



# 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 March – Humility

During this season of Lent many of us will have given something up to mark Jesus' time in the wilderness when he was tempted to deny God. It seems fitting therefore that we chose Humility for our Christian value for March. The children are learning about Jesus' example of staying faithful to God and the reasons for celebrating Easter. It has been good to have some warmer and drier weather and see some Spring flowers peeping above ground. In the next few weeks each class will be preparing an item to offer in our Easter service in Church on the last day of term. There are several other special events planned which I hope you are able to support.

Kind regards,  
Miss Taylor.

## Scholastic Book Fair 25th April-2nd May 2013



The big red boxes of books and sundries will be with us again soon. Scholastic

supply a great range of age relevant material and the Book Fair is always popular. Further details will come out in book bags shortly. As always, offers of help would be gratefully received, please let the school office know.

## Swimming lessons and gala

A number of children are missing swimming lessons due to minor ailments. It is our expectation that if your child is in school on a Friday they should swim unless an injury prevents them doing so. Swimming actually helps with overall health and fitness and does not make colds worse! We remind parents that swimming is a compulsory subject in the curriculum.

Squad members in years 5/6 are training at Ross Pool after our usual lesson on Fridays. The gala is on 23rd March at Hereford Pool.

## School dinners

Governors wish to reassure parents that our school dinners use meat from local butcher's, Ogleby's in Hereford. Sally has checked the "supply chain" and, as we do not serve burgers or other processed beef, we are as confident as we can be that no products other than beef/pork/chicken have been served here.

## Easter Feast

Following the success of the Christmas Dinners, Sally will be providing an Easter feast on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March 2013. Prices are as Christmas £3.50 for children and £ 5.00 for adults. Booking forms will be sent out next week.

## PTA news

Your children are warmly invited to decorate an egg and enter it in our annual competition. A flyer from PTA gives more details.

Prizes will be awarded on the 26th March during school assembly.



## Dates for your diary...

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

### March

- 8th – Staffing and Finance governors meet
- 14th – Football tournament
- 18th – Rev Chris visiting • Meeting of the full Governing body
- 21st – Comic Relief coffee afternoon
- 22nd – Reports home
- 25th – Playgroup committee meeting, 1.30 in school
- 27th – Easter Feast
- 27th – Playgroup party in the school hall, 2-3pm • RWI development day, trainer Rhian Leonard in school
- 28th – Easter Feast
- 28th – Easter service 2pm • Term ends.

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## Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Miss Julie Scrivens as our new Year 3 part-time teacher in the Summer term. Miss Scrivens will be sharing the class with Mrs. Brotherhood and working on Thursdays, Fridays and Mondays.

She joins us from Lord Scudamore school and has also worked as a supply teacher across the county.

We also welcome Mrs. Dawn Watkins as our new cleaner. Mrs. Watkins was previously at Holme Lacy school and we are pleased she has joined our team of premises staff.

Miss Duckett is relocating and so we regret to inform you that she will leave us at the end of July. We will keep you informed once a new teacher has been appointed next term.

## Comic relief

School council is hosting a coffee afternoon to raise funds for Comic relief and the children are invited to wear something red on the day in celebration. This takes place on 21st March with Miss Duckett's, Mrs. Gooch's and Mrs. Richards' children and parents invited at 1.15 to 2pm and the other classes and parents from 2- 2.45 pm. Donations of cakes to sell please on the day. Cake and a drink will be £1.

If you are able to help on the day please let the office know.

## News from the Classes

**Playgroup** has had a facelift over half term and Jackie and the team have worked hard to set up new learning opportunities.

Some sessions are now full. We welcome Ruth Bishop who will be starting this week as our new assistant in playgroup.

**Miss Duckett's** children have a vets' corner and are learning how to care for animals.

**Mrs. Gooch's** children have investigated floating and sinking in their Science lessons and could tell me they were forming a hypothesis!

**Mrs. Richards' class** has explored food groups and the properties of materials.

**With Ms Bames Year 3** have loved finding out about India and have done some excellent research for homework.

**Several children in Mrs. Gibbs' class** have had some "light bulb" moments with aspects of subtraction. The class is working on some amazing art based on Ancient Egypt.

**Mrs. Buck's and Mrs. Blair's class** are finding out about Hereford workhouse within their topic on all things Victorian.

## Kitchen vacancy

We seek an assistant to help Sally for 4 hours a week. Details and an application form available from the office.

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## World Book Day

Prizes were presented to the best costumes/ book character during Good News Assembly. Congratulations to all who entered.



## Read Write INC



As you know we spent two days training to deliver this acclaimed reading and writing programme. Children up to Year 2 are now working in mixed age groups to learn sounds, blends and improve their spelling. Over the next term the other elements of the programme will be implemented and we will keep you informed as this happens. The aim is to accelerate progress with reading and writing – "Learn to read, read to learn."

## Term dates 2013

### Spring Term 2013

Term starts 7th January 2013

Half term 18th – 22nd February 2013

Term ends 28th March 2013

### Summer Term 2013

Term starts 16th April 2013

Half term 27th – 31st May 2013

Term ends 19th July 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