



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 October – Thoughtfulness.

As the nights draw in classes are busy preparing art, songs and poems for the Harvest Service, held in Church on 10th October at 2pm. As ever, St. Mary's Church is school's spiritual home where we worship together and celebrate the life of our community. Last year our Harvest collection was for the Diocese Community Larder Food Bank. These banks provide food and toiletries to families and individuals who are in difficulties. Food banks are set up in Hereford, Leominster and Ross-on-Wye. So far this year over 350 families or individuals have received food parcels, this is a sharp increase on last year's figures and my feeling is that this kind of support is likely to be needed for years to come. This year we ask you to support the larder with tins, dried goods, toiletries and even tin openers. We ask that all children bring a contribution into school on the morning of the 10th October. Miss Duckett's children will take theirs to church to present as a symbol of our giving. Please show thoughtfulness for others who are struggling to feed themselves and their children as winter draws near.

Kind Regards,
Miss Taylor.

School dinners and messages for the Office

Please use the new order forms. Orders forms for the following week should be handed in by Thursday. Sally cannot guarantee late orders on the day.

We ask that all FORMS/money for the office are brought into class by the children, not taken to the office by parents. Teachers collect letters from the children. We encourage this to promote children's personal responsibility and have a system of pupil monitors who take "post" to the office each morning.

Museum on the move



Children learned about luxury goods and shopping through the ages when the mobile museum visited school. Our thanks to the PTA for funding this worthwhile event.

Uniform request

PLEASE name everything. Help your child to keep their belongings together. Winter uniform, blue shirt and school tie with school jumper/cardigan after half-term. It is almost time to put the polo shirts and dresses into hibernation!

Second Hand Uniform

Thank you for your kind donations of nearly new uniform. We have a full stock at present and do not require any further items.

Dates for your diary...

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

October

4th – Staff and Governors meeting 3.30-5.30

10th – Harvest service, 2pm in Church

12th – JKHS Taster Day for Year 6 pupils

15th – Mr Kelk leads Assembly • Parents' Evening

16th – Parents' Evening

19th – Film show and start of half term

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

29th – Rev Chris leads worship

November

7th – official opening of the Jubilee room by Lady Darnley, 2pm

Advance Notice – Nativity and Carols 1.30pm on Thursday 20th December

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

Playgroup AGM

Please attend on 10th October. The meeting is at school and a new committee is to be formed to continue the amazing fundraising and enrichment you, our parents, have provided recent years. Time to be confirmed.

News from the Classes

Miss Duckett's children have explored all matters on an "Elmer" theme including seeing how far different animals jump. William Prater we, found, has particularly springy legs and all the children loved making colour patterns to match Elmer.

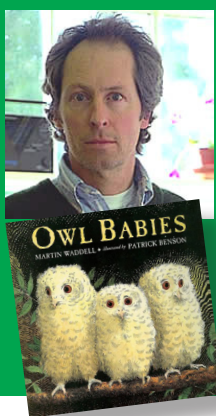
Mrs. Gooch's children are exploring Forest school and enjoying gymnastics lessons with Mrs. Rudge from Bishop's school.

In Mrs. Richard's class traditional corn dollies abound and harvest poems are being learned for the service in Church.

Mrs. Brotherwood's class has worked hard learning number bonds by heart and investigating Tudor times.

Mrs. Gibbs' class has written fantastic poems using metaphors and continue to learn clarinet with Mrs. Bailey.

Mrs. Blair/Mrs. Buck's children are improving their atlas skills and working on their extended writing with Miss Taylor.



Author visit to the Courtyard

All Year 4, 5 and 6 children meet Patrick Benson on 8th October. He then visits St. Mary's to run a writing workshop.

Vacancy - School cleaner

School Cleaner required 90 mins a day required by half term. Application forms and job description from the school office.

Parent Consultations

As noted in the last newsletter, these take place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October after school. Please make every effort to attend. Appointments may be booked on the attached form.

Film show



Years 2-6 will charge up the splurge guns for a thrilling performance of Bugsy Malone on 19th October in the Memorial Hall. Reception and Year 1 will watch a DVD in school.

Parking reminder

We respectfully remind all parents that the Car Park is for SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP STAFF ONLY. Unless by prior arrangement, parents should not park there.

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