



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 March – Courage – Fownhope "Davids" wanted!

In Assembly the children have acted out some dramatic stories from the Old Testament. Joseph and his brothers prompted thinking about friendship and loyalty. The story of David and Goliath proved especially popular with the children who appreciated the courage David showed in defeating a giant enemy. Our worship on Thursdays is the celebration Good News Assembly. We'd love to hear of any courage shown by your child which we could celebrate during this event.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

World Book Day

This was a joint celebration with St. David's day. The classes were filled with story book characters, including two Welsh dragons, while our children had a day off! Many congratulations to the winners who received a book prize from Miss Taylor during Assembly. Every child in school was presented with a £1 token towards the purchase of a new book.

Class 1 – Emily Clarke as Dorothy and Toto (Wizard of Oz), loved the ruby slippers!

Class 2 – Lucy McCardle as the Highway Rat, Adam Ant eat your heart out!

Class 3 – Joel Straker as Oliver Twist, we wanted more!

Class 4 – Rhys Walker as an Oompa Loompa (Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory), very David Dickenson skin tone

Class 5 – Lydia Russell as Arrietty (The Borrowers), Miss Taylor felt unusually tall!

Parking Problems

Our Community Support Officer has asked us to request that parents show consideration for residents and other road users when parking near school. He advised that parents parking on the corner opposite the school gate in Court Orchard are obstructing traffic. Governors at St. Mary's are aware of the problem and would appreciate suggestions as to how we might mitigate it. A number of families car share and this helps alleviate the congestion at both ends of the school day. If you are interested in setting up such a share, please let us know and we will put you in touch with other families.

Chess News

This year's chess champion is Bevis Drury, with Samuel Dominguez Middle a worthy runner-up.

Well done to all chess club members, especially Bevis, Samuel, Joseph Harwood, Henry, Rosie, Molly, Harley and Joel who have qualified for the regional Megafinal in May.

Fownhope Community led plan

School is to take part in this consultation to help shape our village community in the future. The 3D map and display will be in school on the 16th and 17th March.

Fownhope is producing a plan of how it would like to look in the future. A Community-Led Plan sets out the views, needs and aspirations of the parish and captures this information in an Action Plan. These actions can be taken forward by the community and the Parish Council.

A Steering Group composed of residents and members of the Parish Council has been formed and will be organising two 'Planning for Real' events at the school. Planning for Real involves you placing flags on large scale maps of the parish indicating what you like, don't like or would like changed. We would like to invite you all along on either Friday 16th March between 5.30-7.30pm or Saturday between 10.00-2.00pm - there will be refreshments and a chance to have your say, so I hope you can make it. There will also be an opportunity for the children to have their say about their village, which will be done during school hours. Anyone is welcome to join the steering group at any stage please get in touch with Mel Preedy, Steering Group secretary on fownhopeclerk@hotmail.com or 769480. Details of meetings will be placed on the newly formed website <http://sites.google.com/site/fownhopeclp/>

Mel Preedy - Clerk to Fownhope Parish Council

Dates for your diary...

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

March

14th - Room for All meeting, 9.00 at school

15th - 21st Book Fair • SATS meeting for Year 6 parents, 3.30 in Class 5

16th - 17th Fownhope community plan display/consultation in school

19th - meeting of the full Governing Body

• Melody Bear presentation to playgroup and class 1

20th - Miss Taylor out on church school inspection

21st - Rural schools tournaments at Credenhill

22nd - School Council coffee morning

24th - PTA Nearly New Sale 2-4pm

27th - DJ Chris party

28th - Easter service in Church, 2pm

30th - term ends

April

18th - Summer term begins - summer uniform may be worn.

20th - Swimming resumes.

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Swimming Gala – St. Mary's makes a splash!



A record squad of 26 swimmers took part in the county gala on Saturday. We competed in each of the many events. Maisie Hosking won Gold in the Year 4 Girls' Backstroke, Rosie Harris won Bronze in the Year 5 Girl's Freestyle and Immie Best won Bronze in the Year 6 Girls' Breaststroke. Also congratulations to Grace Etherton who was joint second in the Year 3 Girls' Freestyle and to Molly Hewitt who was joint 4th in the Year 5 Girls' Breaststroke. A special thank you to Sian Nunn who organised the squad and to all the parents who cheered us on. Miss Taylor and Mrs. Nunn would be interested in your ideas as to how we can get our Year 5-6 children swimming again as they stop at the end of Year 4. Swimming club/extra lessons at Ross...?

Governor News

Foundation governors Rev. Chris Moore, Peter Daines and Sian Nunn spent a morning in school recently; observing lessons, looking at RE work and joining assembly. Foundation governors, appointed by the parishes, have a duty to monitor the RE curriculum and worship. This issue's governor profile is of Morrison Sellar, affectionately known to many as "grandad!"

Governor Profile

Local Authority Governor – Morrison Sellar.

Morrison's grandchildren Anna and David Williams have been St Mary's pupils. Anna moved on to St Mary's Lugwardine in September, David is in class 5. Morrison is a retired electronics engineer, working many years for a large multi-national company. His involvement with St Mary's has also been through the Playgroup, where he became treasurer in 2002. Because of these links with the Playgroup he became a governor in 2008, and is currently involved in fundraising for Room for All – the new school room planned for September. Morrison is in school several times each week, either to visit Playgroup, or to collect David after school, and is a familiar face.



Book Fair

This arrives on 15th March for a week with a specially chosen selection of books for pre-school and school age children.

Easter Service

28th March at 2pm in Church.
All family and friends welcome.

PTA news

Plans for the Nearly New sale on Saturday 24th March are in hand – sellers' packs available from the office. Good quality children's clothes, toys, games, and DVDs needed.

PTA have booked internationally renowned DJ Chris, on 27th March. Children may wear party clothes and we ask for donations of cakes to share during the afternoon. Classes 1,2, and 3 - 1-2pm; Classes 4 and 5 - 2-3pm.

School Council coffee morning – 22nd March, 9.15am

The councillors are holding a coffee morning to be held in the Memorial Hall. Prize Draw, tombola and refreshments available. All proceeds towards the Diamond Jubilee Party in June.

Term dates 2012

Spring Term 2012:

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

Summer Term 2012:

Term starts	18th April 2012
Half term	4th-8th June 2012
Term ends	20th July 2012

Autumn Term 2012:

Term starts	4th September 2012
Half term	22nd-26th October 2012
Term ends	21st December 2012

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