



# 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

Here we are again at the end of a very busy term. I hope you all had some fun in the snow. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at our Christmas Service on Friday 15th December at 2:00 pm.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. In the meantime, on behalf of everyone here at school, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gibbs

## Goodbye

At the end of the term we say goodbye to Alfie in Indigo class. We wish him and his family every success in their new life in Australia.

## Away in a Manger



Congratulations to Violet and Indigo classes on their amazing Nativity production last week. Thank you to the staff and pupils for all their hard work. DVDs and photographs will be available soon.



## Bags To School Collection 23rd January 2017

If you are having a clear out from your wardrobes after Christmas why not contribute to our bags to collection? Your child should have received a bag in their book bag. Just fill it full of unwanted clothes and help raise money for the school. Please drop bags off on the morning of the 23rd of January and NOT before as we have nowhere to store them and they become a fire hazard.

## St. Mary's Primary School Christmas Fayre

Huge thanks to the PTA members who put an enormous amount of work into organising last Friday's event, which was a great success, raising an amazing £2,267. Many thanks to everyone who supported it.

## Dates for your diary...

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

**Friday 15th:** School Christmas carol service in church, 2:00 pm

**Sunday 17th:** Carol service in St. George's Church, Woolhope, 3:00 pm

**Sunday 17th:** Carol service in St. Mary's Church, Fownhope 6:00 pm

**Monday 18th:** Christmingle

## Visit to St Mary's Church, Fownhope



The children in Yellow, Orange and Red classes met with Reverend Chris at St Mary's Church

for an absorbing chat about our local place of worship. This was to tie in with our recent R.E topic: "If God is everywhere why go to a place of worship?" Did you know that our uniform is blue because this is the colour that

is associated with St Mary? Did you also know that stained glass windows were expensive -



St Mary's church has quite a few plain ones; most people hundreds of years ago couldn't read or write so the windows told the Bible stories and were something for the congregation to look at. Reverend Chris explained all the features, symbolism and layout of the church and the children asked many interesting questions.

Do visit St Mary's, as it reflects hundreds of years of fascinating history and is still a vibrant part of our community.

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

## Carol Singing at Brockhampton Court Care Home

On Friday 8th December pupils from Red Class visited Brockhampton Court to sing carols to the residents. The residents enjoyed joining in with the songs and actions and the children enjoyed chatting with the residents. The children would love to return to sing some songs at Easter!



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## Swimming

Next term Green Class (Year 3) and Indigo Class (Year 1) will be having swimming lessons at Hereford Leisure Pool on a Monday afternoon, starting on Monday 8th January. Please could children with long hair tie it back and bring a swimming hat.

## Sleeping Beauty



On Thursday 7th December Violet, Indigo and Blue classes enjoyed a trip to The Courtyard to see Sleeping Beauty. The children enjoyed the colourful characters and musical routines and there was plenty of magic and sparkle too.

## 101 Dalmatians



On Wednesday 13th December KS2 enjoyed a trip to The Birmingham Rep to see 101 Dalmatians. The children enjoyed a wonderful performance with some great characters.



## 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.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Well done and thank you for your efforts in producing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Hereford and Mid Wales Shoe Box Team sent 6883 Shoe Boxes to Romania this year. A small shoe box can have a big impact for many children this Christmas.

## Carol Service

You are all warmly invited to attend the carol service in St. Mary's Church on Sunday at 6:00 pm, when a group of children from the school will be performing some festive songs. Everybody welcome!

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