## St. Mary's CE Primary School

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TERM DATES School Year 2020-21

Spring Term
INSET Day:
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January
First day of Term:
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January
Half Term:
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday
19<sup>th</sup> February 2021
INSET Day:
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
Last day of Term:
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Summer Term
INSET Day:
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April
First day of Term:
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday:
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June Last Day of Term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## LEARNING WARRIORS



Nursery: Leonie & George

Reception: Noah & Oscar

Year One: Tommy & Isabella

Year Two: Gabrielle & George

Year Three: Indie & Darcey

Year Four: Ruby & Tom

Year Five: Victoria & Will

Year Six: James & Alice

Well done to all of these children for developing key learning skills in their approach and attitude to learning this week—keep up the excellent work!

## IN TOUCH

Friday 26th February 2021

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

We hope you all had a restful and relaxing half term break. It was wonderful to see the children on Tuesday, both in school and virtually, all ready for a new half term of learning.

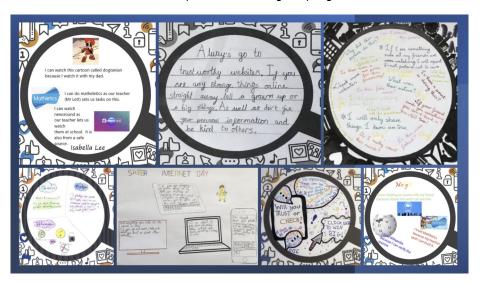
After the announcement this week about schools re-opening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we are looking forward to welcoming all children back into the classroom. To enable a safe and positive transition, we will be closing the school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March to those children currently in school. All staff will be in school on this day to ensure the school is ready for the return of all classes, furniture and resources are reorganised and handover between staff takes place. This will also ensure that a full 72 hours has lapsed, so that we can reorganise class bubbles. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

As teachers will be in school on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** undertaking this necessary work, we propose a 'Screen Free' day for all our children. This is something highly recommended for well-being amongst children (and adults). See the non-screen day activities attached. There are a wide range of activities for your child to do across five different themes and we encourage our children to try and complete as many of these as they can!

Further details with regards to daily routines, timings and timetables will be sent in due course.

We continue to send our thoughts and best wishes to Miss Payne at the moment. We wanted to reassure you that we have a highly experienced and dedicated SLT team supported by Governors, the Diocese and WBC to ensure the smooth running of the school at this time.

After **Safer Internet Day** at the end of last term, children completed a range of activities to promote learning. The theme was 'An internet we trust – exploring reliability in the online world'. We have included some examples of the learning and pledges children made below.



We also include our weekly online safety information and this week we have a parent and carer help sheet. This contains key **online safety advice** and links to resources and support services - we encourage all parents and carers to take a look.

Thank you to **Jono from St. Mary's church** who led Collective Worship today. He has asked the children to draw some images based on the theme of Easter and email these to school for a community link **project with the Met Police**. We look forwards to seeing your drawings.

On Thursday 4th March, we will mark World Book Day. The children are encouraged to dress up for the day as their favourite book character. We have planned a number of fun activities to foster a love of reading.

To finish on some exciting classroom news, on Thursday, Year 5 had a virtual visit to The Royal Observatory for an Earth, Sun and Moon workshop. It was great for the children to get first-hand knowledge from a real-life astronomer. Thank you to FoSMS who kindly paid for this unique opportunity.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. Best wishes St. Mary's SLT