



# 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 June – Simplicity

This last half term is flying by and the children are looking forward to out of school visits to enrich their learning. We are very grateful for the support of our PTA who is funding the transport costs of the visits.

Year 1 children are getting a two week taster of swimming lessons to prepare them for September. Several will achieve badges in these early days and it helps if all the children can have some swimming time with you over the holidays.

We look forward to meeting our new Reception children when they visit later this month.

As we enjoy some better weather we know the children enjoy the simple pleasure of playing on the school field. We have asked before if anyone would like to join them and perhaps teach skipping or clapping games during a lunchtime. If you know any “old fashioned” playtime games and would like to have an excuse to play them again, please let us know!

Kind regards,  
Miss Taylor.

## Staff News

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Nikki Welling is our new Reception teacher. Miss Welling comes to us from Bristol University and is already well-known to school both as a former pupil and from completing some of her training here.

Miss Lauren Hall has been a welcome addition to the staff team in the last term and we wish her well as she begins her teaching career in her first post at Alvechurch school.

## Chess success



An excellent season draws to a close. We were narrowly beaten by the Cathedral school in the county finals and brought the silver trophy back to Fownhope. Bevis Drury is to be commended for winning both his games, Joseph Harwood for being an excellent captain and to all the team for representing our school in such a positive way. We benefit from the expert tuition

of Santi Dominguez and Peter Daines and thank all who have supported the team this year, parents and members of school staff.

## Year 1 phonics check

These checks take place first lesson 17th to 21st June. Please ensure your child is here punctually on those days.

## Crucial Crew

Year 6 attend these workshop sessions about keeping safe on 24th June.

## Church Fete

This takes place on 29th June 3-5pm. There will be all the usual stalls, but we'd like to highlight the Fancy Dress competition. If the children (or staff) would like to come along as a knight, princess or dragon there will be prizes!

## Summer visits

Reception and Year 1 to Puzzlewood on 26th June.

Year 4,5,6 visit the West Midlands Safari Park on 1st July.

Year 2 and 3 visit Wicton Farm near Bromyard on 3rd July

## Dates for your diary...

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

### June

17th - Year 1 phonics tests begin • Meeting of the full Governing body 6:15pm

24th - Year 6 at Crucial Crew

27th - Year 6 day at BHBS

### July

5th - Playgroup Sports day at 2pm.

10th - Read Write INC consultant visiting.

16th - Parents' evening drop in following the end of term report.

17th - Year 5 & 6 performance of Romeo & Juliet

18th - Playgroup graduation at 6pm

19th - Prizegiving and Leavers' Service in Church 1.30pm

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## News from the classes

**Miss Duckett's** class is jetting off to foreign parts with their topic on travel.

**Mrs. Gooch's** children are investigating plants and animals; they have also been learning to tell the time.

**Year 2, with Mrs. Richards,** have worked hard to complete their SATs assessments. They also investigated how to keep healthy.

**Miss Scrivens' and Mrs. Brotherwood's** children are also studying healthy eating and have made scrumptious smoothies.

**Mrs. Gibbs' children** are studying volcanoes and are now experts at different methods of division in maths.

**Year 5& 6** have performed Romeo and Juliet at the Courtyard theatre to great acclaim. Many congratulations on an excellent performance. We look forward to our school version on 17th July.



United Nations  
**World Food Programme**

We were delighted to welcome Theresa Mutter to school on Thursday 13th June to talk about the Campaign for Really Good School dinners.

## Staying safe – Childline visitor

Jane Warner is to visit on 26th June and 8th July and work with our older children on keeping safe.

## PTA update

**2013**  
**It's a Knockout!**

You will have received the letter and form to sign up to help at It's a Knockout on 7th July. PLEASE send your offers of help in – every hour donated makes a difference to the success of the day. Friday 5th July will be a Wear what you Like day in return for cakes, bottles and tombola prizes which should be brought in on the 5th.

## Spanish presentation

The Spanish group will give a short presentation at Good News Assembly on 20th June.

## 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!

## 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.



## 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)

## Class and team photos

These will be available shortly with orders coordinated by the school office.

*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:

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