



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 September – Unity

It has been a happy and calm start to the term with 22 new faces in Reception and the new Jubilee room open for business. The building was completed on time, despite the rain over the holiday. Staff worked as a team to move into the Jubilee room and also to move furniture, books and resources into Mrs. Gibbs' room. The support we have received from the wider village community has been marvellous – Unity in Action! We were delighted to hear during the holiday that a PTA bid for Lottery funding towards IT equipment for the Jubilee room has been successful. We welcome Mrs. Sarah Potter as our new Teaching Assistant in Miss Duckett's class and Mrs. Sally Holmes back into the kitchen. There are 129 children on roll in school and playgroup sessions filling rapidly. Our school is flourishing. The bell is now rung at 8.45am and we ask that all children line up and come in then, ready for lessons at 8.50am.

We look forward to seeing you in Good News Assembly each Thursday at 2.45pm.

Kind Regards,
Miss Taylor.

Welcome to our St. Mary's family

All of our new Reception children – Bodhi, Hollie, Marley, Rosa, James, Jasmine, Molly, Gemma, William, Zac, Alex, Katie, Libby, Evie, Rory, Florence, Ruby, Emily, Max, Poppy, Charles and Ellis. Also welcome to Caitlin in Mrs. Gooch's class, Abigail in Mrs. Richards' class, Freya in Mrs. Brotherwood's class and Olivia in Mrs. Gibbs' class. We look forward to getting to know them and their families. All have settled brilliantly so far and seem very much at home.

Road Safety at the start and end of the day

Some cars are parked opposite the school gate on the corner of Court Orchard. This is dangerous and obstructing traffic. Please park on the main road and walk up Biggs Lane. We remind all parents/carers that the car park is for staff only.

School Dinners – Please help

Scrummy so far has been the verdict! Please remember to order on a THURSDAY for the following week. Have you too many runner beans? Or apples? Sally would welcome any spare garden produce or jars of jam as harvest time is near. Any donations of veg/fruit/jam may be left with the school office. **You are very welcome to join your child for a dinner. Every meal helps sustain our kitchen.**

PE Bags

Drawstring bags only please so that they are hung neatly on pegs. Please no rucksacks or larger bags.

Dates for your diary...

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

September

11th – Curriculum information meetings

14th – Forest School – Mrs. Gooch's class

17th – meeting of the full Governing Body, 6.15pm

27th – DORE dyslexia session

October

1st – Rev Chris Moore leading Assembly • Miss Taylor out on inspection

8th – Mrs. Gibbs' / Mrs. Blair's classes to attend author workshop at the Courtyard, details to follow

10th – School Harvest Service in Church 2pm – tins/dried goods for community larder

15th/16th – Parents' evenings, 3.30-5/6pm

19th – National Schools Film show in the Memorial Hall – Y2 up. • Half term commences

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School Office open from 8:30am, call: 01432 860474 | Headteacher: Miss Allyson Taylor

Playgroup AGM

This takes place on 11th September at 2pm in school. Any parents interested in joining the committee are welcome.

News from the Classes

Year 5/6 have spent a thrilling two nights at PGL; much mud was evident!

All classes have written their own prayers and decided on rules to help everyone learn and work together.

Mrs. Blair will be helping run school council this year.

Mrs. Gooch's class will be visiting Forest School on Fridays, led by Mrs. Gibbs, one of our Forest School leaders. Parent helpers are needed for these sessions. Please let us know if you can help.

Birthday Cakes



If you send birthday cake in to share with the class we will hand this out at home time and ask that individual cupcakes or pre-cut and wrapped cake is sent in.

Requests for help

If you can spare an hour or two a week we would love you to hear readers. We also seek any board games or lego for wet playtimes. Mrs. Buck seeks old fashioned wire coat hangers. If you have any spare, please donate them for an art project.

School Garden

We hope to plant up the empty borders around the Jubilee room and ask for any cuttings or surplus shrubs. Please leave with the office and thank you in anticipation.



DORE dyslexia/special needs session for parents 27th September, 6-7.30pm

The DORE programme is to help children with dyslexia or dyslectic tendencies. Dyslexia is a broad spectrum of symptoms and special needs ranging from poor organisation to the more recognisable difficulty with reading. A flyer with more details was sent home last week. Please let us know if you are to attend so we can cater for numbers.

Holiday requests

We ask you to note, that following a change in national guidance, we only allow planned absence in exceptional circumstances. No leave of absence is given in the first week of term or within two months of national tests in May/June. We cannot allow leave for holiday reasons if a child's attendance falls below 90%.

Curriculum information

We hope you found these helpful. If you have any queries or concerns about your child do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher. She is your first point of contact for any matters concerning your child.

End of term advance notice Christmas dates!

Due to staff training this term will end at 1pm on 21st December.

Children may be collected at 12 noon or 1pm after lunch.

**Our school Nativity with carols is on
20th December in Church at 1.30pm.**

Term dates 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