

St. Mary's CE Primary School

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IN TOUCH

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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

TERM DATES
School Year 2021-22

Autumn Term
INSET Day:
Wednesday 1st September
Thursday 2nd September
Friday 3rd September
First day of Term:
Monday 6th September
Half Term:
Monday 25th October to
Friday 29th October
Last day of Term:
Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term
INSET Day:
Tuesday 4th January
First day of Term:
Wednesday 5th January
Half Term:
Monday 14th February to
Friday 18th February 2022
Last day of Term:
Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term
INSET Day:
Tuesday 19th April
First day of Term:
Wednesday 20th April
Bank Holiday:
Monday 2nd May 2022
Half Term:
Monday 30th May to
Friday 3rd June
Last Day of Term:
Friday 22nd July

Whole School Attendance
2021 - 22

Week beginning	Percentage
06/09	96.9%
Total:	96.9%

LEARNING WARRIORS

Year One: **Leo and Mabel**
Year Two: **Harvey and Malcolm**
Year Three: **Faaz and Corine**
Year Four: **Luke and Jasmine**
Year Five: **Poppy and Valerie**
Year Six: **Yi Lin and Elia**



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

We have had a very positive and happy start to the new school year. Welcome back those families who are established and to those of you who are new to St. Mary's we extend a warm welcome from us all.

We are delighted to welcome Alison Davidson back from her maternity leave as well as welcoming Tom Lally (Year Four) and Jessica Hesketh (Year Five) to the teaching team. They have made a great start to their time at the school and we hope that you and your children enjoy working with them.

How wonderful it has been to see everyone back at school after the summer holidays and to get back some normality after a period of such uncertainty. This morning each phase met for worship in the hall and one of the staff team has just commented on how lovely it was to hear them all singing again!

Speaking of singing, we were very lucky to have Richard Quesnel, Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, in school this afternoon. Richard ran two short singing workshops, one with Year Five and the other with Year Six. These have given the children an idea of how much fun they could have if they join the choir at St. Mary's Church. All children in Years Five and Six have come home with a flyer with further information and an invite to join Richard on Sunday for a further sing and then to join weekly rehearsals. Please see the attached leaflet.

We have a lot of lonely scooters and bikes that do not seem to have a home. Please check the shed and scooter park and ensure bikes and scooters are taken home next Friday (17th) - all scooters and bikes left in school after school on Friday will be donated to charity.

Next week we will be laying out lost property under the awning on the playground—if you have lost something then please check the items on display.

We continue to monitor the start and end of the school day and when all of the children are in school we will take a view as to whether systems and processes are effective and efficient. If you have any feedback about drop off or pick up—please let us know. We are trailing a new system at pick up—this is not to keep you at arms length or as a result of the pandemic but because our staff told us that they felt the way we used to do things was not as safe as it could be for the children. I hope the new system is safer and working well and thank the staff team who worked to design the new system.

If you are looking for information, about St. Mary's, you may be interested to know that the School Handbook as well as class newsletters are now on the website: www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk. Class newsletters contain a link to the planned curriculum intent for your child's class—please do take a look as we have made some changes to this year's curriculum.

We are currently reviewing our Remote Education Policy. If a single child has to self-isolate/quarantine or a group of children in one class have to self-isolate, the school will offer daily remote education via Microsoft Teams (up to three hours work in KS1 and up to four hours work in KS2). Depending on the time of notification, the class teacher will endeavour to provide remote education from lunchtime on the first day of absence or on the second day of absence if notification comes during the school day. This will be enhanced by a daily check in call via Microsoft Teams by a member of the class team. On the hopefully rare occasions that the whole class is at home and the teacher and children are well—live lessons will be delivered. We will continue to develop our practice in this area and keep you informed about trials and changes to policy.

Please make sure that your child can access Microsoft Teams over the weekend. All children have been set a very simple Microsoft teams task by their class teachers. It should only take a few minutes!

If you forget your Microsoft teams log-in details then please contact Miss Barham in the office between the hours of 8.30am and 1.30pm.

Finally, a date for your diary - there will be a second-hand uniform sale in the playground after school next Tuesday afternoon (14th).

If you do have any concerns and queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Please remember that the school website and the communications sent home are an excellent place to start if you have any questions.

We have the highest aspirations for the children this year and wish you all a very happy and successful school year!

With very best wishes,
Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher