



# 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 May – Quality.

We hope you found the Ofsted report of interest.

My thanks for the messages of congratulation received from several of you. Staff and I are delighted that the report confirms St. Mary's continues to flourish. This edition of the Bell contains several key dates for your diaries.

Sports day in particular is nearly upon us, so let's hope for good weather!

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

## Governor news

We welcome two new foundation governors from the parishes which founded our school.

Heather Johnson and Amanda Gunn are our new governors and will be working with the established team this term.

## Sports Day

21st May at 9.15am with a reserve date of the 23rd. We would appreciate it if you could bring your own fold-up or deck chairs to supplement seating at school.



## Holiday Club

Playgroup staff are offering holiday club with a range of exciting activities already planned. The club will run for the first two weeks of the holidays. Please see Jackie in playgroup for details.

## Healthy Eating

We respectfully request that in line with our Healthy school policy, children only have fruit, vegetables, seeds etc as morning snacks. Crisps and sausage rolls do not qualify as healthy snacks!

## Chess News



Following a resounding victory against Whitchurch school, 6.5 to 0.5 to us, the team progress to the County finals on 3rd June. We are the current champions and hope to defend our trophy against all comers!

Congratulations to all who competed in the recent Megafinal. Joseph Harwood and Bevis Drury (and sister Hannah at Bishop's) have qualified for the Gigafinal in Manchester, which means they are in the top 50 players in their age group in England.

## Sun safety

In the event of further sunshine please ensure your child brings water (not squash) to sip during the day, has a sun hat and long lasting sun protection applied before school. Bearing in mind the unpredictable summer weather, a coat would still be of use in school!

## Dates for your diary...

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

### May

13th - Y6 SATs begin.

21st - Sports day.

22nd - Year 1 Hearing Tests.

24th - Half term begins. • Interviews for Reception teacher. • No Imagineering club - Morrison and Ian away

### June

17th - Year 1 phonics tests begin • Meeting of the full Governing body

24th - Year 6 at Crucial Crew

27th - Year 6 day at BHBS

## Football news

We made it to the semi-finals of the county tournament and there are signs of growing depth in terms of scoring and defense. Well done to all and especially to Sam (Hat trick) Braybrook for scoring the said amount in one game!



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# It's a Knockout! <sup>2013</sup>

Sunday 7th July. Bigger, better, more stalls and fun – details to follow BUT help needed to make it happen as we plan. Please speak to Claire Braybrook or any PTA committee members if you can offer to set up, man stalls, tidy away, make cakes, form a team...

## Swimming update

After half-term Year 2 will stop lessons for this year to allow Year 1 children to begin their lessons, having 2 weeks each. Letters about this have been sent home but please ask if you are unsure when your child is swimming. Year 2 parents will be credited against next term's costs as you have paid for the whole term's transport this term.

## SATs and other tests

This week and over the next few weeks all children will be tested in their reading, phonics, writing and maths progress. Most tests are done informally in lessons with more formal testing for older children.

## Holiday Leave

A polite reminder, we do not authorise holiday leave unless in truly exceptional circumstances. Any leave is at the discretion of the governing body. We ask you to note that unauthorized absences on the attendance system can result in fines up to £120 per child. The rules around holiday leave have changed significantly since last school year and we are duty bound to follow national guidance.

## 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.

## Romeo and Juliet

Years 5&6 perform at the Courtyard on 12th June and an extended version at school on 17th July. Please save the dates!



## Book Fair



Thanks to your support we made £175 as commission to buy books for each class.

## Maths competition

Four of our strongest mathematicians will compete at a competition in Hereford on 22nd May.



## 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.co.uk](http://www.stmarysschoolfownhope.co.uk)

## Playgroup thanks

Staff and children are enjoying the new toys and games kindly donated by families.

## 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

## 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