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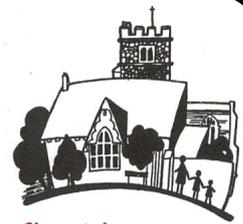
TERM DATES
School Year 2021-22

Spring Term
INSET Day:
Tuesday 4th January
First day of Term:
Wednesday 5th January
Half Term:
Friday 11th 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

IN TOUCH

Friday 14th January 2022

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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

Christmas is now a distant memory and everyone is well settled back into school routines. The wonderful things that teachers had to say about the Learning Warriors in this morning's worship shows that all children are working hard and focused on their learning.

This term in Worship, pupils in Nursery to Year Two continue to think about Jack's favourite book—The Bible—and the characters in it, whilst Phase Two are focusing on our core value of Compassion.

I was fortunate to speak to children across the school about their work in Design Technology this morning. Every fortnight, I conduct what we call a Bingo Book Look. We have a St. Mary's Bingo Ball and we extract a number from it. The children have been assigned a number from 1-30. When their number is called they come up to the Head Teacher's office for juice and biscuits and we have a discussion about their experiences here at St. Mary's. It is a great way to learn about what is really happening in our school!

This afternoon we held both School Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassador Meetings. The School Council have been focusing on ways that they can help the environment and their local community. They have purchased recycling bins for all of the classes and are in the process of organising a litter pick in the local community. They will also be asking every class to vote on a whole school charity. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are going to conduct a survey to ensure they understand what the main issues around bullying are here at St. Mary's.

Pupils in Year Five and Six are beginning to get excited about their school journey to Sayers Croft Environmental Field Centre in Surrey. Our Year Five class spend a night and two days at the centre and our Year Sixes are there for three nights and four days. Mrs Bishop held a virtual information session for parents on Wednesday evening which was well attended by parent/carers from both classes and the excitement continues to build... especially for Mrs Bishop!

The Governing Board met last night to continue to support and challenge the work of the school. On the agenda, was the Head Teacher's Report to Governors, which is a summary of the Autumn Term's learning progress, attendance, behaviour and extended curriculum opportunities amongst other information. Also on the agenda was the Playground 200 Project which was part of our celebration of the school's Bicentenary year. It is exciting to be talking about this development of our school site again and hopefully we will be able to break ground soon!

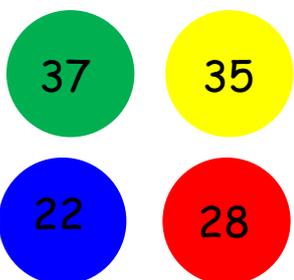
If you are wondering why the family points look a little low this week, it's because these are the number of bubbles that each family had in their test tubes on the family point board at the end of last term. As you can see Green Family were triumphant last term and green ribbons now adorn our Family Point Cup. Green Family Captains are in discussion with their staff family members about what the winning treat will be... More news to come soon...

This week has flown by and another will soon be here! Enjoy the chilly weather over the weekend and whatever your plans, we hope you find some rest and joy before we see you again on Monday!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 2021 - 22	
Autumn Term	95.3%
Spring Term	
Week beginning	Percentage
03/01	89%
10/01	96.9%
17/01	
24/01	
31/01	
07/02	
Total:	95.2%

Autumn Term Family Points



LEARNING WARRIORS

Nursery: **Inara** and **Valeria**
Reception: **Oliver** and **Alanna**
Year One: **Aurelia** and **Cecilia**
Year Two: **Fleur** and **Jack**
Year Three: **Thibault** and **Noah**
Year Four: **Ralph** and **Olivia**
Year Five: **Micky** and **Bella**
Year Six: **Hannah**, **Monkhorn** and **Ethan**



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!