



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ringin in the St. Mary's School news

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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Value of the month, May - My Family

The Summer term is now well underway and children in most classes have already completed national tests. Well done to all but in particular to Year 6 children who finished their SATs last week and can now focus on the last term's varied activities. For our oldest children this term offers special events to help with transition to high school in September. Crucial Crew gives training in keeping safe and making good choices, staff from high schools visit here and the children spend a day at their new school. In addition, we have a packed programme of school events and visits for all classes, beginning with Reception and Year 1 attending a performance of *The Gruffalo's Child* at The Courtyard. Our own Key Stage 2 production this year is "Alice in Wonderland," a musical version of Lewis Carroll's timeless tale of nonsense! If you can help please return the reply slip with the separate letter asking for your support in the production team.

Kind regards,
Miss Taylor.

Staff news

We are delighted that Mrs. Richards will be with us from September. Mrs. Richards will be taking on the role of class teacher by teaching most afternoons as well as mornings. This means St. Mary's will have 5 classes from September with our top class being Class 5.

Alice Rehearsals

Auditions were held before Easter and the main parts cast. Miss Taylor is working with the artistes in Class 4 on this challenging play. Children in Class 3 will play group roles and be our chorus. Hannah Drury and Emily Bottle share the lead role. Dates for you diary – Tuesday 19th July, Matinee and evening shows; Wednesday 20th last night! Tickets released after half term; don't be a white rabbit and be late!



Ukelele lessons

Year 3 and 4 have begun a term of lessons building on the samba and tin whistle classes of this year. Welcome to Sally Grant, the teacher from the Instrumental Music Service.



Dates for your diary...

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

May

23rd - First Cookery club, 3.15-4.00

24th-25th - London Theatre visit, Years 4,5,6; Miss Taylor, Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Blair accompanying.

27th - Half term commences

June

6th - Term resumes

9th - Year 6 attend Crucial Crew workshops

10th - Miss Taylor at RE conference, launch of new syllabus.

13th - Museum on the Move visits school, all classes to attend

15th - Sports day, 10.00 - c12.00

16th - Reserve Sports day

17th - Mrs. Gibbs last day; Staffing and Finance governors meet

20th - Miss Emma Brotherwood joins as Class 1 teacher

22nd - Autoharp day, all classes, music workshops with Mike Fenton

24th - Class 4 at Ironbridge

29th - Tempest Photography - Class and team photos.

30th - Year 6 transfer day at high schools

July

1st - Class 4 at BHBS, Modern languages day

2nd - PTA It's a Knockout

18th - Informal parents evening following end of year reports

21st July - Leavers' service and Prizegiving; term and year end

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Summer uniform

Blue dresses and polo shirts with the school badge are summer uniform, wearable until October half term. Polo shirts are available from the Uniform shop in Maylord Orchard. Children may also wear secure flat sandals with socks. Please apply sunscreen on hot days and ensure your child has a hat and water in a bottle to sip during the day.

Sports news



Our younger Year 3 and 4 squad played a thrilling game against Riverside school. We lost but did not make it easy for the other team. This game closed the competitive football season for us, though Steve continues to coach the younger children on Tuesdays. This is made possible by an FA grant as we are a football development school.

Keith Nind is leading Athletics sessions in Class 3 this term.

Advanced Notice

Sports Day is Wednesday 15th June at 10am. Reserve day is 16th. Parents are welcome to picnic with their children on the field until 12.45 on Sports Day. Please inform the office if you intend to do so.

We would appreciate your child having PE kit in school EVERY day as we will be practising for Sports day in addition to usual PE lessons. Kit is the navy polo shirt with the school badge, navy shorts and trainers not pumps.

Local Community News

Fownhope Heart of Oak Club Walk this year will be held on Saturday 4th June, assembling at the New Inn 10.15. Following the 10.30 service at the church and visits to a number of hosts we will finish at Wye Leisure for a Pig Roast on Whiterdine Field followed by the sports there at around 2.30 pm. Entry to races is free but more helpers to run the sports would be welcome. Please join us for the walk and the church service. Tickets for the pig roast will be available at £2.50 at the end of the walk. There will be Morris men, The Drybrook Silver Band and hopefully Maypole dancing by the Brownies. Hope for a good day and turnout. Regards Sue Gough.

Attendance concern

A number of children are arriving late on a regular basis. This means they are marked absent or late on the registration system and are disrupting lessons which have already started as well as missing work. They may also be sitting tests. Please ensure that your child is in the playground at 8.45 as lessons begin at 8.50.

Forest School

Thank you for your help in accompanying the children in Classes 1 and 3 this half term to our Forest school. We hope you enjoy the sessions as much as the staff and children!

Playgroup News

Playgroup have enjoyed visits from Pedro the Music Man and from a local dance and movement teacher recently. Later this term we hope to visit our local fire station and have a trip to a local small breeds farm. Beth Hanbury Playgroup Supervisor.

Chess Megafinal Triumphs



7 children qualified to play in the Mercian Megafinal held on May 7th. 5 children played six rounds each and acquitted themselves in true St. Mary's style. Hannah Drury, Bevis Drury and Samuel Dominguez have qualified to play in the Gigafinal in July. This means they are in the top 50 players nationally in their age group. With expert coaching from Santi, chess continues to flourish.

Term dates 2011/2012

Summer Term 2011:

Term starts	4th May 2011
Half term	30th May-3rd June 2011
Term ends	21st July 2011

Autumn Term 2011:

Term starts	Tuesday 6th September 2011
Half term	24th-28th October 2011
Term ends	16th December 2011

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

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