



# St Mary Cray Primary Academy

## Autumn Term II

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019



### Autumn Term Dates 2019

*Please note that these dates may be subject to change*

December 2019		
Fri	20	Last Day of Term; Break up for Christmas Holidays
January 2020		
Fri	3	<b>January INSET Day</b> <b>Children not at school</b>
Mon	6	<b>Spring Term 2020 Begins</b>



### Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have reached the end of the Autumn Term already. The children have had a fantastic first term of the year. Every day I walk around the school and see wonderful learning in full swing, and the children excitedly tell me about their days.

Congratulations to all our teachers and children on wonderful Christmas performances. They have done themselves proud!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the senior leadership team to say Happy Christmas. We hope that you have a restful holiday and enjoy spending quality time together. We will see

everyone back safe and sound, and full of energy, on **Monday 6th January 2020.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Bild  
Head of School



### Christmas Hamper Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of our Christmas Hamper draw!

A massive thank you to St Mary's Church for all of the wonderful goodies that were donated.

We hope all of the winners enjoy the generous gifts and we wish you a lovely Christmas!



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### Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following Children who won an Excellence Award this Half Term:

**Opal: Angel & Eva**

**Pearl: Jesslyn & Muhammad**

**Diamond: Lily & Tillie**

**Emerald: Nisha & Leo**

**Ruby: Emily & Assane**

**Sapphire: Teddy & Melisa**

**Topaz: Amari & Aminata**

**Onyx: Chloe & Akshmi**



### School Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day



The children and staff at SMCPA were all in a festive mood after enjoying the annual school Christmas lunch! We all tucked into a delicious traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and of course enjoyed pulling

crackers with each other and telling each other the very corny festive jokes! Thank you to our hard working kitchen crew and all the staff who came together to make the dinner a smooth-running success!





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## PTA Christmas Fair

We have a lovely new team of parents working with the PTA, who came up with some fresh new ideas for the fair. A new addition was the art and craft table, where children purchased and personalised a range of decorations. There were some fun games to keep the children amused: lucky candy canes, snowball toss and higher/lower card game, and of course Santa and Mrs Claus were in residence in the grotto! Other popular stalls were the money tree, the chocolate and bottle tombolas, face painting and the sweet cones! Refreshments were also for sale, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and some very yummy cakes!

This year we had over twenty fabulous prizes in our main raffle, ranging from vouchers for family days out, toys,

books, vouchers for hair/nail salons and restaurants. Well done Anthony in year 5 who won our main Christmas hamper!

**All the festive fun ended is a staggering profit of £907!**

A huge thank you to all parents and staff who helped with the fair, whether collecting items, sticking on raffle tickets, setting up stalls and the cleaning up afterwards, you are all greatly appreciated. PTA meetings will resume in the new year, all are welcome!

Mrs Miller  
PTA Chair.



## SMCPA Defibrillator

SMCPA are now kitted with a Defibrillator! We have taken part in lots of fun fundraising activities to raise money for a school defibrillator. A huge thank-you to our students, staff and parent helpers, Olive Dining and Carly's Heart Trust for your support in this endeavour.



