



# 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

As you know, our school value this half term is 'Tolerance'. Many thanks to Red Class (Year 6), who have written poems and prayers on this theme. These can be seen on the values board in the main corridor, and some of them have been included in this letter.

It was lovely to see so many people at our harvest service and lunch last week. Huge thanks to Sally and her team in the kitchen for a delicious lunch and also to our prefects for doing a wonderful job!

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

## Guitar Lessons

As your child may have told you, Adam Huyter, an accredited guitar teacher, led an assembly in school last week. He will be starting to deliver guitar lessons in school; if your child is interested in having lessons, please ask the school office for a form.

## Music Lessons

If your child is in Years 3 or 6, you are entitled to receive two months' free instrument hire for new music lessons started this academic year; these can be individual, paired or small group lessons. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact the school office.

## Dogs

For health and hygiene reasons, please note that parents may not bring dogs onto the school premises. This includes entering the hall for breakfast club and after school club. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

## Thank You



A huge thank you to all the children who represented the school at the St. Mary's Church harvest festival service on Sunday 24th September. They sang beautifully and we received lots of lovely comments about their

performance and behaviour from members of the congregation. Thank you all for coming to support us.

## Dates for your diary...

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

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

**Monday 9th:** Year 6 visit to John Kyrle High School

**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

*The next school Bell will be issued on  
Friday 20th October, 2017.*

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## Pinocchio



A reminder that, 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 if you have not done so already.

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.

## The Governing Body

Following the first Governing Body meeting of the new academic year, Peter Daines has stepped down from the role of Chair after three successful years. I would like to sincerely thank him for his huge support and hard work during his time as Chair; he will continue to be a foundation governor. The governors would like to warmly welcome two new Co-Chairs, Sarah Fishbourne and Alice Hayter, who will be sharing the role. We also welcome Sara Watts as our new Vice-Chair.

## Harvest Festival



Many thanks to all who came to our harvest service and lunch last week and contributed to our collections. We raised £42.50 for St. Mary's Church and £234.16 for United Purpose.



## 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.

## Tolerance Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the gift of tolerance and being able to accept people for who they are, as we are all different and unique.

Help us to respect people's beliefs and opinions, also to respect people's gender and race.

Thank you.

Amen

*By Isaac C and Thomas M*

## Tolerance Acrostic Poems

Tolerance is to respect everyone's differences

Other people have different religions

Let us help people to respect each other

Everyone is different

Respect everyone around you

Appearance doesn't matter

No-one should be left out because of their skin colour

Communicate with different people

Everyone can be friends, even if they're a different gender.

*By Bradley and William S*

T is for tolerance and caring for others

O is for overlooking, don't overlook people

L is for love which everybody should have and share

E is for everyone should have self-respect

R is for religion, respecting everyone's religion and skin colours

A is for accepting that people are different and unique

N is for not listening to bullies or haters

C is for caring and knowing people care about you

E is equal, accepting everybody is different.

*By Caitlin H and Emily C*



**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.

## St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

**Headteacher:** Mr T Milne | **Co-Chairs of Governors:** Mrs Alice Hayter and Mrs Sarah Fishbourne

**Vice Chair:** Mrs Sara Watts | **Parent Governors:** Mrs Sara Watts and Mrs Helen Seaborne