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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

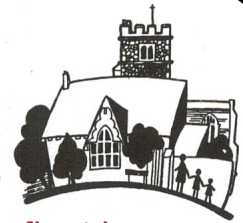
INSET Day:

Friday 21st July 2023

IN TOUCH

Friday 9th December 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 is the last In Touch of the term. Next week the first edition of St. Mary's News under our new editor, Sarah Moss, will be published. I am very grateful to Sarah for taking this job on and I hope you all enjoy reading the magazine when it comes out next week. In an effort to make sure we are increasingly making our work more sustainable, we will be sending out the magazine electronically in the Autumn and Spring Terms and then will print the final Summer edition—which contains all of our Year Six leavers and is a keepsake for them for the future.

Huge thanks to the FoSMS Team for a fabulous Christmas Fair on Saturday. Word on the street is that we have raised an unprecedented amount. I am very grateful to every parent who organised and delivered the fair and to all those who supported by attending. We have received lots of positive feedback from parent/carers, especially those who have not been to a Fair before. It was also lovely to see so many past families and their children returning for the event. You will be able to see from our magazine some of the enhancement events that the hard work of FoSMS has already funded this year—our Black History Month and Anti-Bullying Workshops and Christmas Shows, as well as the local authority learning resource subscription that provides books and artefacts to complement the learning in every class each term. Money raised this year will also go towards the ongoing development of playground spaces.

Regular readers will remember that I mentioned a while back that the bank holiday for King Charles's coronation falls on the Monday of SATs Week. The Department for Education have now confirmed that the week beginning Tuesday 9th May will continue to be SATs Week and have just moved all of the tests forward one day. Year Six will still visit Wandsworth Park on Friday afternoon. Further information will follow from the Year Six team nearer the event.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance on Oddsocks Day. A cheque for £179.97 is winging its ways to the Alliance as I type. The Alliance provides vital guidance and resources to schools and other organisations throughout the year and could not continue to do so without generous donations from the public. Thank you to all!

In response to some enquiries that we have had about Strep A, the local health authority sent us some information earlier in the week but have since recalled it. We will send out any information we receive about health as soon as we have it and confirmation that it can be sent out. In the meantime, if you are concerned, please consult the NHS website for further information.

Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Hutchison who is now the proud owner of Paul Gascoigne's signed England Shirt. The silent auction for Gareth Southgate's shirt has just closed—thank you and congratulations to Miss Barham in the office who put in the highest bid!

It has been another busy week and there is still a lot of teaching and learning going on right up until the end of next week! I leave you with one of the highlights which was a performance of Robin Hood for children in Key Stage One and Two. Children in Early Years are looking forward to their Christmas treat—The Clumsiest Elf next week.

And so, I end as I begin by thanking FoSMS - this time, for our Christmas treats and by wishing you and yours a very happy and peaceful Christmas from all of us here at St. Mary's. See you all on Wednesday 4th January at the usual time! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher

Whole School Attendance 2022-23

| TARGET | 97.0% |
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| Autumn 1 | 95.6% |
| 31/10 | 96.1% |
| 07/11 | 93.6% |
| 14/11 | 93.2% |
| 21/11 | 92.8% |
| 28/11 | 92.9% |
| 05/12 | 94.6% |
| 12/12 | |
| Total: | 95.2% |

Family Points

264

462

308

395

