



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 half-term. The children have all worked really hard during the last few weeks and really deserve a break! We are all looking forward to lots of exciting activities and events after the half-term holiday, and apparently some good weather is on the way too!

Have a great week off, and we will see you all back in school on Monday 6th June.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

PTA NEWS UPDATE

Ink cartridge recycling bags were sent home two weeks ago. We'd appreciate any used cartridges (further details on the collection bags) as we can earn up to £1 per cartridge for school!

Bag 2 School bags have now been sent out. Our next collection date is Thursday 9th June. The company have been in school this week presenting an assembly. It was great to learn what happens to the bags once they've left school! Let's make this collection the biggest yet! As with the ink cartridges, any bag will do (bin liners, carrier bags etc).

The office ladies were very grateful for the medical fridge that was funded by the PTA. School has now taken delivery of their new iPads. The PTA's donation of almost £6000 to cover the whole package, would not have been possible without your support, hard work and generosity. The package includes 20 iPad minis; a MacBook Air (to sync iPads and apps); Griffin charge, sync & storage solutions; sturdy cases for each unit and all of the current recommended applications for primary schools. Full training for teachers across the whole curriculum is also included, as well as on-going technical support.

Planning for our summer fundraiser is well underway. We will be holding a traditional summer fete on Saturday 25th June with games and stalls such as Tug of War, a coconut shy, skittles, lucky dips, wellie wanging and Beat the Goalie. We'll be having a BBQ and a Pimms tent (which will also sell beer!). Other attractions will include children's dance performances and an audience participation workshop!

We will soon be sending out a 'Please Help' letter to parents with details of equipment we are still looking to borrow/source - such as hay bales and stocks (to soak willing teachers!) Thank you

Rachel Hart (on behalf of the PTA)

Dates for your diary...

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

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 enjoying watching our chicks grow and have been busy planting beans this week.

Reception

We had a wonderful time on our minibeast hunt looking at micro-habitats and even found an unexpected surprise...a frog hidden under a flowerpot! After this we made a great class lift-the-flap minibeast book.

Year 1

We have enjoyed painting models of flowers. In maths we have been identifying 3D shapes and counting their faces. We have also been learning to read 'o'clock' and 'half past' times.

Year 2

Like Reception, we also enjoyed a session out by our pond area exploring the different micro-habitats. We saw a few smaller frogs and many other minibeasts. We have also been planning and writing a tourist information brochure to promote Kenya – by request of the chief of the Masai Mara tribe.

Years 3/4

We have been creating our own fragments of Greek pottery and pretending we were the archaeologists who found them.

Years 4/5

We have been reading books by the authors we saw at the Hay Festival. We have been researching the Royal Family so that we can write a balanced argument about whether or not Britain should have one.

Year 6

There are lots of exciting events happening for Year 6 at the moment. We are continuing to rehearse for our forthcoming production, have spent last week designing magical fairies and settings for stories, and this week some of us attended 'It's a Knockout' for much fun and mirth!

Showtime

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to perform at this event at Bishop's High School at 7 pm on Friday 8th July. Unfortunately at the moment we only have five children on the list to perform and ideally need at least double this amount. We would be extremely grateful for a few more children signing up for this; please let the school office know if your child can come. Tickets for the event will be available from school after half-term.

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.

Lateness

We are finding that lateness is causing a lot of disruption to the beginning of the school day. Please bring your child to the playground gate by 8.45 a.m. when the bell rings. Children need to be in class by 8.50 a.m. Children should not enter the school via the front door.

After half-term we will be recording the lateness of every individual child in school and sending out follow-up letters to parents. 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.

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 Queen's Birthday Party at Brockhampton Court

Come and join Brockhampton and the community to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Saturday 11th June between 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm. Live music, fresh strawberries and cream, children's games, face painting. Bring your own picnic and drinks. Prizes for the best dressed 'royal person' and 'royal family'. **FREE ENTRY!**

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 17th June.

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