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## Attendance News

### Punctuality

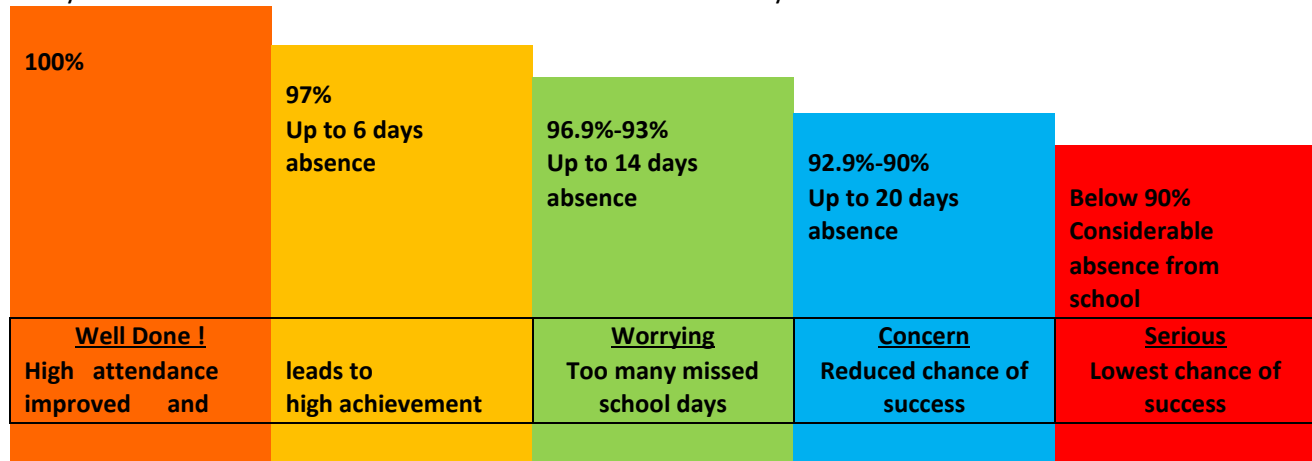
Since the beginning of this half term **1070 minutes** of learning have been lost due to children arriving late to school. Our doors open between 8.30am – 8.55am; please ensure that your child/children arrive at school on time. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am, they are **LATE**.

### Medical Appointments

Medical/dental appointments should be made outside of school hours, unless these are hospital appointments or are for urgent medical matters.

### Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least **98%** of the time or 184 to 190 days



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Richardson  
Attendance Leader

**Children return to school on Monday 6 January 2020.**



## EYFS Nativity

Reception had a fantastic Christmas Nativity this year performing "Whoops-a-daisy Angel" at the Temple Church. The children practised and practised, learning their songs and actions, remembering their parts and getting on and off the stage. They looked amazing in their Nativity

costumes, from angels and stars, to wise men and camels, snowflakes and shepherds, and of course Mary, Joseph and the Donkey! We hope everyone enjoyed their performance, we had lots of fun learning it!







### KS2 Christmas Service

The children gave a spectacular performance at the KS2 carol service. All classes gave an excellent individual performance and sang 5 fantastic carols together. Children who gave readings read beautifully. All of our

hard work and practice paid off and the children looked very professional on the stage. A big thank you to Temple Church for hosting us this week! Well done KS2!

### KS1 Christmas Service

Diamond and Emerald Class gave a wonderful performance for their Christmas Nativity at Temple

Church. Thank you to all the parents who attended, and to Temple Church for hosting this year.



### Ruby Class

We have had a fantastic Autumn term in Year 3. The children really enjoyed learning about Mexico in the first half term, this led to us all enjoying a Mexican themed day where children were able to dress in Mexican clothes and enjoyed trying traditional south American cuisine.

Ruby class have worked hard this term to master column addition and subtraction and we are all looking forward to the new challenge of multiplication and division. Ruby class truly deserve a restful and Joyful Christmas and i look forward to seeing them all in the spring term ready for new learning experiences.

We kicked off the second half term with our stone age topic, where children enjoyed both Stone age boy and Ug genius boy. Children were inspired to write their own adventure stories based in the stone age. We were particularly impressed by the amazing models and picture made of Stonehenge that are now on display in our classroom.



A highlight for all of us this term was taking part in the nationwide film festival InToFilm where children were able to join other schools from across the borough to enjoy the film A Dogs Way Home.



## Hullabachrimbo!



Hullabaloo bring more Christmas cheer than ever!

Our fabulous Hullabaloo singers have been very busy this season, adding more festive songs to their repertoire and performing at various events and venues. We were delighted to be asked to support Mrs Bond's Preschool at their Nativity play and thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with them.

We were again invited to sing at the Glades in Bromley for the charity MENCAP and look forward to hearing how much money we helped them to raise.

Orpington Station saw us singing the commuters home as we sung for the Maypole Project earlier this week.

In other news, our Hullabaloones would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring our fantastic Hullabaloo t-shirts enabling us to look and feel really confident as we represent our school.

But perhaps the most pleasing factor is that our small singing group of eight, has grown into a singing club of forty two dedicated, fun loving singers who we immensely proud of and look forward to hearing lots more of next year.

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!  
Mrs Ed





## Pearl Class

This has been a very exciting term for Pearl class, with all of the children learning lots of new skills.

