



# 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

Term draws to a close and children and staff are ready for a refreshing holiday. Our Prizegiving and Leavers' Service takes place at **2pm in Church on Tuesday 20th July**. I hope you are able to join us as we celebrate the achievements of our school. My thanks are extended to so many parents, family and community volunteers whose contribution makes St. Mary's such a vibrant and successful school.

With that in mind, Layla Johnson, Mum to Lucas in Class 1, and a group of parents have organised an end of term disco in the Village hall, Tuesday 20th July, 3.30-5.30pm. This is in support of the Jackson family. Keira is also in Class 1 and as most of you may already know, her brother is very ill. Layla has suggested a minimum donation of £2 to include a drink and hot dog. We hope many children will attend and that you will support the event. We are happy for children to change into disco clothes after school if parents wish.

On behalf of staff and governors I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you when term commences on 6th September.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

## Contact Inspector visit

Huw Evans, or Local Authority inspector, visited recently and worked with staff assessing overall progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. Our findings are that reading remains very strong in all year groups and classes and that we are right to focus on improving children's writing. All staff have worked hard over recent years to narrow the gap in our English and Maths SATs results and this year's Year 6 results show the same 43% of children achieving the high level 5 results in both subjects.

## Governor News

We are sorry to be losing Mrs. Gina Children from the Governing Body when her term of office ends in September. Gina is the longest serving governor in Herefordshire with over 36 years of loyal service to our school. She has served as Chair and for the last few years as Treasurer. We intend to give her a proper farewell and express our thanks in the new school year. Gina is a Foundation governor appointed by the parish and her retirement left a vacancy. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Peter Daines, a former teacher who has helped with Chess this term and is well known in the village, has been appointed as our new Foundation Governor.

## Chess Champions!



Rosie Harris, Bevis Drury and Joseph Harwood attended the chess Gigafinal in Manchester on 10th July. All won at least one game and were in that talented group of 2000 players from the original 70,000 who played in schools across England. On 28th June with a team of 7 entered in the County Tournament at St. Paul's school. We **WON** and are the county chess champions beating several other schools, including the Cathedral! Well done to our worthy champions! Another piece of silverware for the cabinet!

## PTA News - It's a Knockout...



It's a Knockout boasted a bigger course and proved a real physical challenge to teams, whether children or adults. The weather was a real boon and the event has raised an estimated £2,000. It was marvellous to see so many people of all ages taking part or supporting the teams.

## Dates for your diary...

### Good News assembly -

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

### July

**20th** - Prizegiving in St. Mary's Church at 2pm.  
End of Year

Term commences **Monday 6th September**

### September

**9th** - Staffing and Finance Governors' meeting, 3.30pm

**21st** - Meeting of the full Governing Body, 7.00pm

**22nd** - Playgroup AGM, 1.00pm in school

### October

**Half Term:** 25th-29th October

**Term ends** - December 17th 2010

*Enjoy the summer  
holidays everyone!*

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## PTA AGM

The Parent Teacher Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting in September - date to be confirmed - all welcome!



## Holiday Club

The club is open to children from playgroup and up to age 8. Children who do not attend our setting are also welcome, so if you know of any families who might like to use the service please ask Mrs. Squires or Bethryn in playgroup for booking forms.

## Garden volunteers

A special thank you to Becky Parkin and Dawn Scull for coordinating the maintenance of our school garden.

Each class has helped in turn and all of us have enjoyed the fruits of their labour!

## Parent Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help hear the children read, to help with transport to and from events, accompanying trips, and many other things. If you wish to be more involved, on a regular or just ad hoc basis, then please come and see Mrs Squires in the office.

## Water bottles

Mrs. Squires has a stock of the new water bottles if any parents wish to purchase these. They are available from the office for £2.50.

*Don't Forget*

DVD & Video Film library along with second hand uniform sale Thursdays after Good News Assembly



## BAGS2SCHOOL



If you find yourself having a clearout over the summer - don't forget to bag up your old clothes, towels, bedding, cuddly toys and any other soft furnishing - as the PTA will be organising another collection in the new term. **The more we collect, the more money we raise for the school!**

## Pride of Herefordshire Nomination

Our PTA has been nominated for a Community service award for the amazing fundraising and enrichment of our school provided in the last year. PTA has supported the cost of swimming, funded Drama club, given financial support to governors' funds which enabled the solar panels to go ahead, provided us with additional staging, helped with the costs of school visits and offered refreshments for special events. Never mind the Quiet area, the tiled mural for outside, the Christmas fair, Easter egg hunt and It's a knockout fundraisers which so many have enjoyed!

## 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