



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 - Patience

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. This term we would like to welcome Kim who has joined Blue Class, Ashlyn who has joined Orange Class and Taylor who has joined Green Class. We also welcome back Miss Hickey in the office. We have missed her.

We are looking forward to another busy term! Please look out for letters from class teachers over the next few days detailing the various topics to be taught in the classes this term and how you can support your children.

Our value of the half-term is 'Patience'. We have started talking about the value in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about what patience is. The children in yellow class are preparing a display on "patience" please look out for it next time you are in school

Best wishes,
Mrs Gibbs

No After School Club - Wednesday January 17th.

There will be no after school club or tag rugby on Wednesday 17th January due to safeguarding training from 3.30p.m. until 6.30 p.m. All Governors, staff and volunteers are invited to attend.



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.

Woolhope and Fownhope Carol Services



Thank you to Florence, Maddie and Elsie in reception, Tom in blue class, Katy in yellow class, Poppy and Hollie in orange class and Emily in red class who sang beautifully at the Fownhope carol service on Sunday 17th of December. I had many compliments from the congregation and I was very proud of them all. Thank you to Poppy who also read at the Woolhope Christingle Service earlier that day.

Dates for your diary...

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

JANUARY: VALUE - PATIENCE

Wednesday 17th: Safeguarding training for all staff and volunteers 3.30p.m. until 6.30p.m.

Thursday 18th: Mrs Gibbs and Governors available to discuss current staffing arrangements.

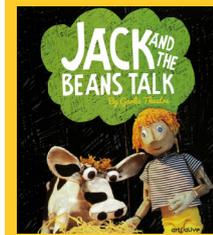
FEBRUARY: VALUE - PATIENCE

Friday 16th: Jack and the Beans Talk. Fownhope Memorial Hall, 3:45pm. Tickets £5 each (adults and children) available from the school office.

MARCH: VALUE - PATIENCE

Thursday 1st: World Book Day

Friday 23rd: Sports Relief



Jack and the Beans Talk.

Tickets are available from the school office for this performance at Fownhope Memorial Hall on Friday 16th February at 3:45pm.

Tickets £5 - adults and children.

Outdoor Area



The children have started to use the "Play Café" and many positive comments have been made. We hope to use the outdoor area even more throughout the Spring term.

Reports

A mid-year report will be issued just after February half term with Parents' Evening in March.

Reminders

- Please arrive at school in good time. The gates open at 8.40 a.m. and The bell rings at 8.45. However, if you are late please do not use the staff car park due to pre-school children walking through the car park.
- Children need to have coats, hats & gloves in cold weather. We would like to get outside at play time as much as possible.

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News from the classes

Pre-School

This term Pre-School will be learning about healthy foods and looking at what is good for us and what makes our bodies work. We are making a shop and hope to cook some healthy recipes.

Reception

Violet Class are very excited about their new topic 'Adventures' and have been busy retelling the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', thinking of alternative settings for their own bear hunt. We have also had lots of fun making erupting volcanoes by carrying out our own science experiments. Here are some pictures...



Year 1

We have been 'out of this world' in Indigo Class talking about all things space related. Our writing and artwork has been inspired by the story, 'The Way Back Home.' In PE we have been exploring the moon and jumping like astronauts and we have been designing our own aliens and rockets. In maths we have been learning about subtraction and solving lots of problems.

Year 2

Blue Class have made a great start to the new year and have come back to school full of energy! We have been happy to welcome a new member of the class, Kim, and hope he'll be very happy here. Our Topic for this half-term is The Great Fire of London, starting off with finding out about what life was like for Londoners in 1666. We are also basing some of our writing on these events. In Science we are looking at what seeds need to germinate and have set up a test to investigate the best conditions. Our Maths work is on adding two 2-digit numbers using column addition before moving on to multiplication and division.

Year 3

In Green Class we have just started our new chocolate topic and are all looking forward to finding out more about its history and where it comes from. Our new class story is called 'The dragon with a chocolate heart' and we are already gripped by the mysterious plot. We have also been learning about how to stay safe online and written some eSafety recipes. We enjoyed our first swimming session this week, and look forward to Miss Porter joining our class as a student teacher for the next 8 weeks

Year 4

Yellow Class have written recounts of their holidays and have been working really hard at using paragraphs effectively. Publishing work will be our next focus. In maths we are investigating perimeter.

Our delicate sculptures based on the figures of sculpture and artist Alberto Giacometti are now finished. The children took great care to add the detail.

We are all very enthusiastic about this term's topic: chocolate! Watch this space.

Year 5

In Orange Class we are learning about the author Jeremy Strong. We have looked at extracts from some of his books and are now comparing his style of writing and use of humour alongside other more traditional tales. We are trying to use the word 'stereotype' in our comparisons.

In maths we are looking at square, prime and cubed numbers using a variety of ways to learn the differences. We have been using counters, multi-link cubes and tables to complete investigations.

Finally, we have just started our new class book, The Chocoplot, by Chris Callaghan. It is very funny and deals with the possibility that the world is about to run out of chocolate!

Year 6

In Red Class we have been learning how to make persuasive speeches and write persuasive texts. Linked to our topic – chocolate / The Aztecs, Mrs Gibbs has tried to persuade us that all teachers should receive free chocolate and we are trying to persuade her that we should receive a big bar of chocolate! In maths we have been ordering and comparing fractions and have been focussing on explaining our reasoning. We have also started reading The Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan and will look forward to discussing it with year 5 in the future. We look forward to Mr Marshall joining us as a student teacher for the next few weeks.

Ministry of Defence - Extra Funding for State Schools, Free Schools and Academies Attended by Service Children in England

Service personnel should ensure that St. Mary's are informed of your Service status before the annual school census which is due to take place on the 18th January 2018. Pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time Reserve Service can also be classed as Service children. Funding of £300 per child can be given to the school to provide extra support. Please let the office know if your child is a Service Child in Education.

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
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