



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 April – Peace.

Welcome back to the summer term. We look forward to some warmer weather and another exciting term of learning and growing together. You will receive your child's curriculum information and timetable for this term at the end of the week. If you have any queries about these, teachers are available on Monday 22nd from 3.15- 4pm.

This newsletter has key dates for sports day which we ask you to note in advance.

Kind regards,
Miss Taylor.

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Scrivens who joins us to teach Year 3, class sharing with Mrs. Brotherwood. Julie is in school on Thursday afternoon, Friday and Monday.

Miss Taylor was her teacher in primary school, albeit some years ago!

Sports success

Our footballers battled valiantly in the recent tournament. Mr. Harwood and Mrs. B spotted some promising play from younger members of the squad. We are clearly “work in progress” on the pitch.

Swimming Glory

We fielded an underpowered squad in the county gala and lacked Year 5 and 6 swimmers, particularly boys. However, we are thrilled to announce that Ben McConkey won silver in the breaststroke, Isabelle Sayce a bronze in the freestyle and Maisie Hosking-Lewis another bronze in the backstroke. To our surprise we won the Third place trophy overall. Every child swam their best and in the end we punched well above our weight. Many congratulations to all our swimmers and thanks to Mrs. Nunn for supporting the squad and all the parents who cheered us on.

Breakfast and after school care

Breakfast club is in now in the hall due to rising numbers. Some after school sessions are full so please check with Jackie in playgroup to book places.

Read Write INC update



Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are moving into the full programme and are grouped across the ages depending on their progress last term. Almost all children made significant progress in their phonics in the last few weeks. A small number will receive additional one to one tuition from Miss Taylor and Mr. Hewitt in the afternoons. Please ask your child's teacher if you wish to know more about the lessons which take place daily at 9.00. If you are a helper who hears readers this is no longer possible at 9-10 am but we still very much want you to help at another time. Speak to the teacher as to when might be possible for you.

Advance notice

Sports day 21st May at 9.15-c12.00.
Reserve day is 23rd.

Dates for your diary...

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

April

22nd – Clubs start – Chess • Curriculum information meeting - 3.15-4.00pm

30th – Football tournament

May

13th – 16th – Year 6 SATs.

22nd – Maths competition for Y5-6 at Hereford Cathedral School.

24th – Term ends.

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Help needed!

We have a stock of nearly new uniform items for sale but limited storage. We plan to sell stock once every half-term after good news assembly. Mrs. Burt has kindly run the stall recently but we ask for more volunteers to share this task.

Do you know how to make a cats' cradle? Or play skipping or clapping games or songs? Could you teach the children any playground games? Do you know someone else who might like to join us? We hope to set up a rota of volunteers to help, perhaps once a week.

If you are able to help with either of these please leave your details with the school office or email: info@st-marys-pri.hereford.sch.uk. Thank you.

Help needed, please!

Fownhope is a super village to live in, with many activities available to join in. The Community Led Plan, being worked on by the Parish Council, has shown that there is a real gap in activities for our teenagers. The pavilion on the recreation field could make a venue for youth activities, but we would need adult help to keep it organised.

Surely there are some parents who would be willing to help in this, and give some of their time and energy? If you feel that you can help in any way to fill in this gap in the village please get in touch with the parish clerk,

e-mail: fownhopeclerk@hotmail.com or phone 769480 or Dave Shuker on 860879

Please, please, please. Morrison Sellar.

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.

Sealegs Puppet Company visit

We have Sealegs Puppet Company coming in on Wednesday 24th April to perform The Ugly Duckling to the Playgroup and Key Stage 1 classes.



Book Fair



This runs from 25th to 1st May. Children will have a chance to browse and the fair will be open after school for purchases. School receives generous commission on all funds raised which we use to buy books for classes. Assistance with setting up etc would be greatly appreciated, please contact school office if you are able to help on any of the afternoons, thank you.

Garden help needed!

If any parents could spare an hour on a Friday morning, we would be very grateful for gardening help with the children. No experience necessary, just be prepared to dig in! Please let the school office know if you can help.

New summer menu

Why not try Sally's NEW Summer menu, meals are priced at £2.20 for children, £2.50 for any adult visitors. See the menu on the website www.stmarysschoolfownhope.

Term dates 2013

Summer Term 2013

Term starts 16th April 2013

Half term 27th – 31st May 2013

Term ends 19th July 2013

Autumn Term 2013

Term starts 4th September 2013

Half term 28th Oct – 1st Nov 2013

Term ends 20th December 2013

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