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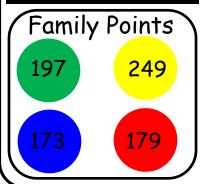
TERM DATES
School Year 2022-23

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:
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| Whole School Attendance 2022-23 | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| TARGET | 97.0% |
| Autumn 1 | 95.6% |
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| 31/10 | 96.1% |
| 07/11 | |
| 14/11 | |
| 21/11 | |
| 28/11 | |
| 05/12 | |
| 12/12 | |
| Total: | 95.7% |



IN TOUCH

Friday 4th November 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

Many thanks to Miss Barrett who has organised our work on Black History Month this year. Unfortunately, we were unable to book workshops during October. This morning we were visited by Big Foot Education who delivered an assembly to Key Stage Two and workshops in Years Three to Six. Next Thursday, Bigfoot will return to do the same with Early Years and Key Stage One.

Year Six were at the Church yesterday for the second Godly Play session this year. Huge thanks to Nikki Cornfield for leading another inspirational session and to Rev Whittaker and Tina Thomas

for their support.

Class Newsletters for the second half of the Autumn Term are now on the school website. Please take a look at those relating to your child/ren's classes. These can be found under the pupil tab and by clicking on class focus and then selecting the relevant year group. We hope you find these useful.

Our Reception children have settled beautifully into school life. From Monday we ask all parent/carers with children in the Reception Class to drop their child at the Felsham Gate as we encourage these children to build their confidence and independence further. A separate communication has been sent to parents. Many thanks for your cooperation in advance.

We have our second in school Key Stage Two Eucharist Service next Wednesday morning. The session will be led by the Parish Team and we will re-introduce the Chalice—which we have not used during the pandemic. If your child is eligible to partake in the Eucharistic meal (they have completed their preparation for communion classes) and you would rather your child did not partake in the shared cup then please drop your child's class teacher an email before the end of school on Tuesday. Thank you.

Finally this week, regular readers may have remembered that Lindsey Lillywhite is stepping down as the editor of St. Mary's News. We asked a while ago if there are any parents who would be willing and able to take this role on. Unfortunately nobody has come forward. Sarah Moss, the Chair of our PTA FoSMS has said that she will step into the role. Although I am hugely grateful to Sarah, she is—as I am sure you will agree—already making a significant contribution to the school. It would be great if there were someone else out there who felt able to take this on. If you are reading this and are looking for practical ways to support St. Mary's then please contact Sue Abraham and express your interest.

Finally this week we have been asked by the local authority to share the following information with you:

South West London NHS are hosting an online webinar on **Thursday 10**th **November, 5-6pm via teams** for parents or carers of children aged 1 to 9 years old. Join us to hear more and get your questions about immunisations answered by local healthcare professionals. Also hear about Healthier Together, a brand new website, https://www.swlondon-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/, which provides trustworthy healthcare advice and directs you to the best care for your child You can join us by using the link https://bit.ly/3sCK5LM or register in advance to receive the joining link via email https://bit.ly/3U3fse8.

From everyone here at St. Mary's—have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Best wishes,

Cheryl Payne-Head Teacher