



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 - 'Rules'

Welcome to the new academic year 2010-11! With over 100 children on roll it is heartening to reflect that it is well over a decade since Fownhope school was full, but it is now! More friends, more fun and more learning in this beautiful community.

The summer holidays have flown by and so many of you have commented on how little time it seems since we were here in July! It has been a very smooth start to the year with new children joining St. Mary's. By 9.15 on Monday all the new Reception children had said goodbye to parents and were busy playing and making friends. We welcome into Class 1: Jack, Ted, Emily, Karwyn, Joshua M, Lucy, Molly, Grace, Callum, Rowan, Caspar, Joshua S, Olivia, Ella and Hannah. We also welcome Lily in Class 2 and Rhianne and Imogen into Class 4. We hope they all feel at home here and we look forward to getting to know them. Our Value for September is "Rules" and the classes will be writing their own class rules as well as prayers to say at the end of each day. Each month we have a Value to focus on during Assemblies and in class.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor

Staff News

We welcome Mrs. Michelle Barrand as our new school secretary in Mrs. Squires' (temporary) absence. Mrs. Squires is with us, Baby Squires permitting, until the end of next week. We also welcome Mrs. Rebecca Richards as our new class teacher with Year 2 and 3. Miss Taylor is to train to be a Church school inspector and begins the course later this month.

Meet the teacher - 9th September at 3.30pm

We invite you to an informal meeting for Classes 2, 3 and 4. Class teachers will discuss Curriculum information, routines and arrangements for homework and answer any questions you may have about the new school year.

Please make every effort to attend.

Mrs. Gibbs will hold a meeting for Class 1 parents on 21st September at 6.00pm

Kitchen News

Over the summer a major piece of kitchen equipment has been replaced. The old hot cupboard has been updated with a smart new one. Funding for this was received from Herefordshire Council which had a small amount of Jamie Oliver money in hand.

Governor News

You may recall that Mrs. Gina Children is stepping down as a governor soon and is to be replaced by Mr. Peter Daines. Governors wish Gina to leave with a token of our appreciation for her 30+ years of service to our school. Any contributions towards a gift may be left in the office.

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly -

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

September

- 9th - Meet the Teacher Classes 2,3,4 - 3.30-4.00pm
- 10th - Staffing and Finance Governors' meeting, 3.30pm
- 13th - Pauline Newton, Diocesan visitor in school
- 14th - Teachers' IT training, no Play or Netball Clubs
- 15th - Year 5/6 to PGL outdoor education centre
- 17th - Mrs Squires last day
- 21st - Meeting for Class 1 parents on How to help your child with reading, 6.00pm
 - Meeting of the full Governing Body/AGM - 7.00pm
- 22nd - Playgroup AGM in school 1:00pm
- Half Term: 25th-29th October
- Term ends - December 17th 2010

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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!



Swimming at Ross Pool

This begins on Friday 10th September for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and some Year 1. Due to larger numbers in school, Year 1 children will swim for a term each this year. Letters regarding this have been sent home on Monday 6th September. **Don't forget your kit on Friday!**

Parent Volunteers

St. Mary's needs you! We seek parent helpers in all classes, particularly in Classes 3 and 4. If you are able to help in school for an hour or two a week, please let the class teacher know. We need help with hearing children read but also with activities like playing simple maths or spelling games. All volunteers require a CRB check which is free.

Information on your child

Do we have the most up to date contact details and medical information on your child? If not, please inform the Office. This is particularly important if you have a new mobile phone or a medical condition has occurred or changed. Please help us to help your child and keep us informed of new information. If your child needs an asthma inhaler, this should be named and kept in school at all times.

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



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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 this term. **The more we collect, the more money we raise for the school!**

After School Clubs

You will have received a letter about clubs for this term. Please return the reply slip promptly as places will be allocated on a first come basis. If you are interested in running or helping with an after school activity do let us know.

Baby News

Mrs. Brotherhood is to be a grandmother in February. We send our congratulations to Clare, Matt and the family and look forward to the happy event. It's never too early to get you grandchild's name down for a good school...

Term dates 2010/2011

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