



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,

We hope you enjoyed our Easter Service where each class performed a reminder of this special time of year in the Christian calendar.

The parade of bonnets and crowns reminded us of the beauties of the natural world in Spring and of Jesus' journey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Brunel Class performed a stirring poem – “Who killed the King?” Elgar children wrote their own list of key words connected to Easter and told them in a dramatic style. Our thanks to Mr. Priddle for making us welcome and for hosting a simple and very moving communion and blessing.

Staff and I wish you a very happy Easter and hope you have the opportunity to attend our PTA egg hunt on Saturday at 2-4pm.

Kind regards
Miss Taylor



St. Mary's Makes a Big Splash – Again!

The Herefordshire schools' swimming gala took place on the 21st of March. An enthusiastic squad competed against much larger schools. All our swimmers won medals and 3 trophies were brought home to Fownhope. Congratulations to the girls' relay team, who won Bronze; to the Boys' relay who improved on last year by winning Silver, and to the entire squad who retained the Best Small School Trophy, which we won last year. Thanks to parents and governors for their supervision of the squad.

Playgroup news

Playgroup is growing! From next term opening hours are:

Monday	9.00-3.00
Tuesday	9.00-12.00
Wednesday	1.30-3.00, Mums and Tots
Thursday	9.00-3.00
Friday	9.00- 1.00

Please contact Beth if you require more details.

Nightingales

You will have received a letter on Monday about the after school care next term. Please remember to book via the school office and make cheques payable to “Herefordshire Council.” Mrs. Yule, Miss Taylor and other staff and governors have worked extremely hard to ensure the care continues next term.

Don't forget...Friday's

Swimming for years: 1, 3 & 4 (Beginning after Easter). Remember your kit!

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly -

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

April

20th - Summer term commences

- Cricket coaching begins in Elgar class- Chance to Shine scheme

23rd - St. George's Day School Council Coffee afternoon, Red, White and Blue theme

27th - PTA meeting at 6.00pm

28th - 30th - Book Fair – parent helpers required, please.

May

5th - School photographer

- Playgroup and Darwin class visit to the Courtyard theatre, “The Tiger who came to tea.”

14th - Visit from the Diocese advisor, Rev. Pauline Newton.

June

9th - Playgroup Sports Day

18th June - Sports Day, 10.00 start.

w/c 22nd - Year 6 cycling proficiency

24th June - Year 5 language day at BHBS

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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.



St George's Day Celebrations

23rd April – the School Council will be holding a St George's Day red, white & blue themed coffee afternoon to raise funds for playground games and signs.

Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' & 'Tesco for Schools' Vouchers

We have collection boxes in school...and every voucher you contribute helps us obtain really useful sports equipment and stationery for our pupils.

Sports news...Sports news...Sports news

The netball and football team played well in the Rural Schools Tournament and were only narrowly beaten in their quest for victory. Coach Brotherwood and Coach Blair reported positive sporting attitudes and consistently good play from all team members.

A small group of children in Year 4 recently attended a Fotsal training session to prepare for future games.

Chess News

After 7 excellent and closely fought matches Isaac Hasan is this year's school chess champion with Huw Nunn a worthy runner up, by one point. Several others have qualified to play in the County Megafinal in May. Mr. Dominguez has kindly offered to run chess coaching sessions next term.

Details to follow...

Creative Arts Exhibition

This was a lovely event and very well supported by families. Work from all classes was displayed and many compliments received on the standard and range of work.

School Security and Safety

Please do not park in the staff car park, or allow children to walk across this area. We ask that all pedestrians use Biggs Lane and the side gate. School buses require access at the start and end of school.

We respectfully request that parents do not enter classrooms before school.

Any messages for staff should be made via Reception.



PTA Easter Event

This Saturday 4th April 2-4pm

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

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