



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 – October – Tolerance

The term is well underway and we are delighted that our new Reception children have settled so well into our routines. Each was welcomed in Good News Assembly with a wooden cross as a symbol of joining our community. Ruby R, Ruby M, Elena, Sophie, Emily, Oliver, William S, William H, William P, Thomas, Tom, Joshua, Ethan, Romilly, Poppi, Harry, Mia, Bradley, Sydney and Matthew are all with us full time and enjoying the exciting activities in Class 1. Our older learners have been guiding Class 1 and provide good role models and great examples of tolerance – the Christian value of the month.

There are plenty of special events to support in the next few weeks. You are warmly invited to join us and to become more involved in the life of our school. We seek volunteers in all classes to hear readers, support maths activities, Forest school, Gardening, Chess club on Mondays and other areas of learning. We are particularly interested in any adults willing to play games with the children at lunchtimes. Many parents volunteer already and we would appreciate more help. If you would like to volunteer, contact the office for a CRB form. As you will see from the item below we are also in desperate need of a cleaner for two hours a day!

Kind regards,
Miss Taylor.

SOS – Cleaner required, your school needs you!

Despite advertising on the Herefordshire website we have received no applicants for the cleaning vacancy. The post is for 2 hours a day, term time, with some stand down hours in the holidays; good rate of pay. If you are interested, even for a few months, or know anyone who might help, PLEASE let us know. At present we are covering the cleaning with agency staff which is very expensive and so uses funds needed elsewhere.

News from the Classes

Class 1 children have made some fantastic owl babies and nests following reading the famous story book.

Class 2 learners are exploring sound and have conducted listening walks around school.

Class 3 are finding out about homes and construction techniques from Tudor to modern times.

Class 4 are also learning about Tudor history and are busy compiling a new book of favourite prayers to use for whole school worship.

Class 5 are brushing up their French vocabulary and making electrical circuits.

**Macmillan Coffee
afternoon this
Thursday, 1.30-3.00,
draw at 2.45pm**



A reminder that, on Thursday, for the privilege of wearing home clothes we ask the children to bring cakes (lots!) and any raffle prizes on a green theme. Refreshments are £1 and raffle tickets will be on sale during the afternoon. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other families as well as support a very worthy charity.

Uniform reminder

Collar and tie after half-term please – it's not too early to be checking if last years' shirts still fit!

Forest School

Class 2 children are spending time in the forest on Mondays, please remember your child's change of clothes and footwear.

Dates for your diary...

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

September

30th - Cycle training for Year 6

October

3rd - Harvest service in Church, 2pm.

5th - Indian music and dance day

14th - School photographs, individual and siblings

19th - Year 6 to visit John Kyrle High school

19th - Parent consultation evenings 3.20-5.00

20th - Parent consultation evenings 3.20-6.00

21st - National Schools Film Week – Classes 3,4,5 to watch Diary of A Wimpy Kid 2.

Half term – 24th-28th October.

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School safety

As you know we have a large number of younger children in school and ask for your support in keeping them safe at the start and end of the day. **When the first bell is rung at 8.50 the children become our responsibility. Teachers are on duty from 8.40 in the playground.** Parents can leave children then knowing they are supervised and first aid cover is available. **We ask that children say goodbye to you before lining up and that you make your way out of the gate as quickly as possible.** We discourage children from running back to you on their way into school after lining up. **The gate will be locked by 9.00 and we have found some parents locked in!** Please also use the lane entrance not the vehicular access into the car park as school buses, delivery lorries, groundsmen and visitors cars use this and it is dangerous.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Church news

Our new Rector is Rev Dr. Chris Moore. He and his family move to the Rectory over half term. We look forward to welcoming him to our school.

Harvest service – 2pm on Monday 3rd October in St. Mary's church

This year we are supporting the Community Larder appeal and ask for tins, toiletries etc as detailed on last week's letter. We hope you will join us to celebrate God's goodness. Each class will make a Harvest offering of song, poetry or art.

Chitrleka Indian dance and music day

After a demonstration to the whole school, classes 4 and 5 will spend the day experiencing Indian dance and Music. There will be a sharing performance at 2.45 to which parents of children in classes 4 and 5 are welcome.



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.

Music news

After last year's successful programme of samba, tin whistle and ukelele, Class 4 have the opportunity to learn more tin whistle and clarinet! We are pleased to welcome Karen Bailey from the County music service. Karen is also offering an after school samba club on Thursdays. A few places for this club are still available.



Miss Taylor news

Miss Taylor will be out of school for two weeks from the 10th October, recovering from an operation.

- HLUG (Herefordshire Linux, User group) – free software day
- HLUG volunteers are in school on 28th September to introduce sources of free software to children and staff.

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:

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