



# The School Bell



*"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"*

Ringling in the St. Mary's School news

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## Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Christian Value for this half term - Honesty

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all had a relaxing break.

We have another busy term ahead of us, hopefully with plenty of sunshine too! Please keep an eye on our diary dates, which will be added to as time goes on, to keep informed of everything that's happening this term.

Our value for the half-term is Honesty. We have been discussing this value in assemblies and in lessons and will be working on it until the half-term break.

Best wishes,  
Mr Milne



## Theatre Visit

Our Chair of Governors, Peter Daines, is arranging a group visit to the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford to see Ballet Cymru performing Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood and The Three little Pigs on Wednesday 27th June at 7.00 pm. He has

negotiated with the theatre a reduced ticket price of £12 for adults and £8 for children. If you would like to buy tickets for the show, please let the school office know by Monday 25th April.

## Welcome

A warm welcome to Finley in Reception, Ffion in Year 2 and Angus in Year 3. We welcome them and their families to St. Mary's and hope that they will be very happy here with us.

We also warmly welcome Miss R. Seager and Mr. B. Willetts, second year teacher training students from the University of Worcester, who will be working in Mrs Gibbs' Class during the next few weeks.



## Soft Toys

Do you have any spare soft toys/ teddies for the children to play with at lunchtime? If so, please hand them in to the school office. Thank you.

## Lateness

Please ensure that your child is here in plenty of time to be in class by 8.50 a.m. Parents accompanying children who are late arriving in school will be asked for a reason and to sign the late book. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



## Sport Relief

We are pleased to announce that our Sport Relief activities raised £207.51 for the charity. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

## Dates for your diary...

**Good News assembly** - Every Friday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome.

### APRIL:

Value for the first half-term: **HONESTY**

**Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd** - community play 'George and the Dragon' at Woolhope Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

**Friday 22nd** - 'Wear what you like' day in aid of 'Dig Deep' charity

**Friday 29th** - Tempest Photography in school all day to take class and team photographs

### MAY:

**Monday 2nd** - Bank Holiday

**Monday 9th** - Year 6 SAT tests all week

**Wednesday 25th** - Some Year 6 children to 'It's A Knockout' in Hereford

**Friday 27th** - School closes for half-term

Value for the second half-term: **COURAGE**

### JUNE

**Monday 6th** - School resumes after half-term

**Wednesday 8th** - New parents' induction evening

**Thursday 9th** - Bag2School collection from school

**Monday 13th** - Governing Body meeting, 6:15 pm

**Tuesday 14th** - meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 children attending York residential trip, 3:30 pm

**Thursday 16th** - Bikeability training for Year 6 Group 1

**Monday 20th** - Year 6 Shakespeare workshop at the Courtyard Theatre including evening performance at 6.00 pm

**Tuesday 21st** - Sports Day, afternoon preceded by a family picnic (reserve date Thurs 23rd June)

**Friday 24th** - 'Wear what you like' day in support of the summer fete

**Saturday 25th** - Summer Fete

**Tuesday 28th** - Year 5 Modern Foreign Languages day at Bishop's Secondary School

**Tuesday 28th** - Bikeability training for Year 6 Group 2

**Wednesday 29th** - Bikeability training for Year 6 Group 3

**Thursday 30th** - Year 6 visits to respective secondary schools

### JULY

**Monday 4th** - Year 6 leavers' service in Hereford Cathedral

**Friday 8th** - 'Showtime' summer concert at Bishop's Secondary School, 7:00 pm

**Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th** - Years 5/6 residential visit to York

**Monday 18th** - drop-in parents' evening to discuss reports, 3:30 - 5:00

**Wednesday 20th** - Leavers' Service in Church: 2:00 pm.

School closes for the summer holidays.

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## Wye Valley Runners

Wye Valley Runners are proud to announce the inclusion of children's races as part of the amazing Gord's 6 race. This event is being held on Sunday, 17th April, at Fownhope Community Centre.

**RACE 1 - 1k race for children up to and including age 8.**

**RACE 2 - 2k race for children aged 9 to 11.**

Races will commence at 10 am. All competitors will receive a goodie bag including a medal, and the winner of each race will receive a Gift Voucher to spend in Sports Direct.

