



# 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 of St. Mary's Value of the month – September – Co-operation

A very warm welcome to the new school year! We hope you enjoyed the summer, creating many memories to treasure, and that the children have returned eager to continue learning, growing and co-operating together!

This term we welcome twenty new children into Class 1 with Miss Duckett and Mr. Hewitt. We also welcome back Harry and Rory Thompson; you may remember Harry was with us previously. Also new to us are Alex Redding, Sam and Joseph Powers and Oliver and Harry Rogoff who join Classes 4 and 5. We hope all our new children and their families soon feel at home within our extended school family.

I look forward to seeing you as term breaks into its stride and to welcoming you to our shared celebration of Good News at Thursdays' Assemblies.

Kind regards,  
Miss Taylor.

## Five Classes

You will know we have moved from 4 to 5 classes and it will take a while to remember to use the right number! We note below the classes, their age group and teacher for your information.

Class 1 (Reception – age 4-5) with Miss Amy Duckett, 20 on roll

Class 2 (Year 1 – age 5-6) with Mrs Sally Gooch, 18 on roll

Class 3 (Year 2 – age 6-7) with Mrs. Rebecca Richards, 18 on roll

Class 4 (Years 3&4 – age 7-9) with Mrs. Chris Brotherwood, 33 on roll

Class 5 (Years 5&6 – age 9-11) with Mrs. Jo Blair and Mrs. Clare Buck, 29 on roll

Each class has regular support from Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Robinson or Mr. Hewitt, our team of Teaching Assistants.

## Meet the Teacher

We offer an informal session to meet your child's class teacher and to find out about curriculum, timetables, routines and homework this term and what you can do to support learning. If you have any questions please make every effort to attend. The meetings take place on Tuesday 13th September, 3.15- 4pm. If you are unable to attend, curriculum information and timetables will be sent home with your child the next day.

Please note that due to these meetings Art clubs will start the following week.

## Clubs this term

You will have received a letter outlining this term's after school clubs. Most start next week; from Monday 12th September. If you have not already done so please return the reply slip as soon as possible.

## Parking

With so many children at the school, it is not possible for parents to park in the the School Car Park for drop off / pick up. Please use the road, and walk up the footpath.

## Contact and medical information

Got a new mobile? Changed you work number? New diagnosis of an allergy for your little one? If any contact or medical details have changed since July, PLEASE let the office know in writing. It is vital that we hold accurate information on each child.

## Dates for your diary...

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

### September

**13th** - Meet the Teacher sessions, 3.15

**19th** - Class 2 Forest School • Meeting of the full Governing Body, 6.15

**21st-22nd** - Miss Taylor out of school on Inspection

**26th** - Playgroup AGM, 1pm in the Staffroom

**28th-29th** - TBC cycle training for Year 6

**29th** - Macmillan coffee event, details to follow

### October

**5th** - Indian music and dance day

**19th and 20th** - Parent consultation evenings

**Half term – 24th-28th October.**

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## Swimming

This year Classes 3 and 4 (Years 2,3,4 only) will swim on Fridays, commencing 9th. Miss Taylor, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs Watkins will accompany the children. We ask that all clothing is named, especially pants and socks as you can imagine 50 pairs of similar colour. On swimming days if children wish to wear more colourful or individual socks to help with swift identification/changing this would help! Children with longer hair need a swimming hat.

We are extremely grateful to PTA for their generous support of the costs of swimming which means we can keep the amount we request from you for transport to a minimum.

## Playgroup News

Playgroup children are settling well into sessions. Many sessions are almost full. If you are interested in your child (age 2-school entry) joining the fun, contact Bethryn, Playgroup Supervisor. Before and after session care is run in the Playgroup for preschool age children.

## Uniform reminder

Polo shirts and summer dresses may be worn until October half term, collar and tie thereafter. Please ensure polo shirts and all jumpers/cardigans are the agreed uniform showing the school badge. A good range of sizes is available from the nearly new stock sold after Good News Assembly. We ask that PE kit is in school every day, preferably in a draw string bag so it can be hung on a peg. Thanks for your support in ensuring all children look smartly turned out and clearly belong to St. Mary's.

## Church news

At time of writing we await the news of who has been offered the post of Rector for the Benefice of Fownhope, including Woolhope, Mordiford and Brockhampton. Candidates visited school on 6th to get a flavour of our community in action.

## 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

## Fownhope Soccer Camp 2011



Hereford United Community Trust, in Partnership with St Mary's Primary School Fownhope, ran their first ever Soccer Camp at the countryside school last week. Over 100 children over a four

day course, enjoyed fun and enjoyable sessions run by Community Trust staff, ranging from two multi skill days and two days of Soccer Camp Coaching. With Children from as young as 4 years old attending, there was plenty of variety on show as children had the opportunity to work with Community Staff, some for the first time, taking part in fun games that helped to enhance their fundamental movement skills.

Hereford United Community Trust team would like to thank St Mary's Primary, Fownhope, for hosting the four day course, and supporting Hereford United both on and off the pitch!



## Room for all - Jubilee Appeal

We are delighted to report that Herefordshire Council has granted full planning permission for our proposed new community room. All we need now is the funding! If you can help with applications for funding or fundraising please let Morrison or Miss Taylor know. A flower festival is already planned next summer to support our appeal.



## 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