



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, Value of the month - Friendship

Our value this month complemented our multi-cultural week brilliantly. The British Council project title is "Friends together, Worlds apart."

It was a great pleasure to welcome Mohammad, Nurjahan and Monowara to our school last week. They presented us with gifts and artwork from their students in Rajshahi city, Bangladesh. We look forward to a return visit to their schools in the Autumn and to becoming closer friends



In school the children thoroughly enjoyed the Indian dance day and the special work on music led by Alison Houlbrooke. We hope your child talked to you about the Festivals of Light they had studied and the activities undertaken to enhance their knowledge of other cultures and faiths. As a school, we have a duty to promote global citizenship and community cohesion and we feel we are improving this aspect of our work.

On Monday 16th March Martin Dery and Lucy from Concern Universal will lead Assembly and talk to Elgar class about the progress of CU's work in Ghana.

Kind Regards,
Miss Taylor.

Thanks!

A special thank you to Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Yule and Mr. Biggs who spent time with our visitors from Bangladesh in their capacity as Governors and in Graham's case, as Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce. They were able to support the visitors in classes and talk about the school from the perspective of the governing body and as parents.

"Wow!"

This was the comment from our Chair of Governors, Ian Williams and echoed by Huw Evans, our Local Authority Inspector, with regard to the new style Newsletter. Comments from parents and children have also been complimentary and very positive. If you have any items for inclusion please email them to the school office info@st-marys-pri.hereford.sch.uk.

Don't forget...Friday's

Swimming for years: 1(some), 2, 3 & 4
Remember your kit!

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly -

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

March

18th - Henry V - Young Shakespeare at Little Dewchurch Village Hall

23rd - Creative Arts exhibition week

26th - Arts Exhibition, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

30th - Easter Service in Church, 2:00pm

April

1st - Lent Lunch, 12:00 noon

TERM ENDS - 3rd April, 2009

4th - PTA fund raiser, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

20th - Summer term commences

27th - Book Fair arrives

June

18th - Sports day, 10:00am



PTA Easter Event - Saturday 4th April, 2-4pm.

Please support this fun afternoon. You will have received a letter from PTA inviting you to join in.

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Staffing News - Welcome, Mrs. Caroline Wheadon has joined us as a Lunchtime Supervisor. Sadly, Mrs. Puxty has decided not to continue in this capacity. This means we still have a vacancy for a member of staff at lunchtime – please consider joining us, even as a job share so we can make sure the children enjoy lunchtimes and stay safe as well as happy.

SATs revision and Tests

Year 6 children are about to begin preparations for the tests in May. If you are a parent of a year 6 child and have not received a test timetable, please ask at the office. Please note that children in Year 2 also take SATs tests and those in Years 3, 4, & 5 take optional national tests. As a result, we will not give permission for any holiday absence until the tests are completed.

After school care

We regret that Sue Gray who runs Nightingales has given notice that the club will cease at the end of this term. Governors and Miss Taylor are looking at ways to continue some form of service and we would welcome any offers of support from parents. Mrs. Watkins is prepared to carry on but we are required to have 2 adults present at each session. **If you are able to offer your support please let Miss Taylor know.**

Teacher in the spotlight

Our Headteacher - Miss Taylor



This month we find out all about Miss Taylor...

Q. How long have you been a teacher?

A. 18 years, with 5 years as Head at Fownhope.

Q. What do you like about your job?

A. Spending time with children and staff and being busy (very).

Q. What is your favourite subject?

A. Mm! A hard one! I like teaching English very much but also love teaching PE.

Q. What hobbies do you have?

A. I swim and go horse riding. I also enjoy cooking, reading and, of course, chocolate tasting!

Q. What would be your perfect holiday?

A. Somewhere very quiet with no mobiles or computers or cars, especially in Scotland.

Q. What job would you do if you weren't our Headteacher?

A. I would have loved to make a living writing poems and stories. Or been a dancer.

Lunch Box and School Dinner competition

A reminder to all of you that suggestions for lunch box items or new dishes for the school dinner menu should be sent in to school by Friday 27th March. If you have a healthy lunchbox favourite or a dish which could feature on the dinner menu, take Jamie Oliver's advice and "Pass it On".

There are prizes to be won and these are:

1. A £10 Tesco gift card
2. "Food from the Place Below" recipe book by Bill Sewell of All Saints café, Hereford.
3. £5 lunch voucher for Café Green, St. Owen St, Hereford

Please note that if your entry is a school dinner dish which makes it on to the menu there is an added bonus of the dish being named after you! Lunchbox entries can take the form of a recipe / food suggestion, or it can be a useful tip. Get thinking and good luck!

Lent Lunch

This year we will be holding a special Lent lunch. You may have noticed that Lent lunches are being held throughout the area in village halls and in people's homes and we thought it would be a great idea to host one here at school. It will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 24th March and we would like to invite parents, friends and family to join us for a simple meal of soup, crusty bread and cheese and biscuits. It may be frugal, but it will also be delicious! We hope to see lots of you here, so please **ring to book your place by Friday 20th March**. For those children who usually have school dinners, please note that the menu advertised for that day will not apply. The lunch will cost £1.95, the same as a normal school dinner.

With this newsletter, there's also copy of a letter from the charity Christian Aid called "Count Your Blessings", which reminds us about what Lent means in the church calendar and asks for your help for those less fortunate than us.

Term dates 2009/2010

Summer Term 2009:

Term starts	20th April 2009
May Day	4th May 2009
Half term	25th May – 29th May 2009
Term ends	17th July 2009

Autumn Term 2009:

Term starts	7th Sept 2009
Half term	26th Oct – 30th Oct 2009
Term ends	18th Dec 2009

Spring Term 2010:

Term starts	4th Jan 2010
Half term	15th – 19th Feb 2010
Term ends	1st April 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

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

Allyson Taylor - Headteacher | Dr. Ian Williams - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
Sian Nunn and Jaine Yule - Parent Governors