



The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

Ring 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

Well, here we are at the end of a busy few weeks and looking forward to the half-term break. I hope you all have a lovely week, and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

A Little Rhythm and Rhyme

A reminder that an art exhibition of the children's work from last term will take place in the main corridor on the following days:-

Monday 30th October 8:30 - 9:30 and 1:30 - 4:30

Tuesday 31st October 8:30 - 9:30 and 1:30 - 5:00

Wednesday 1st November: 8:30 - 9:30 and 1:30 - 4:30

Please come and have a look at the children's beautiful work!
Books will also be available to order during the exhibition.



BBC
Children
in Need



Children in Need

We are delighted that Pudsey Bear will be visiting the school on Tuesday 31st October, with BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester.

We are hoping to be able to give him some money for Children in Need. The School Council are running a colouring competition to design a superhero friend for Pudsey, which will cost £1 per child. The winners for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be judged on the day by the School Council, for a mystery prize! Also please bring in any donations and any old pound coins to add to the collection!

We will also be asking children to wear something 'spotty' on Friday 17th November.



School Website

When did you last look at our school website? It can be found by visiting:
www.stmarysschoolfownhope.co.uk.

The website is updated regularly with the latest news, photographs and the most

recent issue of the School Bell. It also contains key school policies and information about the curriculum and what your child is learning in school. Have a browse!

Dates for your diary...

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

Monday 30th: Art exhibition in school

Tues 31st: 'Children in Need' Pudsey visit • Art exhibition in school

NOVEMBER: VALUE - CARING

Wednesday 1st: KS2 WWII evacuee day - more details soon! • Art exhibition in school

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 10th November, 2017.

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Parents' Evenings

These take place on Monday 13th November and Thursday 16th November. You will have received a separate letter about this by now. Please ensure that you return your appointment request slip as soon as possible; appointments will be allocated after half-term.

School Photographs

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on **Friday 3rd November** to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like a photograph of your children with younger siblings who do not attend Pre-School, please be here at 8.30 a.m. If your child attends Pre-School and you would like them to be photographed with an older school sibling, please let the school office know in advance. Thank you.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that after half-term we will return to our winter uniform until the end of the spring term. Please also ensure that your child has a coat in school for playtimes



Poppies

Poppies, poppy wristbands and stickers will be available in school after half-term. Our prefects will be bringing them round the classrooms every afternoon from Monday 30th October.

Operation Christmas Child



We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child by asking your child to make up a shoebox full of small items as a Christmas present for a child abroad.

Your child has been given a leaflet detailing the scheme. Please help your child to make up a shoebox if you possibly can; it would be lovely to send a good number of boxes from us all here at St. Mary's!

Please bring your completed shoebox to school by **Monday 20th November** at the very latest. Thank you very much for your support with this. For more information visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child



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

Huge thanks to members of the PTA who held another tidy-up day of the school grounds on Saturday; the grounds are now looking much better. The outside kitchen is now ready for use by the children, as is the forest school/ pond area. We are very much looking forward to using these areas!



Growing Local Is Going Local!

Join our Veg Bag scheme and receive Herefordshire's finest fruit and vegetables delivered to your door!

Each bag sold helps to fund our educational projects across the county, supports local growers and saves food miles.

www.growinglocal.org.uk 07813 622890

Children's Bookshelf



A reminder that this event will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 2nd November**. Children will visit the sale with their class during the afternoon, when books will be on sale for £2 each.

The sale will then be open to parents and children from 3:15 until 4:00 pm.



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