



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 have been very busy in school: taking part in a netball tournament, getting spotty for Children in Need and preparing for the Woolhope Concert on Friday night. In Violet and Indigo classes the Nativity play rehearsals are well underway.

Orange class have designed logos based on the value of caring. Please have a look at the display board if you are coming into school.

We are missing Mr Milne and hope he makes a speedy recovery.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gibbs

Dates for your diary...

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

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

Monday 18th: Christmingle

Netball Tournament



On Monday 13th November Evie S, Freya, Bodhi, Caitlin H, Matthew and Bill took part in a Hi 5 Netball tournament at Whitecross and what a success it was! Everybody played so well as a team;

Miss Welling and Grace Cooke (Netball coach) were amazed with their performance! The team played six games and scored a total of 17 goals. 12 schools took part and St. Mary's proudly finished third overall! A massive achievement!

United In The Community - Healthy Living Day



On Thursday 9th November 2017 two coaches from United in the Community delivered a healthy living assembly followed by a 45 minute exercise session for each class. The children were shown simple exercises they can use to keep fit. Lots of fun was had by all.

PTA Lottery

September and October's winners were:-

September

1st Tina Jones £50

2nd Bethany Squires £20

3rd Tania Bower £10

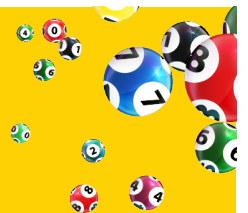
October

1st Andrew Chadd £50

2nd Dawn Harwood £20

3rd Debs Biggs £10

To join the lottery scheme, please collect a form from the office or contact Catherine Davey.



Charles Pickles

Charles Pickles the local representative for the British Legion kindly gave up his time to promote an understanding of remembrance for those that fought and are fighting today. The children showed a great interest and were ready with many questions.

The next school Bell will be issued on Friday 8th December, 2017.

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NSPCC

On Friday 10th and Friday 17th November we welcomed Kate Warner from the NSPCC to deliver an assembly to key stages 1 and 2 and workshops for years 5 and 6. The programme was called "Speak out. Stay safe."

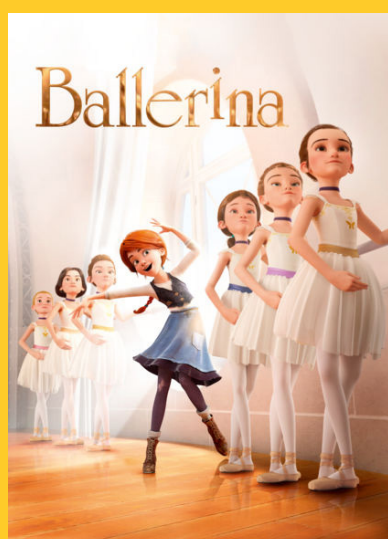
The programme aimed to help children:

- * understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs of abuse
- * know how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
- * know how to get help, and the sources of help available to them, including the Childline service.

The visits aimed to empower children - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. The children enjoyed meeting the NSPCC mascot "Buddy" and learning "the wiggle" to remember the Childline telephone number.

Village Library

Mrs Buck has been working with Fownhope Community Library. Green, Yellow, Orange and Red Classes have written book reviews for books set in World War II. These reviews are now displayed in the Community Library. If you would like to take a look, the library is open Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday from 10am to 12 noon. This is a fantastic community resource which the school would like to promote.



Into Film Festival

On Thursday 16th November the whole school took part in the Into Film Festival in the Memorial Hall. The film chosen was "Ballerina" – an animated film in which a young girl fled an orphanage to pursue her dreams. Lots of positive comments

about the film were made by the children.

Thank you to the PTA for providing the refreshments.



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.

Woolhope Concert

Music in Quiet Places presents Hereford Cathedral School Senior Chamber Choir with Mordiford Primary School and St. Mary's Primary School at St. Georges Church, Woolhope, Friday 24th November 2017 at 7.00 p.m. Admission Free (retiring collection).

Children In Need - Spotty Day



We had a "spotacular" day raising money for Children In Need. On Friday 17th November the staff and pupils wore spotty clothes and raised £243.89. This was in addition to the £265.28 raised when Pudsey visited giving an amazing total of £509.17. Well done to everyone!

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



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