



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 - Respect

Well, here we are already a week into the summer term. We have another busy term ahead of us. For the next few weeks we will be working hard across the classes, preparing for our end-of-year assessments, then after half-term we look forward to plenty of fun activities and events. Please keep an eye on the 'Diary Dates' section to ensure you keep informed of everything that's happening!

Our value for this half-term is Respect. We have been discussing this value in assemblies and in the classrooms. Have a chat with your child about what respect means to him/her.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, and we will see you back at school on Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

Staff changes

At the end of last term we said goodbye to our cleaner-in-charge Jo Scarth, who left us after many years in the role. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to the school during this time and wish her every success for the future. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Ady Bottle to the role, who has taken over from the end of last term. We hope she will be happy in her new role. We also welcome Mrs Dawn Watkins and Mrs Anne Watkins to Breakfast Club, who will work with Sally Holmes every morning before school.

Sun Cream



It is getting towards that time of year again! Wherever possible, please apply sun cream (SPF 15 or above is recommended) to your child before school and provide a good sunhat for use at break and lunchtime. You can order a school badged sun hat online at www.schooltrends.co.uk.

Children will be permitted to put on their own sun cream at the end of the morning on sunny days; this will be supervised by school staff. If possible, please apply a long-lasting sun cream in the morning to minimise the need to re-apply later in the day. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Cardboard Needed!

We are in need of large pieces of thick cardboard for scenery for our forthcoming production and are struggling to find any. Is anyone able to get any for us? We would be extremely grateful. Please let the school office know if you can help.

Dates for your diary...

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

**VALUE FOR THE FIRST HALF-TERM: RESPECT
MAY**

Monday 1st: Bank Holiday

Wednesday 3rd: Year 4 trip to Hellens House

Monday 8th: Year 6 SAT tests all week • Governing Body meeting, 6:15 pm

Monday 22nd-Wednesday 24th: STAR training for Year 6 children

Thursday 25th: Key Stage 2 trip to the Hay Festival

Friday 26th: School closes for half-term

**VALUE FOR THE SECOND HALF-TERM: FORGIVENESS
JUNE**

Monday 5th: School resumes after half-term

Wednesday 7th: New parents' induction evening

Monday 12th: Governing Body meeting, 6:15 pm

Tuesday 13th: Sports Day, afternoon preceded by a family picnic (reserve date Tues 27th June)

Tuesday 20th-Friday 23rd: Years 5/6 residential visit to Pembrokeshire

Saturday 24th: St. Mary's Church fete

Monday 26th: Year 6 children to Crucial Crew event

Thursday 29th: Year 6 visits to respective secondary schools

Friday 30th: 'Wear what you like' day in support of the summer fete

JULY

Saturday 1st: School summer fete

Wednesday 5th: Summer School Games at Hereford Leisure Centre

Monday 10th: Years 4, 5 and 6 summer production: 1:30 and 7:00 pm

Tuesday 11th: Years 4, 5 and 6 summer production: 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12th: Bikeability training for Year 6 Group 1

Thursday 13th: Bikeability training for Year 6 Group 2

Friday 14th: Bikeability training for Year 6 Group 3

Monday 17th: Year 6 leavers' service in Hereford Cathedral

Monday 17th: Drop-in parents' evening to discuss reports, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Friday 21st: Leavers' Service in Church: 2:00 pm. School closes for the summer holidays.

*The next school Bell will be issued on
Friday 12th May, 2017*

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Summer Production

Our summer production this year will take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July. The main parts will be played by our Year 6 and Year 5 children, with Year 4 children playing smaller roles and singing the songs. We are therefore asking that children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are available to come back to school on both of the above evenings for the performances at 7:00 pm. If your child is unable to attend both these performances, please let us know as soon as possible before we go ahead with casting the roles. Thanks very much.

Fundraising Afternoon

On Friday 26th May all classes will be doing a fundraising event to raise money for our PTA. The children will be involved in deciding what type of activity their class will undertake for this. More details will be available nearer the time. Please note that there will be no Good News Assembly on this day.

'Ice Cream Fridays'

Members of the PTA will be selling ice creams and lollies after school every Friday (starting today!) to raise money for their funds. They will be priced at 50p each and will be sold by the main playground gate.

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day will take place this year on Tuesday 13th June in the afternoon. Please note that there will be no hot lunches available on this day. Children who are eligible for free school meals will have a choice of ham salad or cheese salad baguette and a fruit biscuit. Please let the office know of your child's preference. You are invited to join us for a picnic lunch at 12pm on the field. Races will start at 1pm.

St Mary's Basketball Club – Team ROAR!



Fownhope ROAR played in our second u11's CVL Basketball tournament at Gloucester College at the start of the Easter Holidays.

After 3 defeats without scoring last time out, the team who are all classified as under 9, playing against Bristol Storm, Gloucester Saxons and Worcester Wolves - all National League city clubs, scored a total of 22 points including a draw with Saxons 14 all.

This is an amazing development for a village school and in such a technical sport one to be really proud of.

Team:- Bodhi Biggs, Charlie Potheary, Evie Davey, Florence Burt, James Sayce, Jasmine Chadd and Oscar who joined them from Marden Primary school.

School Website

We are need of someone to update the school website on a regular basis. If you are interested, please see Mr Milne or send a message via the office. Thank you.

PTA Lottery

March's winners (drawn in good news assembly on 31st March) were:-

1st : Chris Brotherwood

2nd: Monique Horne

3rd: Donna Etherton

The next draw will take place on Friday 5th May in Good News Assembly.

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

Easter Tidy-Up

Huge thanks to Helen Seaborne and her team of staff from NSA Eventbars, who worked incredibly hard during the Easter holidays to improve our quiet area. They did a great job and the area is looking much better! Many thanks also to all parents and staff who helped to tidy up the school premises during the holidays.

NSA Eventbars are delighted with the achievement of 6 members of staff offering their services for an afternoon at the school to assist with updating the quiet area. It was a hugely successful afternoon especially in the knowledge that the children were overjoyed with the "surprise" they saw on their first day back after the holidays. We would highly encourage any other local companies to donate their time for such a worthy outcome. Just a few hours can make a real difference.



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