



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 July – Hope

Despite the inclement weather, we have enjoyed some fantastic events in the last few weeks, culminating in the It's a Knockout event and Flower Festival. The latest update is that in excess of £6,000 was raised by the Flower Festival and c£1,700 at It's a Knockout before expenses are deducted. Every £1 adds another brick to the growing Jubilee Room for All. Building work is running to schedule thanks to the efficient team of Mark Cross, builder and Derek Colley, governor, architect and project manager. Morrison Sellar has spearheaded the fundraising campaign and we are confident the room will be ready for the new term. I have been touched by the generosity of all those who have contributed to the appeal. We hope to see you at the Prize giving service in Church on the 20th July at 1.30pm. Looking at the heavy sky as I write this we may well keep raft, or indeed ark, building in mind for the last few weeks of term! As this is the final newsletter of the academic year, staff and governors join me in wishing you all a happy holiday when term ends.

Kind Regards,
Miss Taylor.

Welcome

Cameron Jones, Leo and Theo Meadwell, Charlie Kaye and George Niblett who joined us from Holme Lacy school after half term. We know they have already made friends and feel at home here. We look forward to Caitlin and Olivia Hughes joining us just before the end of term and Freya Smart in September.



Chess Triumph

The team brought the trophy home after the county tournament on 25th June, defeating the Cathedral school on the way. Congratulations to the team who range from Year 3 up for thoughtful play and excellent demeanour when representing our school. A special thank you to Santi Dominguez for his excellent tutoring of the team. This has resulted in notable successes this season.

Flower Festival weekend

This remarkable event saw school and village join in a very special way. The arrangements were truly beautiful and the church filled with heavenly scents. What a marvelous setting to consider the joy of words and flowers; both parts of God's creation! Mrs. Green, Mrs. Best and the many other arrangers worked so hard and coped with floods (as we did in school) to ensure the displays were ready on time.

It's a Knockout success

PTA staged a bigger and better event with activities for all ages and refreshments to help us cope with the excitement. The staff team was narrowly beaten by a team of slightly younger legs!

Olympic torch

We were thrilled that Mr. Rob Powell, a local torch bearer, led assembly and brought his torch in for the children to see.

Year 1 phonics screening

Well done to our Year 1 children and Mrs. Gooch. In the national trial only 32 % of children passed the screening test. This year 71% of our Year 1 children achieved the pass mark of 32/40 words.

Sports Day

You have received a text and note by pupil post about this event. Weather permitting we hope to reschedule on Tuesday 17th July at 9.15am

Dates for your diary...

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

July

12th - Parent consultation, 3.30-6pm

13th - Matinee and Evening performances of Edith's Wartime Scrapbook. 1.30 and 6.00pm.

17th - Sports day 9.15am

20th - Prize giving and Leavers' Service in Church at 1.30pm

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Music Lessons

If you are interested in your child having individual music lessons there are places available for various instruments. Please contact the school office for details.

Edith's wartime scrapbook We'll meet again!



Years 5&6 have rehearsed over several weeks, ably directed by Mrs. Blair. Mrs. Buck has coordinated scenery, props and music. Tickets have almost sold out but if you would like to attend, even if your child is not performing you are very welcome. Matinee and

Evening shows on Friday 13th at 1.30 and 6pm.

Requests for Holiday leave

From September the regulations around holiday absence from school change to improve overall attendance in primary schools. Only in exceptional circumstances, which do not include expense, will schools authorise term time holidays.

More than 5 days' unauthorized absence may lead to a fixed penalty fine from Education Welfare Services. St. Mary's governors consider each request carefully but have refused some this school year.

The National Quilt Show – NEC, 18th/19h August

Mrs. Nunn and helper Alison Baldwin have coordinated a beautiful sampler quilt in red, white and blue jubilee colours for this national competition. We have entered our quilt in the Primary school section. It has been made by a crack team of hand sewers, helped by Miss Taylor, Sian and Alison and a larger squad of children who have helped with machine sewn sections. Most children have added a few stitches. We plan to display this work of art in the Autumn term as a lasting memento of this special royal year

School dinners

We are delighted to welcome back Sally Holmes as our cook from September. New menus and information on ordering will be sent home in the last week of term. School governors will manage the kitchen and hope that, once run in-house, more families will use the service. Sally was a much loved part of our school team and we look forward to her excellent dinners once again! Our thanks to Cygnet for supplying dinners since January.

Annual reports

We hope you find these helpful. We anticipate the reports and cover letter to be self-explanatory, however, teachers are available to discuss your child's report on 11th and 12th July, 3.30-6pm. Please return the reply slip enclosed with the report if you have any queries.

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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