Entry for children's races is free (donations welcomed).

Children's races will be finished before the main race starts at 11 am.

Please visit our Facebook site if you wish to enter any children for this event (so that we can gauge numbers for the prizes). If you wish to enter the main race – a challenging 10k race of endurance in spectacular countryside – please join us. Entries will be taken on the day (entry fee applies).

[www.facebook.com/groups/WyeValleyRunners](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WyeValleyRunners)

Refreshments will be provided at the finish line for all competitors.

## Wembley Football Escort Competition

The Herefordshire Football Association are offering two lucky winners the opportunity to be a player escort for the Hereford FC v Morpeth FA Vase Final at Wembley on 22nd May 2016. Each player on the day will have an escort allocated to walk out onto the pitch with and this is your chance to be one of the escorts. The winner will be selected at random and will walk out with the teams at the 'Home of Football' on 22nd May. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for a football fan.

### To be eligible:

- The child must be between 7-11 years of age.
- They must be at school in Herefordshire.
- Once confirmed the winners will be sent details of everything they need to know about the day.
- The winner will be sent a consent form to fill in and return before the specified date.
- The winner will be provided with a player escort kit (shirt, shorts, socks) on the day and a match day programme.
- The winner will receive three tickets to the game: two tickets for the parent/guardian and one ticket for the escort.
- The team you walk out with on the day will be allocated by The FA.

To enter with a chance to win, simply fill out a form from the school office, and the winner will be selected at random following the closing date on Thursday 28th April.

The HFA might be running further competitions. Why not sign up to our mailing list to hear about the latest news from the HFA first? Read more at <http://www.herefordshirefa.com/news/2016/apr/win-a-chance-to-be-a-player-escort-at-the-fa-vase-final#zuZmzdbEc9szyqva.99>

## Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school all day on Friday 29th April taking class and team photographs. Please ensure children have correct uniform, football boots, etc.

## York Residential Visit

There will be a meeting for all parents of children attending the York residential visit on Tuesday 14th June at 3.30 in the Year 6 classroom. This meeting will provide you with an itinerary, kit lists and final details for the trip, so please attend if you possibly can. It will also be a chance to ask any questions you may have about the trip.

## Fundraising Afternoon: Friday 22nd April

A reminder that, on Friday 22nd April, former student Ashleigh Osborne will be holding a non-school uniform day and cake sale for our students. Ashleigh is currently volunteering with the small independent charity 'Dig Deep', who work alongside primary schools in Kenya to provide clean water and sanitation for young children. The aim of this charity is to supply 25,000 children a year with access to clean water, by working with local governments and volunteers. Ashleigh is hoping to fundraise £1,500 by June in aid of this. She will be coming into school next Wednesday to explain her fundraising to the children in assembly.

On the Friday children may come into school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation to the charity, and cakes will be on sale to the children in the afternoon. If you would like to donate cakes, please bring them into school on the Friday morning. Parents are welcome to buy cakes after Good News Assembly on the day.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the school's Governing Body for a parent governor. An explanation letter and nomination form has been sent home with your child today. If you wish to be considered for this position, please return the completed nomination form by Friday 29th April. Unfortunately we will be unable to consider any forms returned after this date.

## Sunday 19th June

We have been invited to take a group of children to participate in the family service in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 19th June. There will be a letter sent out in due course to gauge interest, but please keep the date free if you are interested in your child participating. It would be lovely to have as many children as possible representing the school. Thanks very much.



## Suncream

It is getting towards that time of year again! Wherever possible, please apply sun cream (SPF 15 or above is recommended) to your child before school and provide a good sunhat for use at break and lunchtime. You can order a school sun hat from the school office at a cost of £5. Children will be permitted to put on their own sun cream at the end of the morning on sunny days; this will be supervised by school staff. If possible, please apply a long-lasting sun cream in the morning to minimise the need to re-apply later in the day.

*The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 29th April.*

## St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Peter Daines - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman  
Sara Watts - Parent Governor