



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 Christian Value for December – Love

As the end of term is getting closer, this is my final newsletter of 2011.

There are a host of seasonal events coming up which we hope you are able to attend.

It is an extra special time for me as Mark and I get married on 21st December. Following the wedding I will continue to be known as Miss Taylor; this is easier than changing the school sign, paperwork, signatories for budget etc..!

I send my very best wishes to you all as Advent progresses and we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

School Dinners GOOD NEWS!

We are delighted to enter into a partnership with Cygnet catering who will reopen our kitchen in January and cook on site for our children. At our request they are cooking and serving Christmas dinner here next week and on Thursday at 3.15-4pm you are invited to a taster session showcasing their food. Please join us to sample their wares in the hall after Good News Assembly! Details of their order and payment systems to commence from 4th January are to follow.

Applications for Reception places, 2012

If you have not already done so we remind parents that the deadline for applications is in January.

Staff news

We welcome Mrs. Jane Thomson as our new teaching assistant. Jane will be working in Class 3 and comes to us with many years' experience of supporting children in school.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Squires as part-time Secretary and are sorry to be losing her as a member of staff. Fortunately, Mrs. Barrant and Miss Hickey will increase their hours to cover the office and so we are not advertising for a new secretary.

PTA Christmas Fayre

A host of stalls, fun and guest appearance from Father Christmas on 11th December, 4-6pm. Wear what you like day on the 9th in return for bottles/ raffle prizes and cakes.



Carol Service

Rousing traditional carols and thought provoking readings!

The service takes place on

Tuesday 13th December at 6pm

in St. Mary's Church. Rev. Chris

Moore will officiate and lead our

worship. Please note, all children are

expected to attend. We ask that you

let class teachers know if your child

is unable to do so.

Dates for your diary...

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

December

7th - Christmas dinner for Classes 1, 2, 3, others packed lunches

8th - Christmas dinner for Classes 4 and 5, others packed lunches, taster session for parents 3.15pm

9th - Wear what you like day in return for donations for the PTA fayre. • Dress rehearsal - Class 3 and 4 play
• Last swim at Ross pool

11th - PTA fayre, 4-6pm

12th - Class 3 and 4 play 9.15am and 6.00pm

13th - Carol Service in Church, 6pm, all classes

15th - Classes 1, 2 and 3 attend Jack and the Beanstalk, **leaving school 8am prompt.**

16th - Term ends

January

4th - Spring term commences

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News from the Classes

Class 1 have been detectives and taken fingerprints to find the chocolate eating villain!

Class 2 have learned about Mary Seacole and her pioneering charity work.

Class 3 children have made complex symmetrical patterns in maths.

Class 4 are working on beautiful line patterns in Art and researching pirates; strange sounds have been heard as they heave ho!

Class 5 are nearing the end of the wonderful novel, "Goodnight, Mr. Tom."

Playgroup news

Bethryn, our supervisor, begins her maternity leave shortly and we look forward to welcoming Jess Talbot back next term. During Beth's leave Jess and Jemma Slane will be acting supervisors. We send our love and best wishes to Beth and the family as they await their own special delivery this Christmas!

Playgroup joined school for a thrilling show by Sea Legs puppet company on the theme of nursery rhymes.

Theatre visits

We appreciate the generosity of our PTA and thank them for meeting the cost of the coaches for all the children to attend a theatre show this Christmas. Classes 1, 2, and 3 attend Jack in the Beanstalk at Cheltenham. Classes 4 and 5 travel to Birmingham to watch the Jungle Book.

Governor news

Governors met with Sarah Somers, our school improvement advisor, to look at data and discuss plans for the future. Teachers were congratulated on the impressive Year 6 results and improvements in maths in particular. The full Governing body met this week and officially welcomed Chris Moore, our new rector.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Health and Safety requests

On these dark winter nights, please be prompt in collecting children after school and any clubs. There are no after school clubs in the last week of term.

On a few occasions recently children have been collected by another parent or adult, perhaps to go home with a friend for tea, and we haven't known about the change.

Bah, Humbug!



Children in Classes 3 and 4 present a seasonal play based on Dickens' classic tale, "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are almost sold out for both performances on 12th so contact the office if you still haven't got yours. Admission is free but we ask for donation. (suggested amount £2 per ticket)

Sports News

Our football squad had their best ever result in the Community cup and lost out on an award on goal difference. Bad weather stopped play in the cluster tournament this week but not before our players won a game! We hope to host Zumba exercise sessions in school next term.

Term dates 2011/2012

Autumn Term 2011:

Term ends 16th December 2011

Spring Term 2012:

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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