



# 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 April – Freedom

The summer term is well underway after the freedom of the Easter holidays! You will know from the letter sent home that Ofsted has assessed St. Mary's as a consistently good school with many outstanding features and as such the next inspection has been deferred. This is a tribute to the hard work of children, staff, governors and the support we receive from you.

The children look very smart in their summer uniforms. We would appreciate them still having a coat in this unseasonal cold snap.

We hope you found the curriculum information sessions helpful. We staggered timings following a suggestion made in the questionnaires. Please let us know if you would like us to do the same again or if you have any other suggestions on how we can work together to support your child.

Our thanks for your wonderful support at the Easter service; the church was packed and it is many years since so many young children filled the choir stalls! The youngest children led our worship in a refreshingly vibrant way and reminded us of the reason for so much chocolate and general celebration. A belated happy Easter to you all!

Kind Regards,

Miss Taylor

## Welcome and Welcome back!

We extend a warm welcome to Sophie and William Montgomery who have joined Mrs. Richard's class. We hope they and their family soon feel at home at St Mary's. Welcome back to Bethryn Hanbury, our playgroup supervisor, who returns after maternity leave.

## Playground/parking safety

Further to my letter at the end of last term, we remind everyone that the school playground is for use as a car park only out of school hours. Signs are to be installed by the Hall committee making this clear. The area is used most evenings by visitors to the Memorial Hall. As there are many vehicles parking there it is unsafe to allow any play activities out of school hours.

## Flower Festival update

Mrs Green is keen to hear from anyone (who has not yet returned a form) interested in learning some flower arranging techniques. **Please let school know if you are interested - date to be confirmed.**



## After School Club

After School Club is becoming increasingly busy and some of our sessions are full. Please be aware that if you have not booked a place with us prior to the session we will not be able to accept your child. **Please make all bookings via Playgroup on (01432) 860871**; you may not secure a place if you contact the office. To coincide with the club days changing each term we require that you rebook your child's days and times at the beginning of each new term.

## Dates for your diary...

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

### April

**30th** - Epipen training for school and playgroup staff

### May

**1st** - Chess match (H) v Ashperton

**2nd** - Zoolab rainforest session for Classes 4 and 5

**5th** - Chess Megafinal at Kingstone and Thruxton school, 9.30-4.30pm

**10th** - Local Authority Hearing Centre testing for Year 1

**11th** - PTA fundraiser, Bags to School

**14th** - Year 6 SATs begin

**18th** - Safeguarding training for designated staff

**21st** - Level 6 SATs papers; Mrs. Gibbs returns

• **Class & Whole School Photographs**

**22nd** - PTA funded Archery day for Classes 4 and 5

**24th** - Year 6 It's a Knockout, Olympic torch in Hereford

**26th** - 5s and Under Jubilee Party in the Memorial Hall, 3.00-5.30pm, organised by the Parish Council.

**29th** - Governor visits to school 9-11am

### June

**1st** - Garden Party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee

**4th** - Half term commences

**14th** - PTA funded Zumba day for Classes 1, 2 & 3

**20th** - Crucial Crew event Year 6 pupils.

**28th** - Year 6 Induction Day at High Schools

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## News from the classes

**Class 5** children are busy revising for SATs tests in between rehearsals for the summer production, a wartime musical, "Edith's wartime scrapbook" and learning about Ancient Egypt.

**Class 4** continue to learn clarinet, their performance at the end of term was quite an experience! They are studying the human body in Science this term.

**Class 3** are reading stories from the Horrid Henry series, not a Moody Margaret in Class however, and are experimenting with the use of colour in Art.

**Class 2** children are learning about plants and are looking forward to their sessions in the school garden.

Dinosaurs and fossils have appeared in **Class 1**, to great excitement from staff and children.

This term Herford United coaches are working with **Miss Duckett's children** and **Years 5/6**.

## Staff and Class news

We all look forward to Mrs. Gibbs' return on 21st May. We are delighted that **Miss Duckett will stay with us and be our Reception teacher** for the rest of this term and next school year. **Mrs. Gibbs will teach Year 3** on her return and a new Year 4/5 class in September. She will work closely with Mrs. Brotherwood this term so the current Class 4 will have two teachers and be taught in two groups for the remainder of this term. St. Mary's will move from 5 to 6 classes in September. This allows for smaller classes.

**We anticipate the classes to be as follows –**

**Miss Duckett** – Reception children

**Mrs. Gooch** – Year 1

**Mrs. Richards** – Year 2

**Mrs. Brotherwood** – Year 3

**Mrs. Gibbs** – Year 4/5 *(From September class to be based in the current Class 5 room)*

**Mrs. Buck/ Mrs. Blair** – Year 5/6  
*(Class to be based in the Jubilee room)*

*Year 5 children will be grouped by ability and friendships in the two top classes. Classes will be confirmed later in the term.*

**Fownhope Heart of Oak Treasure Hunt – Monday 7th May 2.30pm**  
start @ The Pavillion, Fownhope Recreation Field.  
Entry £6 per car, to include tea and cakes. All welcome.

## Advance Notice - Sports day

Tuesday 3rd July, 9.15. Reserve date 4th July.  
As in previous years you are welcome to picnic on the field with your children after the event.

## Room for All

As you will see, works around the new room are underway with drains connected during the Easter holidays. The main building will commence in May half term and continue thereafter until the room is ready for September. When the work is fully underway the current gate and entrance will be zoned off for safety. Children will use the large playground gate at the lower end of Biggs Lane at the start and end of the day.



### The WEEE man by Immie Best, Class 5

This term Class 5 has been studying the environment and our impact on it. In Design and Technology we have been investigating the WEEE man and why it was built. **WEEE stands for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment.** The WEEE man was created to make people aware of the amount of Electrical Equipment we throw away in our lifetime. The WEEE man is 7 metres tall and weighs 3.3 tonnes! The WEEE man includes 5 fridges, 35 mobile phone, 23 computer mice, 5 toasters, 4 lawn mowers and 12 kettles.

Paul Bonomini (the designer of the WEEE man) said "I designed him to look like he's dragging himself out of landfill. He's there to remind us of the monster we're creating when we dump these goods and not reuse or recycle."

The WEEE man is based as part of the Eden Project in Cornwall, so please go and visit him.

## Term dates 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  
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