



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

Here we are at the end of another busy week.

The school photographer has been in school today taking group and class photographs. We are looking forward to seeing the results in the next few weeks!

As we move into May, let's hope that the weather will improve and that summer is on its way! Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, and we'll see you all back in school next Tuesday.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne



Hereford River Carnival

Many thanks to those children who have signed up to sing with us tomorrow. If you would like to come along to watch, we will be singing at the Left Bank (in the courtyard) at 10.30 then again outside the Music Pool Marquee on the King George V Playing Fields at about 1.10 pm.

There will be lots of stalls, food and activities to enjoy all day.

Reports

Children's individual reports from the end of the spring term have been issued today. Please note that these are the summary reports issued following parents' evening last term, and that full reports will be issued at the end of the summer term. There will be a drop-in parents' evening on Monday 18th July between 3.30 and 5.00 should you wish to discuss the contents of your child's report with his/ her class teacher. However, if you have any concerns following the spring term summary report, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

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.

Money and forms

Please remember to send correct money and forms in named envelopes to the office via your child's bag, rather than bringing money to the office. Unfortunately change cannot be given at the office counter. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for your diary...

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

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

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

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

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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News From the Classes

Pre-School

Pre-School have been learning about lifecycles including chickens and tadpoles. We have been looking at the chicks inside using a special microscope. We are so excited that next week our chickens' eggs should hatch!

Reception

We have been enjoying learning about the 'Wonderful World' that we live in. We have been looking at different life cycles and have been fascinated when observing how fast tadpoles swim in their tank. We are very excited as we wait for the eggs to hatch and are busy thinking of chick names... We can't wait to look after them with Pre-School.

Year 1

We have been learning about the structure of flowering plants. We have enjoyed our swimming lessons and have been practising our ball skills on the field. We have also been playing 'shops' and working out which coins we will need to buy particular items.

Year 2

We have enjoyed investigating the insulating properties of different materials and made some interesting discoveries. We are now going to start our new topic of Living Things with a focus on Kenya.

Years 3/4

We are enjoying our topic about the Ancient Greeks. We have written our own myths based on Theseus and the Minotaur, and are working on a dance based on the Ancient Olympic Games.

Years 4/5

In maths we have been measuring angles. We enjoyed our instructional writing earlier in the week, especially when we tried different ways of making sherbet!

Year 6

We are enjoying preparing for our performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Courtyard Theatre in June. The parts have now been cast so we have been busy learning our lines!

York Residential Visit

A reminder that 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.



Medical and contact information

Please notify us in writing of any changes to medical or contact details for your child.

Please ensure that we have up to date inhalers in the school office for your child.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that as a 'nut-free school', we ask that you do not send any food containing nuts, sesame or chickpea products (e.g.

hummus, peanut butter, nutty cereal bars, bread with sesame seeds, etc.) into school as we have children with severe allergic reactions to these products. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



Dig Deep

Last week's 'wear what you like day' and cake sale raised a massive £322.67! This will go towards the charity Dig Deep, which currently helps build wells

in isolated villages in Kenya with no access to clean water. I just wanted to say a huge Thank You to all the children for coming in in their own clothes, and to the parents for helping to bake such delicious cakes and donating so much money. It is really heart-warming and incredible to have raised this amount and I am really excited to pass the money onto the charity.

Thank you once again to the parents, children and teachers of St Mary's Primary School for donating. Ashleigh Osborne.

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



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. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 13th May.

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