



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ringing in the St. Mary's School news

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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's

Value of the month, October - 'Caring for the environment'

Classes are busy getting ready for our Harvest Service in Church on 5th October at 2pm. Each class will perform a song or poem to mark this special season. You and other family members are invited to attend and share our celebration. As in previous years, we ask that children in Class 1 bring in fresh produce to present in Church. We are fundraising for Concern Universal again this year to support the charity's work in supporting clean water and agriculture in the developing world. Classes 2, 3 & 4 are invited to make a donation, suggested minimum £1, to the charity on 5th. All money taken in the retiring collection in Church will also go to CU. We are delighted to welcome a CU visitor, Mamun, from Bangladesh on 8th October. He will spend time with Class 4 and then lead Assembly for the whole school. We will present him with our collection at that time so please be generous and offer what you can. Even in the current economic climate it is rare for us to go hungry or have no clean water and our fundraising for CU has helped provide both in countries like Malawi.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor

Music News



We are thrilled to hear Samba rhythm and new songs resonating from Classes 3 and 4 each week! We have secured coveted places on the national "Wider Opportunities for Music" and "Sing Up!" programmes for the two top classes. We welcome Mr. Mark Haughty as the teacher in Class 3. Mark is teaching Samba, Ukulele and Tin Whistle over the year. Mrs. Alison Bell is working with Mrs. Buck and Class 4 on a singing project which includes the chance to sing at the Shire Hall in December.

PTA AGM

All parents are automatically members of our flourishing PTA and we invite you to the AGM on 7th October at 6.30 pm in the school hall. Come and find out how much was raised and enjoyed last year and share in the discussion about future plans.

PE Kit

A small number of children have no kit in school. Please ensure your child has kit every day, particularly the day after a sports club when kit may have been worn to go home.



Governor News

The full Governing Body met on 21st September and elected Mrs. Jaine Yule as Chair, Mr. William Dereham as Vice Chair and Mr. Derek Colley as Treasurer. Mr. Peter Daines was confirmed in his appointment as a Foundation governor, nominated by the parish. Mrs. Geri Jones has stepped down as a Foundation governor and we thank her for her contribution over a number of years.

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly -

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

September

27th - Fire Safety workshops, Year 2 and Class 4

29th - Bikeability Cycle training for Year 6

30th - Miss Taylor begins Inspection training in York

October

5th - Harvest Service, 2pm in Church - all welcome

7th - PTA AGM, 6.30pm in the school Hall

11th - Year 6 visit John Kyrle High School

13th - ACTS 2 lead Assembly

18th - Classes 3 & 4 attend Author performance at The Courtyard

22nd - Film show in the Memorial Hall

Half Term: 25th-29th October

Term ends - December 17th 2010

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Parent Consultation Evenings

These take place on 20th October, 3.20-5.00pm and 21st October 3.20-6.00pm. Further details and appointment times to follow.

Author Performance and Workshop

Classes 3 and 4 are to attend performances by renowned children's authors Michael Rosen and Jan Blake at the Courtyard on 18th October. We are fortunate that Jan is to visit school on 19th October to work with Class 4 on story writing.



Publishing Success

Many congratulations to Molly Hewitt, Gracie Latham, Eve Straker and Bethany Harwood (also Kylie Hopkins who is at Bishop's) whose work has been published in a book of children's writing, "Tiny Treasures." Perhaps Jan Blake will learn something too!

Club Dismissal

We have noticed some parents are unsure of where to collect children from after a club. With the exception of chess we ask that you wait outside the exit nearest to where the club is taking place or children are changing. For example, Tuesdays' footballers may be collected outside Class 3, Wednesdays' outside Class 4. As chess is held in the Library it makes sense for parents to wait in the main entrance. We hope this helps unite you and your children promptly at the end of clubs.

Winter Uniform

Collars and ties please again after half-term. The summer polo shirts and dresses are ready for hibernation. We also remind parents that our uniform is jumpers and cardigans with the school badge, available from the Uniform Shop in Maylord Orchard. As with all personal items, we ask that everything is named clearly to avoid confusion. It is never too soon to start practicing buttons and tying ties!

School Security

Many thanks for your cooperation with this following our recent letter regarding security. You may also have noticed the smart new visitor badges issued by the office to all helpers and visitors. These allow us to meet part of the safeguarding requirements which are statutory for all schools.

Christmas Nativity

Advance notice that our Nativity play, "The Landlord's Cat," will be performed on 13th December at 2pm and 14th December at 6pm. All children are expected to attend so please note the dates in your calendars. We anticipate "purrfect" performances.



School Council

Will be holding a Cake Bake Sale during the last week before half-term in aid of enhancing the cookery resources and also skills. More details to follow shortly.

National Schools Film Week



The whole school will go to the Memorial Hall to watch a performance of the film, "Coraline", on the last Friday morning of the half term. Our thanks to Governor, Morrison Sellar, for organizing this event for a third year!

Baby News

No, not Mrs. Squires yet, we will keep you posted, but congratulations to Petra Hickey, our office assistant, who is a grandmother for the third time. Baby Rocco was born on 22nd.

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