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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

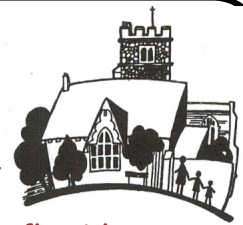
INSET Day:

Friday 21st July 2023

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Friday 13th January 2023

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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

Thank you to all of you who joined us for worship this morning. Congratulations to our Learning Warriors below and our Eco-Warriors: Ged, Leonie, Alex and Aleksei; and the children who received a Secret Good Manners Award: Kenza, Max and Ottilie. This morning we were focusing on our core value of endurance. We looked at the story 'The Lion Inside' and how the characters within showed endurance. Mouse wanted to be able to roar, but found that he had a lion inside of him just by being himself and having the courage to speak up!

The DfE and local authority are focused on improving attendance post-pandemic. Although we appreciate parents keeping children at home when they are unwell, there are some families who are taking extended holidays. Our attendance normally sits around the 97% mark and it would be good to see it return to this level. Please make sure that your child is only absent from school when they are unwell. The local authority will be issuing fines for unauthorised absence shortly.

Our punctuality is generally really good. The school gate opens from 8.45am. Please make sure that your children are passing through the gate before 8.55am wherever possible. Children who enter through the office after 9am will be awarded a late mark and those who attend school after 9.30am will be given a 'U' mark to denote they were not in school for registration. The start of each school day, and indeed each half term, are an important time when routines and expectations are outlined. It can be a very unsettling experience for children to come into school late or a few days after everyone else. Please make sure your family leave and return to and from holidays in time to ensure children are in school and on time for the first and every day of term—unless they are unwell.

My thanks to Mrs Bishop for leading meetings for parents this week. On Wednesday evening there was a meeting for Year Five and Six parents in advance of the annual school journey to Sayers Croft in Ewhurst, Surrey and on Thursday night there was a parent volunteer training session.

Class newsletters are now on the website—they detail important messages for each class for the half term ahead and signpost you to curriculum overviews for the half term's learning. Please make sure you have had a read.

I leave you this week with a reminder that the 15th January is the deadline for Reception class applications for September 2023. Please remind any neighbours or friends who may be applying to local schools to make sure their applications are submitted on time!

That's it for this week! We wish you a fun and relaxing weekend break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday for another exciting week of learning! Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher



Our new St. Mary's CE School flag was unveiled in worship this morning. The flag will fly from our jubilee flag pole. Thank you to Mr Lett for organising this for us.

Whole School Attendance 2022-23

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.2%
02/01	90.0%
09/01	95.6%
16/01	
23/01	
30/01	
06/02	
Total:	94.5%

Family Points

467

504

393

670

LEARNING WARRIORS

Reception: Audrey, James, Maya, Josh, Evan and Ollie
 Year One: Alex, Logan, Louis, Flora, George and James
 Year Two: Mabel, Aurelia, Noah, Jasmine, Georgia and Ollie
 Year Three: Harvey, Max, Adriana, Eben, Saim and Ruby
 Year Four: Ollie, Arthur, George, Alice, Irene and Nicole
 Year Five: Alice, Robina, Felix, Seb, Olivia and Leo
 Year Six: George, Valerie, Ruby, Sasha, Euan and Anton



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!