

ST MARY'S LEWISHAM
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



FAITH LOVE
COMMUNITY

Dates for your diary

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Friday 4th February

Chinese New Year
celebrations and own
clothes day

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Thursday 10th February

Poetry Competition final

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MON 14TH - FRI 18TH FEB
HALF-TERM

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Monday 28th February

Book Week

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Thursday 17th March

Parents Evening

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FRIDAY 1ST APRIL 1PM
END OF TERM

LOVE

Colossians 3:14: "Love is more important than anything else. It's what ties everything completely together."

1 John 3:18: "You show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely talking about it."

St Mary's Happy News!

News for our families and friends

www.st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

Monday 10th January 2022

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Dear Parents & Carers,

On behalf of all the staff team and our governing body, I would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year! I apologise that due to some technical issues, we weren't able to share the Nativity video with you last term. However, I am delighted to say that we have now published the show and you can enjoy our KS1 children's amazing performances!

[Click here to watch our amazing NATIVITY SHOW 2021!](#)



I was saddened to hear of the recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He was an inspirational figure who used his Christian faith to help bring equality between black and white people. I shared his life story with the children at the beginning of term and they were excited to see these photos from 2007 when Desmond visited St Mary's.

We have a busy term of learning planned and the children have quickly settled back into their school routines. I will be meeting with all parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 over the next few weeks, in order to talk about the SATS tests that they will be taking in May.



The children enjoyed crossing the road to St Mary's Church where Father Steve led us in a special worship to celebrate Epiphany. We were reminded of the power of the Christmas story and how Jesus' birth brought light to the world, both then and in the current day.

Best wishes
Christine Graham



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Parents news

We welcome all parents to join the Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) and support the school with fundraising events and other ways to improve the school for our children. Email at the above address or speak to a member of staff to find out more!



HELP AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

E - Safety

Please continue to be aware of what your child is doing online, especially at this time when they may be spending extra time learning and socialising online. Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online includes:

- [National Online Safety](#) - register your St Mary's account
- [Internet matters](#) - support to keep children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - support to keep children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers
- [Kiddle](#) and [KidRex](#) - child friendly search engines

Mental health and Wellbeing

Please can we ask you to keep the school up to date with any concerns you have regarding your children's mental health and wellbeing. If your child is finding it hard to cope with the changes to their lives, or a family member is ill or has died, please let us know. St Mary's school are here to work with you to support our children's emotional needs in any way that we can. Here are some links to places where families can find additional support:

- [Loneliness and Re-connection](#) - information and a toolkit for parents about what loneliness is and what help can be found
- [Mental Health Resources](#) - the Department for Education have provided this webpage with links to many resources for children and parents
- [Every mind matters](#) - mental health advice from the NHS including a section on looking after children during the coronavirus outbreak
- [Government guidance for parents and carers](#) - supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing
- [Corona virus guide for children](#) - this guide has been produced for Autistic children and offers a simple and visual guide to what is happening
- [How to wash your hands safely](#) - BBC Newsround video
- [Children's Commissioner](#) - a guide for children and links to resources
- [Childhood Bereavement Network](#) - support around dealing with the coronavirus pandemic for all children, specifically those that have experienced the death of someone important to them

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February

HALF TERM - Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February

Monday 21st February - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 2nd May

HALF TERM - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June - Wednesday 20th July

INSET DAYS - Friday 17th June / Thursday 21st July