



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 - Tolerance

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday, despite the unpredictable weather!

It has been great to see how well our new Reception children have settled into school life. We would like to give a warm welcome to Imogen, Monty, Lewis, Aidan, Ruby, Lydia, Sophie-Elizabeth, Georgia, Arthur, Jasper, Lily, Griff, Reo, Florence, Amber, Maddie, Elsie, Lottie, Jessica, Jacob and Elia. We would also like to welcome Leah into Indigo Class, Max, Sophia and Emily into Blue Class, Harry into Green Class, Joseph into Yellow Class and Emily who joins Orange Class. We welcome all of our new children and their families and hope that you will all be very happy here with us at St. Mary's.

It is only three weeks until our first event of the year, our harvest festival service in St. Mary's Church, followed by a harvest lunch in school. You are all warmly invited to join us on Thursday 28th September. More details will be sent to you soon.

Here's to another busy and exciting school year!

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

Thanks From Pre-School

Pre-School would like to thank Paul East Haulage Ltd for supplying our drink bottles this year.

Phonics Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday 2nd October at 3:30 pm in Violet Classroom (Reception) where Miss Welling will be explaining how we teach phonics and how you can support your child with sounds and reading at home. Both new and existing parents are welcome. If you would like to attend please let the school office know. Please note that we ask you not to bring children to the meeting; children can be looked after by a member of staff in the Orange Classroom (Year 5) until the meeting has finished.

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.

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 22nd September, 2017.

Dates for your diary...

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

SEPTEMBER: VALUE - TOLERANCE

Sunday 24th: Church harvest festival service - 11:00 am

Monday 25th: Governors' meeting, 6:15 pm in school

Wednesday 27th: KS2 WWII evacuee day - more details soon!

Thursday 28th: School harvest festival service in St. Mary's Church 10:30 am, followed by harvest lunch in school

OCTOBER: VALUE - TOLERANCE

Monday 2nd: Phonics explanation meeting for new parents, 3:30 pm

Wednesday 18th: M & M Productions perform 'Pinocchio' in school, afternoon

NOVEMBER: VALUE - CARING

Friday 3rd: Tempest Photography in school to take individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 8th: Open Day for all parents and prospective parents

Monday 13th: Parents' evening, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday 16th: 'Into Film' festival a.m.

Thursday 16th: Parents' evening, 3:30 - 6:00 pm

Friday 17th: 'Children in Need' fundraising day - more details nearer the time

Monday 20th: Governors' meeting in school, 6.15 pm

DECEMBER: VALUE - CARING

Tuesday 5th: Nativity performance (Reception and Year 1) 2:00 pm

Wednesday 6th: Nativity performance (Reception and Year 1) 6:00 pm

Thursday 7th: 'Wear what you like' day

Friday 8th: Christmas Fair, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Monday 11th: Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11:45 am and 12:30 pm

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Wednesday 13th: KS1 to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford • KS2 to see '101 Dalmations' at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre

Thursday 14th: Christmas party and buffet lunch

Friday 15th: School Christmas carol service in church, 2:00 pm

Sunday 17th: Carol service in St. Mary's Church, 6:00 pm

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A reminder of our new class structure for the mornings:

- **Year 6** – Mrs Gibbs – Red Class
- **Year 5** – Mrs Harwood – Orange Class
- **Year 4** – Mrs Buck / Mr Milne – Yellow Class
- **Year 3** – Miss Scrivens – Green Class
- **Year 2** – Mrs McCann – Blue Class
- **Year 1** – Mrs Gooch – Indigo Class
- **Reception** – Miss Welling – Violet Class



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

I would like to say a huge thank you to Gina Borman and Sophie Knight who worked tremendously hard over the summer holidays to co-ordinate the improvement of the school grounds.

They would like to say:-

We have made fantastic progress over the summer holidays on the outside area of the school; the pond and the tunnels are in place and are awaiting finishing touches. The play kitchen area is half way there - once again it just needs jazzing up with accessories and a table. Fruit plants have been planted in the beds ready for next summer so the children can enjoy picking an array of fruits. We will be concentrating on the forest school area this term as well as finishing off the other areas. Now the children are back at school they will be as involved with the outdoor area as much as possible as well as naming the forest school and play café and designing the friendship bench. They will also be helping decorate and design the Forest School to make it as magical as possible.

The PTA would like to thank the following businesses and people for contributing their time, expertise and generous donations towards the project: Bugs & Beasties, JP Pipes, Martin Meredith, Pontrilas Merchants, Wyevale Garden Centre, Wilko, Dulux & Crown Paints, ATS Tyres, Richard Fishbourne, Paul & Tracy Nowell, Arnie Hurds, Trixie Clarke, Tracy May, Steve & Helen Mathieson, Mark Cooper, Emily Hanks, Simon Wathen, Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Buck and Peter Daines. We really wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

We are at the exciting phase now where it all needs dressing and making look pretty so if anyone is able to lend a hand at all please email us on fownhopepta@hotmail.com or contact us on the St Mary's PTA Facebook Page. We are also looking for items for the Play Kitchen area such as pots and pans, baking trays, utensils, sieves and any natural products which children can use as pretend food.

If anyone is interested in getting involved (even from afar) with anything the PTA do, please email us and we can send out any PTA correspondence to you. We have more events in the pipeline and we welcome everyone's input/advice/help as much as possible. If you can't help us physically we would love your support from a distance.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Gina Borman and Sophie Knight.

Swimming

A reminder that children in Blue Class and Orange Class will be having swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon, starting from next Monday. Please be aware that the children in those classes may be slightly later than usual coming out of school. Please avoid parking on the road directly outside the school and ensure that there is space for the coach to arrive and park safely.

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

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

Autumn Term 2018

Term starts	Tuesday 4 September
Half term	Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November
Term ends	Friday 21 December

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