



# The School Bell



*“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”*

Ring in the St. Mary's School news

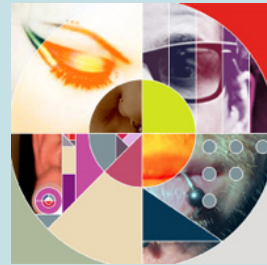
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## Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Christian Value for November – Trust

My sincere thanks, on behalf of the Hereford Community Larder, for your generous support of the food bank at Harvest. A full carload of goods was collected and will help families in difficulty over the coming weeks. It was heartening to see so many of you at the service in Church. The children from playgroup and Miss Duckett's class began with their Harvest gifts and each class performed a song or poem with artwork on the seasonal theme. We appreciate how lucky we are to be so close to a beautiful parish church and to have such regular contact with our vicar Rev. Dr. Chris Moore. Thinking ahead we have changed the date of our Christmas Nativity with carols to avoid clashing with other school events. The Nativity service will now take place on Friday 21st December at 11am. Term ends at 1pm on the same day and you are welcome to collect your little angels or shepherds after the service from school either before or after lunch!

Kind Regards,  
Miss Taylor.

## Younique exhibition of self-portraits at Hereford Art College



Thanks to Mrs. Buck who organised our involvement and represented school at this exhibition. The

quality of our children's work was very high. We hope you managed to attend and enjoyed the work on display from our school.

## Winter uniform

Thanks for kitting out the children in their smart collars and ties with school jumpers. These are uniform until the summer term. As the weather has turned chillier we ask that all children have a warm coat. PE lessons continue outdoors so children need tracksuit bottoms, a warm top and trainers, not pumps, for these. As ever, please name EVERYTHING!



## British Legion Poppy Appeal

Wristbands and poppies are on sale in school. We suggest a donation of £1 for wristbands. Last year school doubled the amount raised to support our ex-service personnel. Children from Year 6 will visit classes each day to sell poppies and bands. Please give generously. Two minutes silence to show respect for all our forces personnel, past and present, will be held at school on 9th November at 11am.

## Dates for your diary...

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

### November

9th - Two minutes silence at 11am

15th - CU visitor in Good News Assembly, launch of the Path out of Poverty Appeal

19th - Meeting of the full Governing body

20th - Miss Taylor on inspection

23rd - Interviews for playgroup assistant

### December

5th - Sea Legs puppets perform the Selfish Giant to the whole school

14th - End of term reports sent home

18th - Dress rehearsals for the Nativity in church

21st - Nativity with carols, 11am in St. Mary's Church. Term ends at 1pm - children may be collected from 12 noon.

Spring term commences - 7th January, 2013

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## Staff Congratulations

We send our congratulations to Mrs. Brotherwood on the eventual safe arrival of two new grandsons, Charlie and Oscar. This takes the family total to three!

## Official Opening of the Jubilee Room – 7th November



Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Lady Darnley, will visit school and unveil a memorial plaque to open the room. Many members of the community who have fundraised or sponsored the project will attend and we look forward to speeches expressing our thanks and refreshments after. There will be a cake or cookie for each child in school to mark the occasion.

The Jubilee room is available for adult classes or meetings in the evenings at competitive rates. Contact the school office if you are interested in hiring the room. We are delighted the Parish Council has used the room already and enquiries have been made by other groups.

## Theatre visits – advance notice of our annual trips

**19th December** – Miss Duckett's, Mrs. Gooch's and Mrs. Richard's classes will attend a performance of Dick Whittington at the Cheltenham Everyman theatre.



**20th December** – Mrs. Brotherwood's, Mrs. Gibbs' and Mrs. Buck's classes will watch The Wind in the Willows, one of the Times newspaper Christmas must-sees, at the Rep, Birmingham.

## PTA update

Thanks to the parents who offered to help with forming a committee and running a Christmas fair. A meeting will be arranged shortly to get plans for this underway. If you have not yet sent your reply in and would like to help please let the office know.

## Safety at the main gate

We ask parents to take care when waiting in the village hall car park outside our gate. There may be vehicles parking or unloading at the start and end of the school day. Following one accident we ask you to prevent children from playing on the walls or paths around the hall.

## Playgroup news

Jemma Slane leaves at the end of term to take up a new post at another setting. We wish her every success and are proud that her experience at Fownhope has helped her secure this promotion. She will be missed by children and adults alike! This means we seek another Level 3 or equivalently qualified playgroup assistant to work approximately 30 hours a week including breakfast club and after-school care. If you are interested please ask either Bethryn Hanbury, supervisor, or Sue Dereham, secretary, for more details.

## Forest School

Mrs. Richard's class is to have lessons at forest school this half term.

*Term dates 2012/2013*

**Autumn Term 2012/ Spring Term 2013**

Term ends 21st December 2012

Term starts 7th January 2013

## 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