



# 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

Well, the winter has well and truly arrived now, although the next few days look set to be a bit milder. What excitement to see snow in Fownhope a couple of weeks ago! Please ensure that all children have warm clothing such as coats, hats and gloves during these cold temperatures as we aim to let the children continue to play outside as much as possible.

We have had a great week learning about 'healthy living'. Thanks to all parents who have supported us by providing healthy snacks and lunchboxes this week; many children have enjoyed trying something new and healthy! We have also enjoyed trying different sports and fitness activities throughout the week. Keep an eye on our website for some photos soon!

Best wishes,  
Mr Milne

## Dates for your diary...

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

### FEBRUARY: VALUE – TRUST/ PEACE

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

**Friday 10th:** Valentine's 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 (team to be selected from Y5 and Y6).

**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.

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### APRIL: VALUE – PEACE

**Friday 7th:** Easter service in church, 2 pm

## Lost Property

Please remember to name your children's clothing and items such as water bottles. Misplaced named items will be returned to the child's class as soon as they are found. From next week, there will be a 'lost property' box under the shelter outside Orange Classroom where unnamed clothing and other items will be sent. This will be cleared periodically; please look here if your child has lost an unnamed item of clothing. Please do not ask in the office.

## Valentine's Disco

**Friday 10th February. Pre-School and Key Stage 1: 5:00 – 6:00 pm.**  
**Key Stage 2: 6:15 – 7:30 pm. A booking form has been sent out with your children today.**

## School Office

If you would like to speak directly to a member of office staff, please enter the school via the front door and ask at the hatch. For safeguarding reasons please do not enter the school from any door other than the front door. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



Sainsbury's

**Active Kids 2017**  
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## Active Kids

Sainsbury's are once again issuing Active Kids vouchers. Please collect them and send

them in to school with your children. The collection box is located in the main corridor underneath the Good News board.

## PTA Lottery

December's winners (drawn in good news assembly on 13th Jan) were:

**1st - Number 179 - Monique Horne**

**2nd - Number 84 - Lisa Lewis**

**3rd - Number 43 - Shane Miles**

The next draw will take place on Friday 3rd February in Good News Assembly.

To join the lottery scheme, please collect a form from the office or contact Catherine Davey.

*The next School Bell will be issued on  
Friday 10th February, 2017*

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## News from the Classes

### Violet Class

Once upon a time...Violet Class went to the theatre to see Aladdin. They decided to make magic lamps and thought about their personal wishes. They had a wonderful time flying on a magic carpet; using their wonderful imaginations, they created some lovely writing about where they went and what they saw...The End.

### Indigo Class

We have been learning about different materials and what things are made of. This week we are starting to make our models of moving vehicles. We have also been learning about vehicles in the past and have begun writing our own apps on the computer.

### Blue Class

We have been reading Katie Morag stories by Mairi Hedderwick and looking at how we can improve our own writing by checking through to see that it make sense. In maths we are working on number bonds for numbers 1-10. e.g. what makes 5? We are then using this information to help us with addition and subtraction sentences to 100.

### Green Class

Year 3 children are starting to learn about expanded column addition in maths and have also completed some pedestrian training.

### Yellow Class

In science we have been seeing what it would be like to be a palaeontologist by excavating chocolate chips out of cookies; we decided you needed to be very patient and careful! In Literacy we have been looking at stories from other cultures, reading about Hamid from Pakistan. We have been writing our own episode to fit into the story. In maths we have been working on fraction amounts and linking fractions to decimals. Finally, we have just finished reading our class story, "A Boy Called Christmas" and are looking forward to starting a new one!

### Orange Class

We have been reading stories from 'Short' by Kevin Crossley-Holland and writing our own short stories. In maths we have been looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers. We are enjoying our local area and rocks topics too.

### Red Class

We have just finished reading "Wolf Wilder" by Katherine Rundell and we absolutely loved it! Now we are starting "The Silver Sword" by Ian Serrailier to accompany our World War II topic. We are looking at the lives of evacuees and how distressing it must have ben to say goodbye to our parents at such a young age. In Maths our focus has been 2D and 3D shape and transformations.

## Snow!

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## Book Week Week

### Beginning 27th February

On Thursday 2nd March we will be inviting all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We look forward to a fun day. Also we will be holding dedicated story times throughout the week where adults and children will be sharing their favourite stories. We are hoping that some parents will come in and read a story or excerpt from their favourite children's book to either a class or the whole school during one of these story times. If you would like to do this, please let the school office know who you would like to read to and what you would like to read, by Friday 27th February.



## 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.



## 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