

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 - Perseverance

Welcome back to a new school year!

It has been great to see how well our new Reception children have settled into school life. We would like to give a warm welcome to Jerold, Alfie, Myla, Berry, Mackenzie, Cody, Charlie, Rhys, Owen, Joseph, Shorena, Maisie, Rocco, Antoinette, Martha, Toby, Luke, Bear, Tyler and Stanley. We would also like to welcome Blessing, who joins us in Year 3, and Sam and Franklin who have joined Year 2. We welcome all of our new children and their families and hope that you will all be very happy here with us at St. Mary's.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs R. Perkins, who joins us as a lunchtime supervisor, and Mrs L. Harwood who has joined our after-school club team. We welcome them both warmly to the school.

We welcome Mrs D. Harwood to our team of teachers. We are delighted with the new classroom and the children are working well in the new seven-class system in the mornings. There will be a chance for parents to view the new classroom before Good News Assembly next Friday, so please come and have a look!

It is only two weeks until our first event of the year, our harvest festival service in St. Mary's Church, followed by a harvest lunch in school. You are all warmly invited to join us for these events. Please see below for details.

Here's to another busy school year...

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

Goodbye

We have said goodbye to Marley in Year 4 who has left us; we wish him every success at his new school. We also say goodbye today to Luke and Sophie who are moving abroad; we wish them well for the future.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Hayter and Bullen Construction for decorating the new classroom for us free of charge; they have done a brilliant job! Their website is hayterandbullen.co.uk.

Also huge thanks to Leon Harwood and Arnie Hurds for helping out with jobs around the school in order to help get the building ready for the beginning of term.

Dates for your diary...

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

SEPTEMBER 2016: VALUE - PERSEVERANCE

Sunday 25th: Church harvest festival service, 11:00 am

Monday 26th: Governors' meeting 6:15 pm in school

Friday 30th September: School harvest festival service in St. Mary's Church 10:30 am, followed by harvest lunch in school

OCTOBER: VALUE - PERSEVERANCE

Monday 3rd: Phonics explanation meeting for new parents, 3:30 pm

Wednesday 5th: author workshops with Cat Weatherill

Wednesday 19th: M & M Productions perform 'Charlotte's Web' in school, afternoon

NOVEMBER: VALUE - LOVE

Tuesday 1st/ Wednesday 2nd: Pottery and environmental workshops in school

Friday 4th: Tempest Photography in school to take individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 9th: Open Day for prospective parents

Thursday 17th: 'Into Film' festival a.m. • Parents' evening, 3:30 - 6:00 pm

Friday 18th: 'Children in Need' fundraising day - more details nearer the time

Monday 21st: Governors' meeting in school, 6:15 pm

Tuesday 22nd: Parents' evening, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

DECEMBER: VALUE - LOVE

Thursday 1st: Maths evening for parents 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday 6th: Christmas dinner for children and parents: 12:00 and 12.45 pm

Wednesday 7th: Christmas dinner for children and parents: 12:00 and 12.45 pm

Thursday 8th: 'Wear what you like' day

Friday 9th: Christmas Fayre, 3.00 - 6.00 pm

Monday 12th: Nativity performances, 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Tuesday 13th: Nativity performance, 2:00 pm

Wednesday 14th: Christmas theatre visits (provisional)

Thursday 15th: Christmas parties and buffet lunch

Friday 16th: School Christmas carol service in church, 2:00 pm

Sunday 18th: Church carol service, 6:00 pm

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School Office open from 8:30am, call: 01432 860474 | Headteacher: Mr T Milne



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.

Security

Please note that, in the interests of security, the side gate to school will be locked before school so the only entrance available to the children is the main playground gate. If you have bikes or scooters, please leave them by the side gate and these will be stored securely by school staff at the beginning of each day. Thank you.

School Grounds

Huge thanks to everyone who came to the 'tidy up day' at the end of the holidays. The school grounds are already looking much smarter, although we still have some way to go!

Please note that on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd November the children will be participating in two days of art and environmental workshops with the aim of improving our outdoor environment. They will need to bring warm, waterproof clothing and wellies as we will be outside for much of the time. During this time we hope to finish off some of the outside jobs ready for the winter. We would love parents to come and join in; please let the office know if you are able to give up any time on either of these days. Thank you.

Parking

We have been notified that parents have been parking in the car park of Church Croft. This is a private car park and we have been asked for parents not to use it. Also, on Monday our swimming bus was unable to park right outside the school gates due to cars blocking the road. This meant that not only were the children late back to school but that they had to walk back to school from further up the road which is not ideal for safety reasons. Please park in such a way that does not restrict access to school or residential properties. If possible please park on the main road through the village or in one of the pub car parks and walk up the path into school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Donation

Huge thanks to Lucksall Caravan and Camping Park, who have donated £250 to pay towards the cost of resources for our new classroom; it is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to the PTA who during the holidays bought a brand new interactive screen for our new classroom, which is now up and running smoothly.

Money and Forms

Please send correct money and forms in a named envelope to the office via your child's bag, rather than bringing money to the office. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Cleaner Required

St Mary's CE Primary School

Monday - Friday

(7.5 hours per week) @ £8.25 per hour

Due to the nature of this position a successful DBS is essential, as part of our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, appointment to the post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

To apply call 01432 273434 quoting ref HER075

Tennis Coaching

Junior Tennis Coaching at Woolhope Tennis Club

Starting Wednesday 14th September

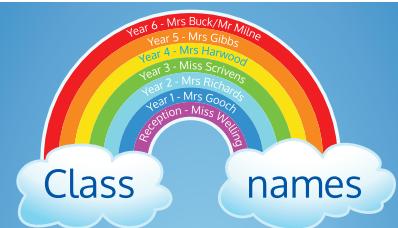
4pm - 5pm 5-7 year olds

5pm - 6pm 8-11 year olds

6pm - 7pm 11 years +

Cost: £55 to 14th December (not including half term)

To book a place or for more information please contact: 07792 290679



A reminder of our new class structure for the mornings:

- **Year 6** – Mrs Buck/ Mr Milne – Red Class
- **Year 5** – Mrs Gibbs – Orange Class
- **Year 4** – Mrs Harwood – Yellow Class
- **Year 3** – Miss Scrivens – Green Class
- **Year 2** – Mrs Richards – Blue Class
- **Year 1** – Mrs Gooch – Indigo Class
- **Reception** – Miss Welling – Violet Class

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 | Helen Seaborne - Parent Governors