



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 - Unity

Here we are at half-term already!

We have all been thinking about Sally Holmes, our Kitchen Manager, who has been injured in a riding accident. We hope that she has a speedy recovery and returns to school soon. In the meantime we welcome Klara Jones to the kitchen who is working alongside Dawn Watkins and Becs Wallis-Sorbo.

I am pleased to tell you that Mr Milne is expected to return to school in the week commencing 5th March. The staff and children have missed him and look forward to seeing him soon.

Have an enjoyable break next week ready for another busy half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gibbs

Dates for your diary...

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

Thursday 1st: World Book Day

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

Friday 2nd: Mid-year reports to parents

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

Monday 12th: Governors' Meeting at 6.15 p.m.

Wednesday 14th: Years 3,4,5 & 6 visit to Cadbury World

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.

Tuesday 27th: Royal Marine Activity Day for all years.

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

SAVE THE DATE

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March



On Thursday 1st March staff and pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters to celebrate World Book Day. Parents and carers are invited to a special assembly at 9 o'clock. Please note there will be no

Good News Assembly on Friday 2nd March.



Cadbury World Trip

On Wednesday 14th March years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting 'Cadbury World,' as this is a world famous, local chocolate producer. The

children will get the chance to find out about the Aztec civilisation and how they first used chocolate, see the story of chocolate up close and get the chance to indulge in the Cadbury experience!

PTA Quiz

Please look out for the PTA quizzes which were sent out in book bags this week. Please return the quiz sheets by Monday the 26th February and make a payment of £1 per quiz via Parent Pay or cash.

Welly Wednesday

Our first Welly Wednesday on 7th February went well and lots of children brought in their wellies to play on the field at break times. In the afternoon the year fives and sixes in Red Class worked with the PTA to tidy the outdoor area. Other classes will do this on a rota basis - an email will be sent out to inform you when your child will be doing this. If your child would like to play on the field at break times please send them in with wellies or other outdoor shoes. They are also welcome to wear waterproof trousers and coats over their uniforms.



Royal Marine Activity Day

On the 27th March 2017 children from reception to year 6 will be involved in an activity day delivered by Royal Marines from Elite Commando Survival www.elitecommandosurvival.com. The children will take part in the following activities: a commando assault course, bushcraft and the observation model village task (team building). The day aims to focus

on building resilience, promoting bravery and experimenting through practical activities. These activities will be free of charge thanks to a grant from The Margaret Allen Foundation. Please note that the year 5 and 6 pupils will finish school at the later time of 4 o'clock on that day.



Medicines

If your child requires medicine at school please make sure it is delivered and collected from the office. It must not be sent to school in your child's bag. All medicines need to be labelled and the appropriate permission given to office staff. Calpol should be sent in sachets which are clearly labelled

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News from the classes

Pre-School

In pre school we have been celebrating Pancake day, mixing, cooking and eating pancakes, we tried sweet and savoury to see how things taste different.

Reception - Violet Class

We have been very thoughtful in Violet Class this week, making Valentine's cards for our families. We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and have made some super drums to make music for a dragon dance.

Year 1 - Indigo Class

We have been carrying out lots of science experiments in Indigo class. We have been finding out if different materials are bendy, transparent or opaque and finding the most suitable waterproof material to make an umbrella for teddy.



Year 2 - Blue Class

Blue class have been reading and solving riddles over the last two weeks. We examined how a riddle is constructed and then wrote our own. In music the children have really enjoyed listening to the Carnival of The Animals by Saint Saens and have shown some excellent listening skills by identifying instruments and exploring the different moods and effects an orchestra can make.

Year 3 - Green Class

Green class are continuing to read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and have been busy producing pieces of work such as a report on Oompa Loompas and descriptions of The Chocolate Room. In Maths we have been learning all about different types of graphs; drawing and interpreting them, and also learning about how different religions worship in RE lessons.

Year 4 - Yellow Class

Year 4 and 5 are in the process of completing their giant Aztec plaques. They should be really effective when displayed. We have been investigating primary and secondary sources in history and have watched an amazing new discovery on Channel 4 revealing the extent of the Maya civilisation through using aerial laser scanning techniques. In maths we have been working hard with multiplication and division facts and in literacy we have just finished some wonderful stories about The Bogeys and The Trolls.

Year 5 - Orange Class

In Orange Class we have been learning how to estimate area of irregular shapes and have even been creating our own 'Pirate Island' treasure maps using given area measurements for certain features as well as including our own. In science we have created collage pictures using everyday materials and showing them to be either insulators or conductors. Finally, in Literacy, we have been reading and discussing the layout of play scripts. This has led on to us writing our own scenes for a short play and acting them out.

Year 6 - Red Class

Red Class have been writing alternative story endings and learning how to multiply decimals. In art they have been creating pictures inspired by the cacao tree and Kandinsky. In Religious Education they have been discussing why Jesus is inspiring for some people.

Cleaner Required

Please contact the school office for details and an application form.

Key Stage 2 Wow Day

On Thursday 8th March years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a topic "Wow" day. This will link to their topic on chocolate / The Aztecs. The morning will include Patolli Aztec board games, a campfire - making tortillas and Mayan hot chocolate and a demonstration from Mrs Farr (Birdie and Berry's Mum).

Governor's Meeting

On Wednesday 14th February a meeting was held to give parents the opportunity to meet the Governors; find out about their roles and responsibilities and to ask questions. Phillip Sell – the Diocesan Director of Education delivered an informative presentation. Thank you to the parents who attended. We hope to arrange similar meetings in the future so that parents are able to meet with Governors.

SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents

There will be a SATs meeting held in the year 6 classroom on Thursday 1st March from 5p.m. Parents are invited to come and find out about the arrangements and expectations of the SATs tests which the year 6 children will complete in the week beginning the 14th of May 2018.

Year five and six residential – Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th July

This year the year 5 and 6 residential will be at Oakerwood. We will be staying in the "glamping" village and taking part in a range of activities as follows: Borneo Breakout, Woodland Krypton, Monkey Climbing, Zip Wire, Quick Jump, Gladiator Challenge, Raft Building, Quad Biking and Pizza Making. For more information on these activities please visit: <http://www.oakerwoodleisure.co.uk/> there are more details about these activities. We have already shown the children the videos. There will be a meeting about the trip in the Summer Term.

PTA Lottery

January's winners (drawn in good news assembly on 9th February) were:-

1st – Santi Dominguez - £50

2nd – Andrew Chadd - £20

3rd – Lisa Lewis - £10

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



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