

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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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 10th July 2020

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Congratulations to the Yellow Family who are the winners of our remote sports day! Huge thanks to Mrs Livingstone and Mr Naughton for organising this and totting up the scores. Well done to everyone who took part. It is really important that we all keep active during these lock down days and I hope that our remote sports day has kept us all moving!

Annual reports—albeit in a slimmed down version—are all being sent virtually to parents today. Please let the office know (office@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk) if you have not received your child's report by Monday.

A letter about staffing arrangements for next year as well as a letter outlining what the plans are to allow us to bring back all children in September will be coming out next week. Please bear in mind that the letter about plans for September will be subject to change as we monitor government guidance over the summer break.

It's been really wonderful to see children who are not yet back in school out on the playground for check-ins with their current teachers before the summer. All of the children are looking well and had lots to tell us about their lockdown experiences. I hope the weather stays fine and enables us to conduct a second round of check-ins this week. Please remember to bring an umbrella in case it rains—or indeed in case of really bright sunshine—who knows what we are going to get in the coming week!

Apologies to those who have been looking out for a Head Teacher's Challenge this week—I think I was a bit discombobulated and thought I had already done it! I will issue **two** challenges on Monday—one for next week and another, which is a summer Head Teacher's Challenge, for all pupils - the winner will be announced when we return in September. Watch the school's Twitter account (@SMPS) for more news on Monday!

The highlight for me this week occurred on Wednesday, when I was very privileged to have a private viewing of the production the Year Six bubbles have been working on. The children have rehearsed and performed 'Lights, Camera, Action' in a socially distanced way and their work has been filmed and will be made available for Year Six parents to view via DVD. Huge thanks to Mrs Bishop for carefully planning and thinking how to make a performance possible at this time and to Mrs Rinaldi, Mrs Miles and Miss Overton for working hard with her to realise her vision. Huge thanks to Chris and Ivo - I can't wait to see the final cut! Year Six parents should be very proud of their children, who delivered an energetic performance without audience feedback, which is extremely challenging. I know all of the parents in the class will thoroughly enjoy watching it upon its eagerly awaited release...

This coming week, is—of course—the very last week at St. Mary's for our Year Six children and some of their families. On Thursday we will share a socially distanced Leavers' Blessing led by Reverend Whittaker at St. Mary's (Year Six children and parents only) and a special edition of St. Mary's News has been put together which focuses solely on our leavers and will hopefully be a lovely keepsake of their time with us—Mrs Bishop and I would like to thank Lindsey for her patience and hard work in putting this together for us all. There will be one more In Touch next week before we break up for the summer.

Finally, please tune in to Heart London Radio on Monday 13th July at 9.30am, when Bibi in Year Six will be playing 'Beat the Teacher' on air. It's a five minute segment so make sure you tune in well in advance so that you don't miss it—we will all be tuning in at St. Mary's!

Well, that's it for this week—one last thing before I close. I would just like to say a very big thank you to our governors—who met virtually on Tuesday evening—they have continued to work hard behind the scenes and have been a fantastic support to our school during this time. They have been approving policies and requests—all at very short notice and have responded with speed as well as support and necessary challenge. Thank you all for your very fine support and for adapting so readily to a new way of working with us as a school.

Until next week—hang in there everyone—staycations are so close...
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!