The children have learned their phonics sounds and are starting to blend them and read words and sentences. They have been learning about different celebrations and how to write cards and invitations.

I am very proud of all of the children, especially for their amazing performances in the Nativity play. They learned all of the songs/actions and they were very brave to

perform on the stage in front of lots of people as well as in front of the whole school.

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents for your support and contributions this year! I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break and I wish you all the best for 2020!

Best wishes  
Miss Mills and Miss Wheatley



## Notices & Reminders

### Lost property

It is the end of term and nearly the end of 2019! Could ALL parents make a special new year's resolution to check their children's names are displayed on all items of school uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles. We empty the lost property boxes at the end of every term; the un-named and unclaimed items will then either be given to charity or thrown away.



### School Payments

In the new year we will be clamping down on debtors and non-payment for School Clubs, School Meals and Class Trips. All sessions and meals MUST be paid for in advance. If you are struggling to make payments, or need help clearing a current debt, please contact the School Office for advice and help with a payment plan.



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## Introduction to Meditation



**A FREE** course for parents & carers

You will learn the basics of meditation, how to become aware of 'living in the now' and some varied techniques to deal with negative thought patterns as soon as they arise.

### Oasis Community Hub

Park Road BR5 4AS

13<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (5 weeks)

Mondays 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Eligibility rules apply. For further information please contact Mark Else 01689 826081 [mark.else@st-marycray.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:mark.else@st-marycray.bromley.sch.uk)



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## Match Report – SMCPA v Poverest Primary

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December our St Mary Cray footballers had their third fixtures of the academic year. We took both a boys and girls team on a long walk up the hill to Poverest School where both teams performed admirably against strong opposition.

### Girls:

After a disappointing start on the astro-turf, where we went two nil down almost immediately, the girls really got into their stride and took the game to Poverest. Led by a commanding performance as always by Venus, the girls stormed to a 6 – 4 victory with goals from Venus (4) and Lexi-Rae (2).

Congratulations to: Venus, Lexi-Rae, Millie, Chloe, Rhianna, Runya with Alisha and Faiza on debut!

### Boys:

We took an experimental team that consisted of 14 boys to play a 7 aside game and therefore substitutions and a muddy pitch were eventually our undoing as they dented the flow of our attacking threat. Despite Roy scoring straight from kick off, we unfortunately lost 3 – 1 against an excellent Poverest side. We have learnt a lot about how to pass the ball and work together as a team, and this should put us in a good place for consequent fixtures.

Congratulations to: Archie, Elisha, Jamall, Tyrell, Jordan, Tony, Roy, Evan with Bayram, Vinne, Matas and Amari on debut!

Many thanks to Miss Dalton and Mr Else for their time, as well as the parents who came to watch and support.



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## Emerald Class

This term Emerald have been learning all about Africa. We have read many books set in African countries, such as 'Grace and Family', 'We're going on a Lion hunt', 'Jamela's Dress' and 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We enjoyed acting these stories out, writing our own stories, creating newspaper articles, writing poems and writing letters and diary entries in role.

In Topic we have studied many exciting things! We learnt to read maps and directions - we even completed a top secret map reading mission!

We learnt about Ancient Egypt and enjoyed creating our own hieroglyphics at forest school. We had a visit from an Egyptologist who helped us understand more about life in Ancient Egypt and the gory details of mummification!

We enjoyed finding out about the life of Nelson Mandela in Black History month. We learnt to sing, 'Something Inside so Strong', to help us understand how many people in felt South Africa at the time.

To consolidate all of our learning over the term, Emerald class enjoyed a school trip to the Horniman museum. We were able to see many objects and pictures from Africa including African instruments, which we could play!

Emerald class have worked so hard this term in class and at home, their home learning achievements have been amazing! We have especially loved celebrating the individual and creative African masks that the children have made at home.

## Opal Class

We have been having a lot of fun this half term, learning all about special celebrations! We have had birthday parties, written cards and invitations, made party hats, decorated biscuits, designed our own cakes and planned and had our own Christmas party! We have learned a lot about the similarities and differences between different celebrations! Everyone in Opal class wishes you a merry Christmas and we will see you all in the new year!

