



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 – Trust

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. Personally I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind gifts and good wishes at the end of last term; they were very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to another busy term! Please look out for letters from class teachers over the next few days detailing the various topics to be taught in the classes this term and how you can support your children.

Our value of the half-term is 'Trust'. We have started talking about the value in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about what trust is. Thank you to the children in Yellow Class who have written stories about what happens when trust is betrayed; these are displayed on the values board in the main corridor.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome two new children and their families to St. Mary's: Carina in Green Class and Kay in Violet Class. We hope that they will be very happy here with us.

We also welcome Miss Guyatt and Miss Lippett, final year teaching students from the University of Worcester, to teach in Green and Orange classes respectively. They will be with us for the next seven weeks. It is great to have them with us and they have already been working hard with their classes.

Healthy Living Week

A reminder that in the week beginning 23rd January we will be holding a 'healthy living week'. This will involve the children in learning about healthy eating and participating in daily fitness activities. Please support us by providing healthy lunchboxes and ensuring that your child has his/her PE kit in school every day this week. Please also provide a drinks bottle filled with water every day. Children should wear trainers all week in healthy living week.

Valentines Disco

Advance notice: the PTA will be organising a Valentines Disco on Friday 10th February. This will take the form of an early evening 'lower school disco' for pre-school, Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 children, and a later 'upper school disco' for Key Stage 2 children. Timings to be confirmed.

Dates for your diary...

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

JANUARY: VALUE – TRUST

Thursdays 12th, 19th and 26th : Pedestrian training for Green and Yellow classes

Monday 16th: Vision tests for Reception children

Monday 23rd: Healthy living week begins

FEBRUARY: VALUE – TRUST/ PEACE

Wednesday 1st: Meeting for staff and governors, 3:45 pm

Friday 10th: Valentines disco

Monday 27th: Book week begins; more details to follow

MARCH: VALUE – PEACE

Thursday 2nd: World Book Day: come to school dressed as your favourite book character! Special assembly for parents: 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 9th: Hereford Cathedral School football tournament

Monday 13th: Governors' meeting 6:15 pm

Thursday 23rd: Parents' evening 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Friday 24th: Comic Relief: bring in a donation for the charity

Tuesday 28th: 'Sing Spring In' event for Yellow, Orange and Red classes, a.m.

Tuesday 28th: Parents' evening 3:30 – 6:00 pm

APRIL: VALUE – PEACE

Friday 7th: Easter service in church, 2 pm

Junior Tennis Coaching

Woolhope Tennis Club

Wednesday 11th January - February 8th

4.30pm-5pm 5-7 year olds (Cost £18)

5pm-6pm 8-14 year olds (Cost £28)

To book a place or for more information please contact benlett@hotmail.com or 07792 290679

*The next school Bell will be issued on
Friday 27th January, 2017*

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Christmas Jumper Day

Donations for this on Friday 9th December raised a total of £52.80.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

School Closure

So far this winter we have been lucky with the weather, but just in case of the school having to close due to bad weather, here is a reminder of the system.

In the event of closure, an announcement will appear on the website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures in the morning, as early as we can make a decision. The message will also be broadcast on BBC Hereford and Worcester Radio. You will also receive a SchoolComs text message on your mobile phone. Obviously we plan to keep closure to a minimum but may have to take the decision to close during severe weather conditions in the interests of everyone's safety.

Mobile Phones



A reminder that for safeguarding reasons, visitors to school are requested to not use mobile phones for photos or other purposes on the school premises. Thank you for your support and understanding with this

Communication

A reminder that if you have any concerns about your child, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. The best way to do this is via the school office who can make you an appointment as quickly as possible. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Village Library

We are delighted to have built up closer links with the Fownhope Village Library. The library has their AGM planned for Thursday 23rd February at 5pm and would very much like a parent from school to join their committee. This would not only strengthen our link with the library but would give the committee a parent's viewpoint. The commitment would be to attend no more than six meetings every year. If you are interested, there are nomination forms in the village library. Alternatively you can contact: Sue Pope on 01432 860003.



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.

Term dates 2017/18

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Spring Term 2017

Term starts	Wednesday 4th January
Half term	Monday 13th - 17th February
Term ends	Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Term starts	Monday 24th April
Half term	Monday 29th May - 2nd June
Term ends	Friday 21st July

Autumn Term 2017

Term starts	Tuesday 5th September
Half term	Monday 23rd-27th October
Term ends	Friday 15th December

Spring Term 2018

Term starts	Wednesday 3rd January
Half term	Monday 19th-23rd February
Term ends	Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term starts	Monday 16th April
Half term	Monday 28th May- 1st June
Term ends	Friday 20th July

Church Carol Service

Many thanks to those children who participated in the carol service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 18th December. It was lovely to see so many children and families at the service, and we had lots of complimentary comments about the children's singing from members of the congregation.

Book Week coming soon...

Week beginning 27th February, more details next time!



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