back in school and lovely to see our Year Six children returning to school for their final half term at St. Mary's, as well as some other new faces from other year groups. I'm very grateful to parent/carers who have taken the time to read the information that was sent home prior to their child's return ensuring this week went as smoothly as possible! Thank you all.

We would love to see absolutely everyone back in school but we have followed the government's guidance as far as possible in bringing back Key Year Six, One, Reception and children with Keyworker parents over the next week or so. If your child is not back in school it's not because we don't think they are a priority. Please be assured that we will work very hard as the children return to school either before or after the summer to ensure that they are where they need to be moving forwards. Our teachers will try and keep home learning going as much as they can as more and more of them take up face to face teaching in school over the coming week or so—please bear with us as we try to adjust to this new way of working.

It's been lovely to see lots of photos of what you have all been up to during lock down and in particular all of the ways that you have made the most of a peculiar situation, adapting, helping and thriving! Please keep the photos coming in—I've been featuring some of them in In Touch and hope you are all enjoying seeing them as much as I am!

Finally, I would just like to reiterate to any parent/carer who is torn about sending their child back to school that you have our full support **whatever you decide**. School attendance is not mandatory at this time and attendance is not being monitored.

Until next week, stay safe and well,  
Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher

## THANKFULNESS!



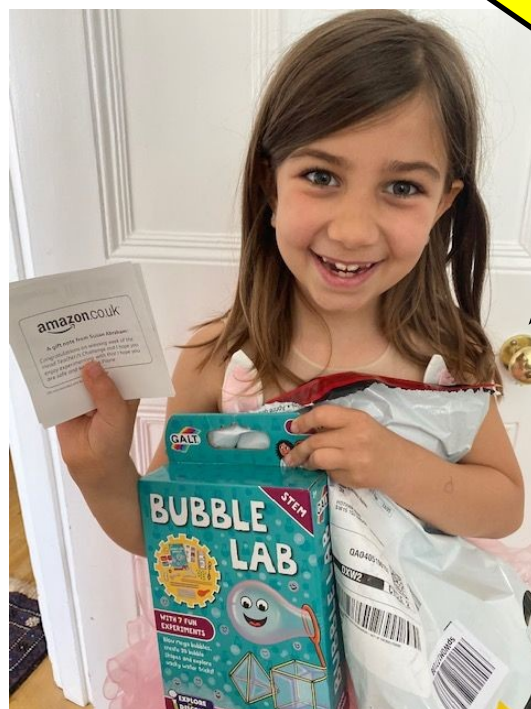
Our thankfulness section of the Core Values board in the main corridor downstairs is looking very empty... So, I wonder if there are any staff/parent/carers out there who would like to nominate a child for a star on the board?

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!



Our thankfulness stars this week are: Willow in Year One and Abigail in Year Three who have sent lovely thank you cards which were hugely appreciated by the recipients!

Eleanora in Year Two receives her prize for winning the Head Teacher's challenge before half term!