



# The School Bell



*“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”*

Ring in the St. Mary's School news

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## Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Value of the month is “Respect”

Welcome to the Summer Term which has started with glorious weather! Like last term, with the snow, this term has begun with us being somewhat at the mercy of Mother Nature! Mrs. Brotherwood and some children and families are stuck overseas due to the volcanic eruptions in Iceland. We wish them a speedy and safe return. We are grateful to Mrs. Anne Dando who is replacing Mrs. Brotherwood in Class 3 and to other staff members who have been most helpful. It seems particularly fitting that our Value for April is “Respect.” Perhaps the volcano is another reminder of our need to show proper stewardship and respect for the environment? At school, the installation of photo-voltaic solar panels is almost complete; these will have a positive impact on our carbon footprint and energy costs.

On a theme related to respect we ask that you continue to monitor information your child is posting and receiving on blogs/social networking sites. With safety in mind, we urge you to be vigilant in ensuring your children use only secure sites, that comments they post do not upset or cause offence and that you are aware of who they are communicating with.

Kind regards,  
Miss Taylor.

## Sports successes

Belated congratulations to our swimming, netball and football squads who competed in events before the holiday. The Herefordshire Schools' gala saw us bring home 2 gold, 1 silver and two bronze medals. Our footballers won the schools tournament beating former winners, Credenhill. The netball team has made significant progress this season and all matches were closely fought. We continue to have the reputation for strength in a wide range of sports for a relatively small school.

## Easter Service

Thanks to all who attended the service in St. Mary's Church. We hope you enjoyed the childrens' offerings of song, poems, art and the splendid parade of decorated bonnets.

## New Pupils

We welcome Lydia Russell and James Deans into Classes 3 and 4 respectively and hope they and their families soon feel at home at St. Mary's.

## PTA and Playgroup Easter Extravaganza

This wonderful afternoon saw many families explore the village in an Easter trail, tackle a challenging quiz, enjoy scrumptious refreshments and the many activities offered. Judging the bonnet and egg competitions was very difficult due to the high standard of entry, not to mention originality! Just short of £800 was raised for PTA funds. Our thanks to the many parents and family members who made the day such a success.

## Dates for your diary...

### Good News assembly -

Every Thursday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome.

### April

22nd - Staff and Governor training on the VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)

27th - Meeting to finalise the new website, at the naked creative 12.00pm.

### May

1st - Chess Megafinal at Kingstone and Thrupton school, Miss Taylor and chess players attending

3rd - May-Bank Holiday, school closed.

5th - Year 6 SATs and other year group tests.

10th - Class 1 and Playgroup to see the Gruffalo at the Courtyard.

25th - Meeting of the full Governing Body 7pm.

28th - Half term begins.

### June

7th - Summer term resumes

14th - School Photographs: classes, teams & leavers

14th-18th - visitors from Rajshahi, Bangladesh.

16th - Playgroup and Reception open afternoon.

21st - Playgroup Sports Day.

29th - School Sports Day, 10:00am.

### July

12th-14th - School Performances in the Memorial Hall  
12th - 1.30pm; 13th and 14th - 6.30pm.

20th - Term and year end

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## Summer Uniform!

The children have come back looking extremely smart – many thanks! The summer uniform of school blue polo shirts, dresses and secure sandals with socks may be worn from now until October half term. As ever, please NAME EVERYTHING! If the sunshine continues, we ask that children have a suitable hat to wear at playtimes and sunscreen applied before school.

We welcome any nearly new uniform to add to our stock on sale after Good News Assemblies.

## School Security

We respectfully remind parents that they should not enter school except by the main office entrance. As in all schools, fire and security rules insist that visitors must be signed in and supervised while in the building. A small number of parents are coming into cloakrooms and classrooms at the start of the day. This is compromising security. In the interests of safety and security we ask you to leave all messages for teachers at the office. All the children are able to put their own belongings in the right places at the start of the day. If you need to speak to a teacher we ask that you arrange this via the office, NOT come into school by the children's entrances to talk to a member of staff. It is difficult for teachers to speak to parents when the children enter school and lessons begin at 8.50. If parents are at breakfast club we ask that they remain in the hall and leave by the hall entrance. Following an accident at another school, Herefordshire Health and Safety Officers have asked that all schools reinforce security procedures. In that instance a pre-school sibling was hurt in the playground and we ask that parents supervise toddlers and pre-schoolers closely before and after school.

## Chess Champion

Congratulations to Huw Nunn, who beat Isaac Hasan in the final 7th round of matches. Huw outflanked Isaac down the side of the board in a surprise move and checkmated him at the end of a 40 minute match.



Huw is our 2010 school champion. Well done to the 21 players in the tournament! 9 have qualified to play in the Megafinal.

## Playgroup News

Playgroup now offers sessions 5 days a week, including Wednesday afternoons when Playgroup children and staff join with Reception. Mums and Tots continue in the playgroup room as before. After half-term playgroup is to offer breakfast club and after sessions in line with school "wrap around care." Please speak to playgroup staff for more information.

## BAGS2SCHOOL



Remember the bags you filled with old clothes, etc? They made a whopping £218.00!!

Many thanks to everyone who donated.

The PTA are organising more bags2school in June.

## Film Library & Second hand Uniform



Don't forget, after every Good News Assembly there is a chance to purchase 2nd hand school uniform, and to use the film library - £1 per week for DVDs and 50p per week for videos.

## Term dates 2010

### Summer Term 2010:

Term starts	19th April 2010
May Day	3rd May 2010
Half term	31st May – 4th June 2010
Term ends	20th July 2010

### Autumn Term 2010:

Term starts	Monday 6th September 2010
Half term	25th-29th October 2010
Term ends	17th December 2010

### Spring Term 2011:

Term starts	5th January 2011
Half term	21st-25th February 2011
Term ends	14th April 2011

### Summer Term 2011:

Term starts	4th May 2011
Half term	30th May-3rd June 2011
Term ends	22nd July 2011

## St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

Allyson Taylor - Headteacher | Jaine Yule - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman  
Sian Nunn - Parent Governor