



# 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 - Love

I hope you all had a great half-term break last week.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hall to teach Blue Class part-time from now until the end of the school year. We also welcome Mrs Whitesman and Mrs Price in the afternoons.

As the weather gets colder, we look forward to a busy and exciting few weeks in the lead-up to Christmas. There are lots of events and activities planned so make sure you keep an eye on our website and letters to keep up-to-date with everything that's happening!

Our new value for this half-term is 'love'. Please have a chat with your child about this value. We will be talking about love in our assemblies and teaching it through lessons. It is obviously a very important Christian value when discussing the true meaning of Christmas later this term.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evenings later this month.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

## Message from Mrs Richards

I'd like to say a huge thank you for all the kind words and messages I received at the end of half term, and for the generous gift of the vouchers which I look forward to putting to good use in the near future. Thank you also for the support you have shown me during my time at St Mary's and to your children for all their hard work and effort. I look forward to seeing you at some of the school events this year.

## 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. Thank you very much for your support with this.



## Poppies

Poppies, poppy wristbands and stickers are now available in school. Our prefects will be bringing them round the classrooms every afternoon next week.



## Dates for your diary...

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

**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

**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 next Thursday, 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 18th 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

Many thanks to all parents who came to help out on Tuesday and Wednesday. We really enjoyed our two days of environmental and art activities. The school grounds are starting to look smarter and brighter; look out for more of the children's clay and art murals appearing outside over the next few weeks once they have been glazed and varnished!

Many thanks once again to the Sylvia Short Educational Charity for funding the pottery workshops with Eastnor Pottery; the children thoroughly enjoyed these!

## Charlotte's Web

We very much enjoyed M and M's production of 'Charlotte's Web' before half-term. If you have not yet paid for your child to watch the performance, please send £6.00 in a named envelope to the school office via your child's bag. Thank you.



## Fireworks and Bonfire Night Mordiford Primary School

# TONIGHT!

Friday 4th November. Gates open from 5.30 pm.

## Open Day

A reminder that next Wednesday, 9th November, is our annual Open Day for the school and pre-school. This is mainly for prospective parents to view the school in action before making a choice for next year. Current parents are more than welcome to attend but please note that there will not be the opportunity to participate in lessons this year. However, you are very welcome to visit the school and have a guided tour with our prefects!

## Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our parents' evenings will take place on Thursday 17th November from 3:30 until 6:00 pm and Tuesday 22nd November from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. You should have already received a booking slip for an appointment. Please ensure that you return it to the school office as quickly as possible to secure an appointment for your chosen date.

## Return of Home/School Agreements and Photograph Permission Forms

We still have many children for whom the coloured sheets we sent out last half-term have not been returned. Please return these to the office as soon as possible so that we can update our records accurately. Thank you

## 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.

We will now 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.



## Children in Need Friday 18th November

This year we are asking children to come to school wearing 'something spotty' in return for a donation to the charity. Children do not need to wear school uniform but can wear at least one 'spotty' item; this can be as simple as a spotted hat or belt. The School Council will also be organising a cake sale for the charity; donations of cakes would be most welcome. Parents are invited to come to our cake sale from 2.00pm, followed by Good News Assembly at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

## 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