



# 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

Here we are at half-term already!

Half-termly progress reports for all children have been sent home today. Please fill in the accompanying slip to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at one of our parents' evenings on 23rd and 28th March.

Have an enjoyable half-term break next week.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne



St. Mary's  
**Pre-School**

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## Pre-School

We have been delighted to welcome Becky Berry who has been helping us out for the last few weeks; it is lovely to have her with us! This week we have been talking about what we would like to grow in the spring in our vegetable garden.

## 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

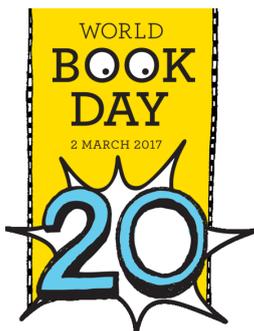
**Friday 24th:** Comic Relief: bring in a donation for the charity

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

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

### APRIL: VALUE – PEACE

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



Your child has brought home a book voucher in aid of World Book Day. A reminder that children are invited to come to school on Thursday 2nd March dressed as their favourite book character. There will also be a special assembly at 9.00 am, to which you are all invited.

A reminder that in the week beginning 27th February we will be celebrating books and reading all week. During the week we will be holding dedicated story times 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. Very few people have come forward so far. 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.



## PTA Lottery

January's winners (drawn in good news assembly on 6th February) were:-

**1st - Number 164: Tanya Bowyer**

**2nd - Number 100: Donna Etherton**

**3rd - Number 32: Jackie Reynolds**

The next draw will take place on Friday 3rd March 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 3rd March, 2017*

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## Comic Relief



After half-term we will be selling red noses in aid of Comic Relief, priced at £1 each. Children may wear these in school on Red Nose Day, which is Friday 24th March. Children are asked to bring in loose change on the day to raise money for the charity.

## Parents' Cyber Safety Meeting

This is a very important issue which can affect all our children. West Mercia Police will be delivering a session for parents on Wednesday 22nd February at 2:15 pm. Please attend if you possibly can. If you would like to attend the session but cannot make this time, the police are happy to run the session again at a later date in the evening. Please let the school office know if you would be interested in this.

## 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. There is 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.



## Cinderella

*Fancy a half-term trip to the theatre?*

Hereford Amateur Pantomime Society presents the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford 15th – 18th February.

Box Office: 01432 340555.



## Basketball

Good luck to our new basketball team who will be competing in the first ever under 11's Gloucestershire tournament at Gloucester College tomorrow. We are very proud of how much their skills have improved since September and wish them every success. Have a great day!



## Vacation Creation

Free creative workshops for children during February half-term at Hereford Library and Museum. Four high quality professional artists, crafts people and performance practitioners programmed per day.

**Tuesday 14th – Saturday 18th February, 11 am – 3 pm.**

Free with no pre-booking required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Funded by Herefordshire Council Library and Museum Fund. For more details please go to [www.brightstripe.co.uk](http://www.brightstripe.co.uk)



## February Half-Term Tennis Camps

**13th – 15th February**

Mini tennis 9:30-11:30: 4-9 years old

Junior tennis 11:30-3:30: 9-14 years old

At Hereford Squash, Tennis and Racketball Centre

Mini course £45 / Junior course £65

Day rates available - please ask

To book please contact Ben Lett:

07792 290679 / [benlett@hotmail.com](mailto:benlett@hotmail.com)

## Mobile Phones

Please remember that the school has a 'no mobile phone' policy. This includes the school's outside premises as well as the inside of the building.

## Lateness

Please remember that the bell for the beginning of the school day rings at 8:45 am. Children should not enter school using the front door in the morning.

## Parking

Unfortunately, there have been problems recently with parents parking unsafely on the road outside the school. Please avoid parking on the zig zag lines outside the school. Please also note that parents should not use the staff car park at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



## 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.

## 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