



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'

Our thanks, on behalf of Concern Universal, for your generous support at Harvest.

Class 1 brought in fresh produce which they presented in Church. After the service I took it to Hope Scott House, a facility for the homeless, on Roman Road and it was used to provide meals for clients. The other classes brought in donations which were added together with the collection in Church to raise £181. This was presented to Mamun and Rachael from CU in Assembly. Mamun spoke eloquently about his work in rural Bangladesh where CU are installing water pumps and toilets in schools. Imagine having neither? We would have to close!

Staff, governors and I wish you all a good half term holiday.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor

VACANCY

We seek a cleaner for an hour a day to work with our dedicated team of premises staff. The post is for term-time and offers a good rate of pay. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Barrand in the school office.

Wyvern Toast Awards



You may already know that Sally Holmes, our kitchen supervisor, is one of three finalists in the Wyvern Toast awards for the best school cook. Please vote for Sally on www.wyvernfm.co.uk if you have not already done so!

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly - Every Thursday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome

November

1st - Term resumes • Rev. Pridie to lead assembly

2nd - Class 4 Forest school orienteering session
• Hearing tests for year 1

4th - Coffee afternoon at 1.30 in the school hall
• Maths evening for parents 6pm in the school hall

5th - Operation Christmas Child - shoeboxes being collected from school

9th - Cluster Football tournament, squad of 8, at Hampton Dene

10th - ACTS 2 lead Assembly • Bags2School - bring in for collection a.m.

11th - PTA Committee meeting, 6.30pm

17th - Playgroup committee meeting, 9-11am in the staffroom

19th - Staffing and finance governors' meeting

29th - Mr. Pridie to lead Assembly - Advent theme

30th - Meeting of the full Governing Body

December

2nd - Theatre visits

3rd - Class 4 perform in Concert at Shire Hall - Sing up! project

NB. December - 13th at 2pm and 14th at 6pm

Performances of the Landlord's Cat in Church.

17th - Term ends



School Council & PTA Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 4th November, 1.30-3pm. Classes will be baking cakes in the first week back to sell at the event. We hope you will join us, to meet other parents and support our PTA and school council. The children are raising funds to purchase more resources for cooking. The children may wear what they like on the day in return for cakes and raffle prizes.

Welcome to New Pupils

Jessica and Callum Blackwell joined year 5 and year 3 last week. We hope they soon feel at home here and have already made friends!



Fownhope Heart of Oak Society Bonfire and Barbeque

This annual event takes place at the Recreation Field on Saturday 6th November. Gates open at 6pm with the lighting of the bonfire at 6.30 and fireworks at 7. Admission is £4 for adults, £1 for children under 16. Under 5s are admitted free. ALSO Guy Fawkes Fest - all the fun of making a Guy and a chance of winning a cash prize. See the leaflet for full details.

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Parent Consultation Evenings

We hope you found these helpful in supporting your child with targets for improvement. Class teachers very much appreciate meeting with you and sharing your and their views of progress so far this year. A small number of parents did not make appointments and we encourage you to contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet.

Maths Evening for Parents

Ever wondered how you can help your child with number homework? Niki Summers, Local Authority Maths Consultant, will lead a session on how we teach maths, in particular number work. We ran a similar session some years ago and it was very well received by those parents who attended. The session takes place on 4th November at 6- 7.30 pm and is open to all parents of children in Classes 3 and 4 (If you are interested and your child is younger let us know as there may be spaces.)

Keeping Safe

We ask for your help in keeping the children safe at the start and end of the day and remind you that the car park is for school staff only. We ask you to walk in and out by the lane gate and path, not across the car park as access is needed for the mini-buses and taxis which transport children to and from school each day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Winter Uniform REMINDER!

Winter uniform of shirt, tie and school jumper or cardigan after half term please. Put the polo shirts and summer dresses into hibernation until after Easter! As the weather is turning chilly, we would appreciate all children having a coat to wear at playtimes.

Bikeability Success

Well done to Year 6 children who took part in the Bikeability training recently. This course replaces the cycling proficiency course which older family members may have taken in the past. The pass rate was 100% and the children (and trainers) are to be applauded for persevering in atrocious rain and wind for a whole day!

Absence Procedure

If your child is absent please contact the school office by 9.30 on the first day of absence. Doing so ensures we have an accurate record of any children not in school and the reason for this. There is no need to write a letter if you have contacted us by phone or in person.

Christmas Theatre Visits

– advance notice

We have tickets to take the children to the theatre on 2nd December. Classes 1 and 2 will travel to Cheltenham to watch a production of Cinderella at the Everyman Theatre. Classes 3 and 4 will travel to Birmingham to watch the highly acclaimed performance of The Secret Garden at The Rep. Details to follow but please add this date to your diaries.

Year 6 SA1 Forms for High Schools

The deadline for these important forms is 31st October. Please return them to Admissions at Blackfriars at the address shown on the form. If you do not do so by 1st November you may not be offered a place at a school of your choice.

Staffing News

We welcome Layla Johnson, Mum to Lucas in year 1, as our new after school assistant. Layla is also working in playgroup and we hope she soon feels part of the growing joint school and playgroup team.

Baby News

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Squires gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on Thursday last week, not long after Good News Assembly, so our prayers worked! Our warmest congratulations to the family and we look forward to meeting Madeleine. (Maddie)

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

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Allyson Taylor - Headteacher | Jaine Yule - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
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