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TERM DATES
School Year 2020-21

Summer Term

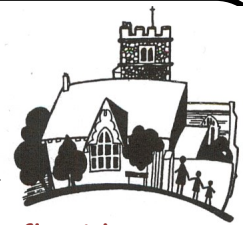
Last Day of Term:

Friday 23rd July

IN TOUCH

Friday 9th July 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

It's disappointing to end the week by asking our Year One and Two children to self-isolate. In this case, we have continued to follow the guidance given by the Department of Education.

We share your frustrations around bubble closures and will be separating paired class bubbles for the remainder of the year. Our thanks and thoughts are with the Year One and Two Staff Teams who are also self-isolating and to all the staff who are flexibly working to accommodate change.

If your child is self-isolating and you experience issues accessing the remote education offer due to the type of device your child is using, please get in touch with Mrs Abraham, who will arrange for you to borrow a school device. We will extend the deadline for the remote education survey which is open for Year One and Two parents to capture next week's experiences. Thank you to all of those parents who have already contributed.

We are grateful for the contributions of executive governors who joined our strategic planning session today. Discussion was centred around the school's current self-evaluation and in particular the areas for development. Conversations were focused on plans for pandemic recovery and how we will continue to help our children to regain what they have lost over the last year or so, especially all of the experiences which enhance learning.

Coming out later today is a letter which outlines which teachers will lead which classes from September. In thinking about the arrangements for next year, we have given great thought to children's learning journeys and their experiences during the pandemic. We are confident that the arrangements we have put in place will result in a fantastic learning experience for all of the children of St. Mary's.

Your child's annual report will be sent out early next week. You will receive this electronically via ParentMail. Your child will also bring home an envelope containing their end of year reflections, which accompany the report. We look forward to reading the parent comments—which can be recorded on the slip at the bottom. Parents have been instrumental in ensuring continuity of education this year and we look forward to reading your contributions to this summary of your child's achievements. These can be handed to SLT on the gate in the morning! Thank you in advance.

Finally this week a message from the wonderful parent team who organised our KS2 Sports Day at Barn Elms last week:
'Thank you to all the parents who gave up a day to help KS2 Sports Day happen. It wouldn't have happened without you. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children. Thanks to St Mary's church for the lend of their equipment and Angela Mullan-Kolver for the generator for the day. Also a thank you to those who donated to help cover the costs and ensure that it remains a fixture in St Mary's calendar. A particular thanks to Pip Organic for the donation of delicious lollies and Warren Estate Agents for their generous sponsorship, which greatly helped the fund.'

We echo those thanks to both the lead and support teams of parents and organisations who made our Sports Day happen this year. An invaluable opportunity for some of our children to build lasting positive memories of activity in the sunshine—thank you all!

Let's hope the forecast shifts and we see some of that sunshine this weekend!

Best wishes, St. Mary's SLT.



Whole School Attendance 2020-21

Autumn Term

Total: 97.8%

Spring Term*

Total: 98.7%

Summer Term

Week beginning	Percentage
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1st Half Term	97.4%
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07/06	98.5%
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14/06	97.3%
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21/06	97.7%
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28/06	84.6%
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05/07	97.2%
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12/07	
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19/07	
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Total:	97.8%
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*From 8th March 2021

LEARNING WARRIORS

Y6 Aksel, Thomas & Callum

Y5 Florence & Sami

Y4 Tom & Isabella

Y3 Leo & Henry

Y2 Sasha & Oscar

Y1 Max & Charlotte

YR Amelie & Emilia

YN Kenza & Sophia A

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!