



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, July - Making choices

The Summer term is drawing to a close and both staff and children are ready for a well-earned rest. There have been many highlights to remember this year and some special news to share with you in this last edition. We hope to see you at the Prizegiving Service in Church on Thursday at 1.45 pm. We say goodbye and best wishes to our 18 year 6 children who are all ready to impress at Bishop's, John Kyrle and St. Mary's, Lugwardine.

I extend sincere thanks to all who have helped make this another successful year for our school. Your support as parent/community helpers, for example, on visits, with reading, clubs, swimming, forest school, transport, attending PTA and other special events, makes an enormous difference to the children. On behalf of staff and governors I wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you on September 6th.

Kind regards,
Miss Taylor.

Staff News

We look forward to welcoming Mr. Alex Hewitt as our new teaching Assistant in September. Alex will be working in Class 1 initially and supporting with play at lunchtimes.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Cynthia Jones who retires as Cleaner in Charge this term. Cynthia has given us several years of sterling service and taken a great pride in her work and our school. We wish her a long and restful retirement. We are delighted that Ms. Jo Ryan has accepted the post and is promoted to lead the premises team. This, however, leaves us with a vacancy for two hours a day as cleaner so if you are interested please let us know.

School Uniform

A number of children are wearing plain blue polo shirts and navy jumpers. Governors ask you to note that these are not our uniform. All polo shirts and jumpers/ cardigans should have the school badge. We ask you to support the policy which was agreed following consultation with parents in 2009. The badged items are available from our nearly new stock as well as the Uniform Shop in Maylord Orchards.

Sports News

Well done to our girls' football squad who won the recent tournament playing some truly beautiful examples of the beautiful game. Hereford United coaches have continued to visit school and are offering summer activities for four days in August.

Summer Club

This runs in school for the first 4 weeks of the holiday. If you are interested in using the service, please let the office or Bethryn in Playgroup know.

Tempest photographer

We will review using this firm in the future as we have received several complaints about the class and team photos taken recently.

Breakfast Club



Supervised care from 8am, including breakfast, cost will be £2.00 per session from September.

Dates for your diary...

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

July

18th - Informal parents evening following end of year reports

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

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Fownhope Working Dog Show 31st July



The proceeds of this event are to be shared between the Room for All appeal and another school. It promises to be a day of fun and entertainment with tug of war,

falconry demonstrations and much, much more!

Prize Giving and Leavers' Service

This annual celebration takes place on Thursday 21st July at 1.45pm in St. Mary's Church. Each Year 6 pupil receives a presentation and there are prizes for all year groups. We hope to see you there.

Welcome!

Sam and Ben Braybrook have joined Reception and Year 3 in the last few days of this term, coming to us from California. St. Mary's is now recruiting from overseas it seems! The family are new additions to our village community and we extend a very warm St. Mary's, Fownhope welcome to them all.

Chess Tournament at St. Paul's



We won this trophy in 2010 and were narrowly beaten this year by the Cathedral school team to take second place from St. Paul's in the final round. Our congratulations to the team – Hannah and Bevis Drury, Bethany and Joseph Harwood, Harvey Scull, Rosie Harris, Henry Jones and Samuel Dominguez Middle and coach, Santi Dominguez. This has been one of our most successful chess seasons.

PTA It's A Knock Out 2011

It's a Knockout 2011 was a triumph, even if Mrs. Squires had a close shave following a hair clip incident in the water obstacle! PTA has presented £2,000 to school for class reading books and hopes to increase this to the target amount of £5,000. A special thank you to Becs, Mike Walker and the team who worked so hard to give us such an enjoyable day of fun for all ages.

Governor News

Following a lengthy and considered consultation, governors have decided not to proceed with conversion to an Academy. As a Voluntary Aided school St. Mary's already has greater autonomy than other schools and there were no clear benefits at this stage. Governors will continue to discuss the issue next year and keep watch for any possible benefits in the future.

Room for all - Jubilee Appeal

A dedicated group, led by Morrison Sellar, is beavering away on this exciting project to build a room to be used by school and the wider community. We expect planning permission to be granted in August and



then face the task of finding the best part of £100,000. Please support our fundraising activities in the coming year. In the region of £11,000 is already pledged or banked and Every Little Helps!

Term dates 2011/2012

Autumn Term 2011:

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

Spring Term 2011:

Term starts	4th Jan 2012
Half term	13th-17th Feb 2012
Term ends	30th March 2012

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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