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TERM DATES

School Year 2022-23

Autumn Term

Half Term:

Monday 24th October to

Friday 28th October 2022

Last day of Term:

Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term

INSET Day:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

First day of Term:

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half Term:

Monday 13th February to

Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term

INSET Day:

Monday 17th April 2023

First day of Term:

Tuesday 18th April 2023

Bank Holiday:

Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term:

Monday 29th May to

Friday 2nd June 2023

Last Day of Term:

Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET Day:

Friday 21st July 2023

IN TOUCH

Friday 21st October 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

This half term has flown by and much has been packed in. We are very grateful to Rev. Jane who was in school to lead Phase 2 worship this morning. Phase 2 are exploring prayer and will continue into next half term until we begin our preparations for Christmas through our Advent theme.

Our annual Open Evening was well attended on Tuesday evening. Huge thanks to the staff team and to all of the families who allowed us to keep their Year Six children in school for the evening. Our Year Sixes, yet again, made a very positive impression on our prospective parents.

Also on Tuesday, Year Five went to the annual Junior Citizens event. This is an event which develops pupils' personal, social, health and emotional learning and instructs them on how to keep themselves safe before putting them into various simulated scenarios to see how they respond. Adults leading on the event commented positively on the children's behaviour and especially their knowledge of e-Safety. Many thanks to Miss Hesketh for organising and leading and Ms. Farquarson for supporting.

Year Six have also been out and about this week. I was very envious of their trip to experience 'Gaia' at Southwark Cathedral. Pupils took part in pre-learning on climate justice in school before the trip and took part in workshops at the cathedral.

Whilst Year Six were at the cathedral, Year Three were out in the local area completing a rock study to complement their work in Science in class. Mr Lett said the class were very enthusiastic petrologists!

Huge thanks to Mr Lally who took another team out to the Trinity Cup this week. Please see the photos below. It's great to hear that many people have commented on the children's behaviour and attitudes when they have been out and about this week and this was no exception. Mr Lally said the children represented the school fantastically. Our boys team came 4th out of 12 teams and our girls 3rd out of 10. Well done to all and thank you again to all of the staff who supported these opportunities.

The FoSMS Quiz night is fast approaching. I hope you have your teams together and your tables booked. The staff team have been in training this week and managed joint second in a local quiz. I look forward to seeing many parents at the event. It is always a very enjoyable evening which has been greatly missed during the pandemic and it is good to see it back in our social calendars!

Regular readers will know that we have asked parent/carers to ensure that all scooters are removed from the playground by the end of school today. Some parents have asked if they are able to buy left over scooters from the school. We usually give left over scooters to a charity, but if there are those of you who would like to make a contribution to the school for any of the left over scooters then please let Mrs Abraham know via the school office as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you all in a week's time—next week being half term. We hope you are all able to take some time with the family and are able to rest and recharge for the half term ahead. There is much to look forward to as we prepare for Christmas—it will be here before we know it! See you all on Monday 31st at the usual time!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher



Whole School Attendance 2022-23

TARGET	97.0%
05/09	92.0%
12/09	96.3%
19/09	95.2%
26/09	97.4%
03/10	95.4%
10/10	95.5%
17/10	95.1%
HALF TERM	
31/10	
Total:	95.6%

Family Points

240

276

219

289