



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

Many thanks to Red Class (Year 6), who have written poems and prayers on the theme of our value of the half-term, Perseverance. These can be seen on the values board in the main corridor, and three of them have been included in this letter.

It is with sadness that next Friday we will say goodbye to Mrs Richards, who leaves us to start her new job. Mrs Richards has worked here at St. Mary's for six years and has devoted a huge amount of time and energy to her job and the children she has taught. She has been a big part of St. Mary's and everybody here would like to sincerely thank her for her huge dedication and commitment to the school. We will certainly miss her and we wish her every success for the future. There will be a final chance to say goodbye to Mrs Richards in our Good News Assembly next Friday afternoon.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Goodbye

Next week we sadly say goodbye to Elvis and Antoinette, who leave us to move to another school. We will miss them and we wish them and their family every success for the future.

Operation Christmas Child



We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child by asking your child to make up a shoebox full of small items as a Christmas present for a child abroad. Your child has been given a leaflet detailing the scheme. Please bring your completed shoebox to school by **Thursday 10th November** at the very latest. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE IS EARLIER THAN THE DATE STATED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER.** Thank you very much for your support with this.



Brockhampton Court

A huge thank you to the staff and residents at Brockhampton Court Nursing Home who raised £350 for our new classroom by organising a range of fundraising activities during the summer. The children

from Yellow Class enjoyed visiting the home last week to thank them personally and entertained them with a song and a poem!

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly - Every Friday 2:40pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome.

OCTOBER: VALUE - PERSEVERANCE

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

Year 6 SATS Meeting

Please note that there will be a meeting for parents of Year 6 children on Thursday 10th November at 3:30 pm, outlining how to help support your child this year in their preparation for the SAT tests.

The next school Bell will be issued on Friday 4th November

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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.

School Grounds Improvement Days

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. One of the activities will be creating a outdoor clay mural, made up of individual tiles, with Jon Williams from Eastnor Pottery. This has been funded by a grant from the Sylvia Short Educational Charity. Other activities will include fence weaving, stone painting, nature pictures and pot planting.

Children need not wear school uniform for the two days. They will need to wear warm, waterproof clothing and wellies as we will be outside for much of the time. They will also need an old shirt or painting apron to protect their clothes when working with clay. We are also asking each child to bring a round, smooth stone or pebble and a vegetable such as a carrot, potato or parsnip. We are also looking for colourful weatherproof material that can be cut into strips for weaving into fences.

We would love parents to come and join in the fun, either working with the children or helping to finish wood-staining the playground fence. Please let the office know if you are able to give up any time on either of these days. Thank you.

Charlotte's Web



A reminder that next Wednesday afternoon, M and M Productions will be performing 'Charlotte's Web' in school. If you have not done so already, please send the payment of £6.00 per child to the office in a named envelope via your child's bag.

School Photographs

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 4th November to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like a photograph of your children with younger siblings who do not attend Pre-School, please be here at 8.30 a.m. If your child attends Pre-School and you would like them to be photographed with an older school sibling, please let the school office know in advance. Thank you.

Harvest Service

Thank you to everybody who brought food items into school to be donated to Hereford Food Bank. In addition to the food items, your monetary contributions totalled £219.99 (£52.01 from the church service collection and £167.98 from the harvest lunch in school). Many thanks for your generosity.

Sascha Kindred

It was great to welcome Paralympic swimmer Sascha Kindred back to school last week after his Gold Medal and World Record success in Rio last month. He is an inspiration to us all!



Perseverance Prayers and Poems by Red Class

Dear God,
Thank you for helping me to not give up on spellings.
Thank you for helping me in tests when they are hard.
It is hard when things are tough.
Please help us to never give up.
Help us to have good dreams and not have bad.
Encourage others to persevere through life and never give up
Help us not to quit
Make sure that we don't stop persevering.

By Abigail

**Persevere through the challenges of life;
Everyone to respect each other;
Respect each other.
Sometimes it's hard to keep trying;
Enjoy persevering through life;
Value of the month;
Encourage people to persevere;
Respect everyone;
Always keep trying;
Never give up;
Concentrate and persevere through hard work;
Ever expanding confidence.**

By Joshua Storr

Dear Lord,
Please help us to persevere and keep trying.
Help us in school
And in everything in our day-to-day life.
Thank you Lord for the gift of perseverance
And help us to know how to use the gift of perseverance.

By Ella Watts

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

Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Peter Daines - Chairman | Mrs Sarah Fishbourne - Vice Chairman
Sara Watts | Helen Seaborne - Parent Governors