



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

Here we are a few weeks into term already! It has been lovely to see the great start all the children have made to the school year and how quickly our new children have become settled into the day-to-day routine of school life.

Congratulations to our Year 6 prefects on their appointment; they have already started doing their respective jobs reliably and we will be counting on them to help us keep the school running smoothly! Congratulations also to our new School Council members who will hopefully become fully involved in the life of the school over the course of the next year.

We have several events coming up to which you are all warmly invited. This Sunday a group of children from school will be taking part in the morning service at St. Mary's Church in Fownhope at 11:00. Next Thursday we have our own harvest festival service in the church at 10.30, followed by our harvest lunch in school. Please also join us on the evening of Monday 9th October for our PTA Annual General Meeting at 6:00; this is your chance to come along and get involved in helping to raise important funds for the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Phonics Meeting

A reminder that 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.

An evening of poetry with writer and poet Fiona Sampson MBE

Wednesday 27th September 6:00 pm

Fownhope Community Library

Tickets £5 to include wine and light refreshments, available from West End Stores and Fownhope Library. 01432 860580

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 6th October, 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

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

Wednesday 1st: KS2 WWII evacuee day - more details soon!

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

Wednesday 6th: 'Wear what you like' day

Thursday 7th: KS1 to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford

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

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

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

Wednesday 13th: 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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Pinocchio



On Wednesday 18th October, M and M Productions will once again be visiting school, this time to perform 'Pinocchio'. The children and staff always very much enjoy these performances. Please note that this is their version of the

classic children's story and will link with our literacy objectives; it is not a pantomime. The total cost of the production to the school is £725; therefore we are passing the whole cost on to parents by asking you for the full price per child of £4.85. Please pay this by ParentPay. Year 6 children have been offered a theatrical backstage workshop directly after the performance which will mean that they will not leave school until 3:45 pm. If that causes you a problem or you would prefer for your child not to participate, please let Mrs Gibbs or the school office know.

Morning Routine

Our new system of getting the children into their classrooms in the mornings is working well; please ensure that your children are here by the time the bell rings at 8:45, as children should not be entering school through the front door. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Royal British Legion - Fownhope, Woolhope and District branch

Volunteer required for the position of Branch Honourable Secretary

In November this year the position of the Branch's Hon Sec will become vacant. A volunteer for a very much part-time post in this branch of the national charity is required.

The scope of the job is very much as the position indicates, working closely with The Chairman, Hon Treasurer, and others of the Committee. The RBL also provides courses for Branch administrators.

Further details can be obtained from either Sally Soutar, currently the Hon Sec on 01989 740802, or from Charles Pickles, currently the Chairman on 01432 860546 (if you have to leave a phone message, please provide your contact phone number clearly for a return call).

Help Needed

Do you have an hour to spare on a Wednesday afternoon? We are looking for a parent volunteer (or 2) to help take a small group of children to the village library to choose books at 1:30 every Wednesday afternoon. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.



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.

End of the School Day

It is sometimes difficult to ensure the safety of children at the end of the school day. As soon as you have collected your children, please take them outside the school gates so that staff know that they have been safely collected. Unfortunately we cannot allow them to run around on the playground after school. Please also avoid standing on the playground steps or in the entrance to the playground. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Fownhope Village Library

Did you know that Fownhope has its own library?

Fownhope Community Library was opened in 2012 and stores over 5,000 items of books, DVDs and CDs. Based in the community room of Faulkner House, between Court Orchard and Church Croft, it is open Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday from 10am to 12 noon. All residents of Fownhope and adjoining villages are eligible to join and membership is free.

We offer....

- * A wide range of fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children
- * Local information and OS Explorer maps
- * Computer assistance with 4 laptops available to use each Wednesday
- * A place to meet friends and enjoy a nice cup of tea
- * A friendly book circle

How about visiting on a Wednesday after school whilst waiting for your child to finish an after-school club?

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

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