



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ring in the St. Mary's School news

Issue 5 | 12th June 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Value for June is “Sharing”.

The children have been learning about the Lord's Supper and how Jesus fed the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes and there were still 12 baskets of left-overs! This has prompted us to consider how important sharing a meal is. We have explored how we enjoy sitting with friends at lunch and also how it helps to have good table manners!

Staff and I hope you will join the many special events coming up in the next few weeks.

The Wind in the Willows rehearsals are going well and we would be most grateful for the offer of any props from the list sent out last week. Please contact Mrs. Brotherhood or Mrs. Buck if you can help with painting scenery/props.

Sports Day is on Thursday 18th at 10.00am. Any parents wishing to stay for lunch or bring a picnic will be very welcome. Please make sure you book with Sally in the kitchen. Refreshments will be provided by PTA. Parent orders for hot lunches on Sports day must be made by Monday 15th June.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

Cycling Proficiency for Year 6



Sessions take place later this month – details to follow. Children need a bike in good condition and a cycle helmet.

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly -

Every Thursday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome

June

- 15th – Tempest photographer, classes, teams, leavers
- 16th – Meeting for new Reception Parents, 6-7pm
- 17th – Anne Mann, Road Safety Officer to meet Ella and Lauren • **Class 1 farm visit**
- 18th – School Sports day
- 19th – Diocesan visitor, Rev. Pauline Newton
• **First Reception induction session**
- w/c 22nd – Cycling Proficiency Year 6
- 23rd – 12 Year 5-6 children at BHBS, special sports.
- 23rd – **Please note NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE, Staff attending Safeguarding training**
- 24th – Year 5 languages day at BHBS
- 25th – Mrs. Buck to attend the Artsmark presentation, Birmingham. • **High school induction day – Year 6**
- 29th – Rounders tournament at St. Paul's School
- 30th – (afternoon) - Tag Rugby Festival

July

- 2nd – Official opening of the Quiet area
 - 3rd – Elgar class to Ironbridge
 - 6th – Matinee of the Winds in the Willows, 1.30pm
 - 7th & 8th – Evening performance of the Wind in the Willows, 6.30pm
 - 11th – PTA It's a Knockout/BBQ, 3.00pm till late
 - 14th – Class 2 & 3 visit to Bristol Zoo
 - 16th – Leavers' Service and Prizegiving, 2.00pm in Church
 - 17th – Term and Year ends.
- Term commences – Monday 7th September

ARTSMARK – Silver

We are thrilled to announce that St. Mary's has been awarded the national ARTSMARK award at Silver level. This acknowledges the outstanding work in Creative arts: Dance, Drama, Art and Music.

We are particularly pleased that we achieved Silver, rather than bronze at first application. OFSTED commented on our outstanding curriculum and this award reflects the value we place on ensuring the children have a rich and varied learning experience which nurtures all talents.



Reminder...school Photographer

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Monday 15th to take pictures of classes, teams and Year 6 Leavers.

Road Safety Award

Congratulations to Ella Latham and Lauren Deem who have been awarded the Junior Road Safety Officer of the Year award by Council Coordinator Anne Mann. Ella, Lauren and Mrs. Buck will attend an award ceremony at the Town Hall on 1st July.

Ella and Lauren are to give a short speech on their work to promote road safety



St. Mary's C of E Primary School | Biggs Lane | Fownhope | Hereford | HR1 4PG
www.st-marys-fownhope.co.uk | email: info@st-marys-fownhope.co.uk

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

Year 6 Community Service

8 Year 6 children volunteered to help build a vegetable garden at Woodside Day Care Centre in Ross. Children worked alongside the elderly centre visitors who we hope will attend the opening of our Quiet area next month. Thanks to Mrs. Maisey Smith for organizing the project with staff at Woodside. Feedback from the children was that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and, by the state of their clothes, had worked hard!

Listening Link Buddies

Five children in Year 5 have begun training to be Buddies for the classes. The training is provided by Bishops' school and includes all the feeder primaries in the BHBS cluster.

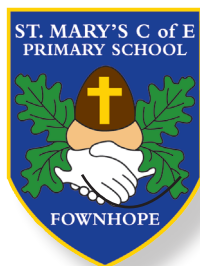


Buddies offer a listening ear to any child who wants to talk and also help with playtimes.

Our current Buddies are soon to move onto High School and we thank Kiera, Ella, Oliver, Catherine and Jim for their service this year.

Uniform

All our uniform is available at the school uniform shop in Maylord Orchards, Hereford. You will recall that governors reviewed uniform when commissioning a supplier and that the decision was made for uniform to show the school badge. From September we ask that all children wear uniform with the school badge. This includes jumpers, cardigans, light blue polo shirts and navy PE polo shirts.



If you are buying new uniform this term we advise that you buy the badged items in advance of the change in the new school year.

School Security and Safety

Please do not park in the staff car park, or allow children to walk across this area. We ask that all pedestrians use Biggs Lane and the side gate. School buses require access at the start and end of school.

We respectfully request that parents do not enter classrooms before school.

Any messages for staff should be made via Reception.

Sun Safety

In the event of very hot weather(!) please send your child to school with a sun hat and apply sun protection in the morning as you think necessary.



Sports Day

June 18th
at 10:00am
at school.

Any parents wishing to have a hot school lunch on Sports day must book with Sally in the kitchen by Monday 15th June latest.

Term dates 2009/2010

Summer Term 2009:

Term starts	20th April 2009
May Day	4th May 2009
Half term	25th May – 29th May 2009
Term ends	17th July 2009

Autumn Term 2009:

Term starts	7th Sept 2009
Half term	26th Oct – 30th Oct 2009
Term ends	18th Dec 2009

Spring Term 2010:

Term starts	4th Jan 2010
Half term	15th – 19th Feb 2010
Term ends	1st April 2010

Summer Term 2010:

Term starts	19th April 2010
May Day	3rd May 2010
Half term	31st May – 4th June 2010
Term ends	20th July 2010

Statutory Inspection of Anglican School – SIAS



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

As a church school we are inspected by the Diocesan authorities as well as OFSTED.

Our SIAS inspection took place on 11th June. Mr. Brian Allaway spent the day visiting classes, attending assembly, and talking with staff, parents, governors and children. His report will follow shortly.

St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

Allyson Taylor - Headteacher | Dr. Ian Williams - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
Sian Nunn and Jaine Yule - Parent Governors