



# 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 - Caring

We are now well and truly into the second half of the term. We have already had an art exhibition, a football tournament, a visit from Pudsey, school photographs, a book fair, an evacuee day, an open day and a healthy living day....and that's even before we start thinking about our Christmas events! What a busy couple of weeks it has been!

Our value of the half-term is 'Caring'. We have started talking about the value in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about ways in which they can care for others and the world around them.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Gibbs

## Dates for your diary...

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

**NOVEMBER: VALUE - CARING**

**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



**BBC Children in Need**



## Children in Need

We all enjoyed our visit from Pudsey Bear last week. We were delighted to be able to present the BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester with a cheque for £265.28 for Children in Need.

Many thanks to the School Council for organising the competition to design a superhero friend for Pudsey. The Key Stage 1 winner was Georgia Hancocks and the Key Stage 2 winner was Evie Wilkes; congratulations to them both!

*We are hoping to raise some more money for the charity by asking children to wear something 'spotty' next Friday in return for a small donation.*

Many thanks for your support and generosity with this. A special Children in Need good news assembly will start at the earlier time of 2:30 next Friday.



## A Little Rhythm and Rhyme

Many thanks to Bodine Höft, who held the art exhibition of the children's work here last week. Every child who was at this school last year is featured in the book A Sense of Herefordshire in the Eyes of Fownhope C. of E. Primary School Pupils & Staff; it is a beautiful publication, full of children's ideas and creations. There are still copies of the book available to order at £10 each; if enough books are ordered, then a contribution will go towards school funds. If you would like to order a copy, please contact the office or pay via ParentPay as soon as possible.

*The next school Bell will be issued on Friday 24th November, 2017.*

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## Parents' Evenings

A reminder that parents' evenings are being held next week. You will now have received an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please ensure that you arrive in time to look at your child's work before your timed appointment.

## Football Tournament



Well done to the football team who took part in the small schools football competition at Ross Sports Centre and came

second overall! They did so well to make it through to the final which proceeded to penalties. They played tremendously well as a team! Thank you Caitlin F, Isaac C, Leo M, Matthew V, Tom L, Thomas M, William P, William H, William E-S and William S for representing St. Mary's Fownhope and a special thanks to Nathan for his coaching time.

## Open Day

Thanks to everyone who was involved in our Open Day on Wednesday; to the governors who welcomed visitors, the PTA for providing refreshments and to our prefects who did a wonderful job of showing visitors around the school. A very successful day!

## Operation Christmas Child



A reminder that 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. The shoeboxes are being collected next Wednesday morning so you still have a few days to bring one in if you haven't already! Thank you very much for your support with this.

For more information visit [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child)

## Children's Bookshelf

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the book sale last week. As a result of the children's purchases, the school earned 20 free books!



## 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 everyone who has helped to develop our new outside areas. Our new forest school area and outdoor classroom were a great success during the Key Stage 2 World War II day last week, and the Reception children loved playing in the new outside play café! We look forward to the children playing in the tunnels on the field sometime in the new year!



## World War II Evacuee Day



On the 1st November, we had our WWII themed Evacuee Day. As well as dressing up as evacuees, we got to do four different activities: codebreaking, cooking bread over a

fire, making peg dolls and learning the Jitterbug! In codebreaking we cut out circles with numbers on them then, stacked them on each other to make our own mini code machines! In the bread cooking - which many of us thought was our favourite activity - we put dough on a stick then, wrapped it in foil and poked it over a fire to cook it. When we made our peg dolls, we learnt a bit about why they made them before using wool and pegs to make our own peg dolls. Then in the hall / Red class, we learnt the Jitterbug, which ended up looking quite good and very funny!

**By William Hurds, Red Class**

A massive thank you to everyone who volunteered their help on the day, which helped to make it a very memorable day for all!



**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