



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

As you know our value for this half term is "patience". Yellow class have been talking about patience and have created a lovely display.

This term we welcome three students to the school from the University of Worcester: Sam Marshall (3rd year undergraduate student) in Red Class, Charli Porter (3rd year undergraduate student) in Green Class and Sion Rickman (2nd term PGCE student) in Yellow Class.

We are pleased to hear news of Mr Milne's recovery and hope to see him back at school after half term.

Best wishes,
Mrs Gibbs

Welcome

We would like to welcome Tom to Indigo class and Daniel to Blue class. We hope that they will be very happy at St. Mary's.

SAVE THE DATE



World Book Day

This is the 21st year there's been a World Book Day, and on 1st March 2018, children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. Very loudly and very happily. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage

children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. Please look out for the book tokens which will be in book bags on or near the 1st of March. Pupils at St. Mary's are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Parents are invited to join us for a special World Book Day assembly at 9.00 a.m. on the 1st March 2018.

Please note there will be no Good News assembly that week.

Christmas Dinner

As Christmas Dinner was cancelled due to the snow, we are hoping to invite parents to join us for an Easter Dinner. Rather than refunding money already paid this will be transferred to pay for this. Please look out for further details.

Dates for your diary...

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

FEBRUARY: VALUE - PATIENCE

Wednesday 14th: Governors' Meeting for parents 5-6 p.m.

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

Thursday 1st: SATS Meeting for year 6 parents 5p.m.

Friday 2nd: Mid-year reports to parents

Monday 5th: Music event at Woolhope church for Year 6.

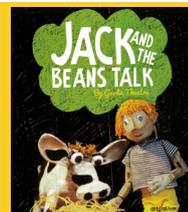
Tuesday 20th: Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6 p.m.

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd: Crossfit activities linked to Sports Relief.

Friday 23rd: PTA Disco - Easter Bop.

Monday 26th: Parents' Evening 5 - 7 p.m.

Thursday 29th: Easter Service in church at 2p.m.



Jack and the Beans Talk.

Imaginative puppetry gives this classic tale a fresh and funny spin. Was it a dream or did I hear a talking bean? Jack lives on a small farm with his mum and very little to eat. He likes to talk to the birds, his cow and anyone who will listen. Imagine his surprise when he swaps his cow for some magic beans and starts to hear a whispering in the breeze and a giant rumble in the sky... Charming and inventive with plenty of interaction, an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a smelly old giant, Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Welly Wednesday

We are going to start "Welly Wednesday" at school. All pupils are invited to bring in their wellies or outdoor shoes on a Wednesday so that they can enjoy some time on the field whatever the weather. This may be at play times or with their class as part of lessons. Children can also bring in waterproofs. Members of the PTA have also kindly offered to join us one Wednesday in every month to work with classes to maintain and improve our outdoor space.

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News from the classes

Pre-School

We have been learning all about, "Handa's Surprise" and trying lots of exotic fruits in snack time.

Reception - Violet Class

Violet Class have been enjoying looking after each other in their new hospital role play corner. To continue with our 'Adventure' topic, we have been reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and have written a packing list for the boy and the penguin who go on a journey to the South Pole.

Year 1 - Indigo Class

In Indigo class we have rounded off our Space topic by making rockets out of junk materials. We have really enjoyed ourselves!



Year 2 - Blue Class

Blue Class have made a great start to learning about multiplication and division, relating it to 'lots of' and making 'equal groups' in several different ways. This week we have had a very close look at different kinds of seeds and bulbs cutting them in half and identifying what they are made up of and how they grow. This week we have also welcomed a new member of the class, Daniel, and hope he'll be very happy here.

Year 3 - Green Class

Green class have been learning all about fair trade as part of our chocolate topic and also doing literacy work based on Charlie and the Chocolate factory. In maths we have been doing practical work on money; adding it, subtracting it and working out change. Miss Porter has been teaching French and we now know some words about families.

Year 4 - Yellow Class

Yellow class have been working hard in maths this term, looking at factors, arrays and multiplying larger numbers. In geography we have located the area where the Aztec and Maya civilisations came from, investigated the features of Mexico and learnt how chocolate is made. This week we have designed plaques featuring gods, serpents and Aztec designs ready for an 'Art attack' next week.

Year 5 - Orange Class

Orange Class have been researching information about two authors, Jeremy Strong and Anthony Horowitz. We have been looking at the differences between biographies and autobiographies and then writing biographies on our chosen author, thinking about layout, structure and chronological order. In maths we have been looking at perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes and finding area of rectangles, explaining the processes we use to do this. In science, we are currently looking at results to discover which materials would be best to line the inside of a lunch box to keep it cool. We are using the words 'conductors' and 'insulators' to explain our findings.

Year 6

In maths we have been busy translating, reflecting and locating coordinates. In English we have been using emotive language and pathetic fallacy in our writing.

KS2 classes are really looking forward to our 'Chocolate' WOW day, which should be happening after half-term. Hopefully it will involve eating lots of chocolate!

Nearly New Sale

Sunday 4th February,
10:00am - 12 noon at school.

Tables are £10 or donate items to the PTA to sell.
Please drop donations at school on the morning of Friday 2nd February.

Any unsold items will be sent to a local charity shop or bags2school.
Tea and coffee available.

Absence

When your child is absent from school please can you make sure that office staff are aware of this. A voicemail can be left by choosing option 1. If someone is told of the absence on the playground, that person may forget or be dealing with something else straight after and the message doesn't reach the office. Also, siblings do not always get the message to the office. Please make sure that you ring in to update the office if they are ill for more than 1 day.

PTA Lottery

December's winners (drawn in good news assembly on 26th January) were:-

1st - Paul Nowell - £50

2nd - Monique Horne - £20

3rd - Andy Chadd - £10

The January lottery winners will be announced in Good News Assembly on Friday 9th February.

To join the lottery scheme, please collect a form from the office or contact Alyson Layton



Meet the Governors of St. Mary's

Parents and carers are invited to an informal event to meet the Governors of St Mary's and find out about the roles and responsibilities of the Governing body. The event will be held on Wednesday 14th February, 5.00pm in the Jubilee Room. Philip Sell the Diocesan Director of Education will be attending the event and will give a short presentation to explain the role of Governors. Refreshments will be available and there will be lots of opportunities to ask questions and to talk. Childcare will also be available - please book spaces through the office.

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