

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 17th July 2020

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Well we got there! It's the end of what has been a very unusual summer term at St. Mary's! Please look out for an envelope which will be coming to all children in Reception to Year Five which contains the final Head Teacher's Challenge of the year. There were no entries this week, but I look forward to seeing how everyone gets on with the summer challenge!

Thank you for all of the cards and gifts that have come in for the staff team—they are hugely appreciated and we are all really grateful.

I hope everyone received a letter about staffing for 2020-21. Huge apologies to Lynda Donlon who was omitted from the first version that was sent around—sorry Lynda, please forgive me! Coming out today is further information about plans for the start to the new school year in September—please keep an eye out for this. We would be very grateful if all parent/carers read this through carefully in advance of the start of school for 2020-21.

Huge thanks to Reverend Whittaker and the team at St. Mary's for hosting our Leavers' Blessing yesterday and an equally big thank you to Mrs Bishop for organising such a poignant event for our leavers. It was different from our usual services—we were not able to sing, but the children chose some great pieces of music for their ceremony with Amelia and Emelia both playing piano pieces. It was a pleasure to hear such accomplished pianists and we will certainly miss their talents as they move on. It was lovely to hear from all of the children who shared memories of their time at St. Mary's. Staff shared prayers and remembrances of the children as they were awarded their bibles and a special poster unique for 2020!

The following awards were given to members of our 2020 leavers:

The Perseverance Cup—George

The Marwood Trophy for Sportsmanship—Ines and Isobel

The Bishop West Prize for RE—Harry

The Good Citizen Award - Coral

The Outstanding Contribution to School Life—Ananya

A special edition of St. Mary's News was put together with the help and hard work of Lindsey Lillywhite to whom we are very grateful—thank you Lindsey! We trust Year Six and their families will treasure this edition.

We eagerly await the premiere of 'Lights, Camera, Action' which was the socially distanced performance that Year Six put together and which has been filmed in place of live performances. My thanks go to Mrs Bishop, Mrs Rinaldi, Mrs Miles and Miss Overton for ensuring a positive and memorable finish to 2020 for our leavers. We wish them all the very best—they will be greatly missed.

Before I close, I'd like to thank our staff team for their amazing response to this strange time, our governors who have been a huge support during this time—especially our Co-Chairs Judith and Natasha who have met virtually with me every week; and finally to all of you for your patience and support during what I hope is a time we will never see again. We look forward to seeing you all back at school in September. It will still all look a bit different for a while but I am delighted that we will all be back—albeit still in bubbles (this time of 30 children). We will continue to work hard to ensure everyone's safety in the new term.

Until then, I hope you all get to spend some quality time with loved ones.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful summer!

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!

Year Six pupils receiving a blessing from Reverend Whittaker at St. Mary's Church

