



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

As you may know, the governors and staff have been discussing the future of the school, with a particular focus on class sizes and numbers. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to an important meeting in school on Monday 23rd May at 6.00 pm, when we will be outlining our proposals for the school for the short-term and longer-term. This meeting will be particularly informative for parents of children currently in Year 3 in terms of their provision for next year but will also give all parents an overview of the school's overall aims for the future. Please join us if you possibly can.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Hereford River Carnival



A massive well done and thank you to the five children who represented the school at the river carnival on Saturday 30th April. The children sang brilliantly, and we were very proud of them. Also, many thanks to their parents for bringing them to the event.

The children were Emily Clarke, Liam Evans, Poppy Gibbs, Ellis Jones and William Prater.

Website

Many thanks to those parents who have offered their help with updating our website. Unfortunately this will not now happen until after the half-term break. If you are still interested in helping us with this, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Miss E. Rees, a second year teaching student from the University of Gloucester, to work with Miss Scrivens' Class for the next few weeks. Miss Rees attended St. Mary's as a child, so it is great to welcome her back as a student teacher!

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**

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

Wednesday 15th - Hereford Cathedral maths challenge for some Year 6 children

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)

Thursday 23rd - Crucial Crew for Year 6 children

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

We have been so excited to watch our chicks hatch. We have three chicks called Fuzzy, Bobby and Fluffy and they come to Pre-School to visit each day and we are learning how to care for them.

Reception

We were so excited when we watched the baby chicks hatch and were amazed to see how quickly they fluffed up under the heat lamp. We have loved looking after the chicks and making houses for them!

Year 1

We have been learning about wild flowers and writing pages for an information book about wild flowers. We have been finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.

Year 2

We have been learning about what is a living thing, what was once living and what has never been alive – exploring the school field for examples. We have also been learning a little more about Kenya and the living things there, creating our own safari maps complete with keys and compass directions.

Years 3/4

We are learning all about mystery stories. We have been story detectives and followed clues to work out who the culprit was in different stories.

Years 4/5

We have been debating whether CCTV should be installed in primary schools. We wrote a persuasive letter to Mr. Milne. In maths we have been learning about angles and reflective symmetry.

Year 6

We have been busy preparing for the tests this week and have worked extremely hard. As 'light' relief we have had a go at making our own periscopes and investigated refraction. Our Shakespeare play is now underway - a tale of star crossed lovers, magic and mayhem. Can you guess which play?

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.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place this year on Tuesday 21st June in the afternoon. You are invited to join us for a picnic lunch at 12pm on the field. Please note that there will be no hot lunches available on this day. Children who have ordered a lunch will have a choice of ham salad or cheese salad baguette and a fruit biscuit. Please let the office know of your child's preference in advance. Races will start at 1pm.

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.



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.

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.

Goodbye

Last week we said goodbye to Lucy in Year 5, who left us to start at another school. We will miss her and wish her all the very best for the future.

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.



The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 27th May.

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