

**St. Mary's CE Primary School**

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**TERM DATES**  
**School Year 2022-23**

**Autumn Term**  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
**Last day of Term:**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

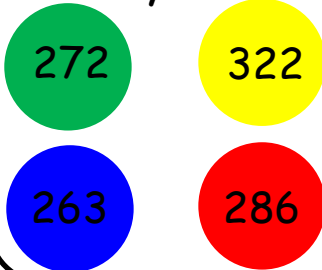
**Spring Term**  
**INSET Day:**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
**First day of Term:**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Summer Term**  
**INSET Day:**  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
**First day of Term:**  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023  
**Half Term:**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023  
**Last Day of Term:**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
**INSET Day:**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**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	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
31/10	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>95.5%</b>

**Family Points**



# IN TOUCH

Friday 14th 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**

It's good to be back in school following my trip to Canterbury for the annual Diocesan Head Teacher's Conference. This year's focus was Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). Our work was guided by the verse 'though we are many, we are one body' from Romans. The focus of speakers and workshops was on 'race' in particular and many useful conversations took place around the Diocese mission and their Anti-Racism Charter. This dovetails with our school vision and strategic foci—one of which is EDI. One of our actions this year will be to work with Equal-Teach to achieve the Equality Award, and in so doing, to ensure that our school culture values and makes all children feel 'wonderfully made'. Please look out for our school vision which will be up on the school website shortly.

As you will see from the photo below, Kate Stevens from Putney Library joined us for an assembly this morning and was pleased to celebrate the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Huge thanks to Kate for taking the time to come and connect with the children this morning. Bearing in mind, it is Black History Month, Mrs Bishop shared Lupita Nyong'o's 'Sulwe', a book which is well loved by staff and children and is well worth a read if you haven't already. I would like to say a special thank you to our History Lead, Miss Barrett, who has led our Black History work and has also donated our Black History Month flag for the new flag pole. Thanks also to our BHM staff working party. It is hoped that we will continue to mark BHM annually and increase and broaden the work we do as each year passes and I am very grateful to the team who have taken on this work.

We invited Transport for London into school to work with our Year Six pupils this week. Our oldest children take part in an annual workshop which aims to prepare them for the additional journeys they may begin to make as they transfer to secondary school. Mrs Rinaldi said the children asked some really good questions demonstrating a growing independence which will be much needed and valued at secondary school.

Our volunteer workshop for parents was extremely well attended this week—almost twenty parents attended which was really great to see. We sometimes struggle to find enough adults to support school activities so having this many parents trained and available to support will be really helpful. Thank you to Mrs Bishop for delivering and to all of the parent volunteers who attended.

I met with Heads from our local cluster this week. Heads from All Saints, Hotham, Oasis and OLV met here at St. Mary's to continue ongoing discussions as to how we can work more closely together. It is hoped that we will be able to get some inter-school sport competition going in the Spring Term as well as trying to bring our staff teams together to work in partnership.

Speaking of sport, many thanks to Mr Lally and Coach Jack for making today's opportunity for children to take part in the Trinity Cup possible. A squad of boys have headed out this afternoon to take part in the tournament and a squad of girls will do the same next Thursday. Play has commenced as I type and I hope our teams are faring well! Come on St. Mary's!

Finally today we have been asked to let you know that 5th Putney Brownies are looking for female recruits aged 7-10 to join the unit. They meet on a Monday evening at All Saints School. Please email: 5thputneybrownies@gmail.com if you want to learn more about all of the fun the Brownies have learning new skills, playing games, taking on challenges and making new friends...

That's it for this week. Only one more week until half term. Our first half term has absolutely flown by. Next week we have our Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday from 4pm as well as our parents evenings for those with children in either the Nursery or Reception classes. I leave you with a quick reminder that all scooters need to be removed from the playground by the close of play next Friday. Wishing you all a restful and fun weekend,

Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher

