



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ringin in the St. Mary's School news

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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Christian Value for September - Cooperation

Welcome to the new school year! The weather has been kind over most of the holiday and we hope for an Indian summer in the next weeks so the children can continue to play on the field. It has been lovely to hear what so many of the children have done over the holidays. One member of staff had a very special celebration over the summer. We send our congratulations to Miss Thomas (Mrs. Davies) who got married in July. As you know we love to hear what successes the children have had out of school. Please let us know of any good news you would like us to mark in Assembly on Thursdays.

Kind regards,
Miss Taylor.

Curriculum meetings

As term gets underway teachers offer our usual Curriculum information sessions after school. These take place on Tuesday 10th at 3.20pm with Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Blair and 4.00pm for Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Brotherhood. Miss Welling will offer a meeting later in the term. Please make every effort to attend as information about areas of study, routines and timetables will be given out and you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have about the new school year. For children in Year 6 sample SATs papers will be available to look at which parents last year felt was very helpful.

New faces

Welcome to Miss Nikki Welling our new Reception teacher. We hope she and her lovely new children soon settle and get to know each other. There will be more news about our new intake in the next edition of the Bell. Further up school we welcome a number of new members to our school community. Isaac Preece, Year 3; Jacob Wornham-Jones, Year 5; Charlie Acton-Jones, Year 5; Elizabeth Sherratt, Year 5; Lucy Isherwood Year 2; Eleanor Humphries, Year 5; Thomas Isherwood, Year 4. We hope they all feel settled and happy at St. Mary's. Each will be presented with a wooden cross as a symbol to mark their joining our school.

The Really Good School Dinner Appeal



Bill Wiggin, MP, visits school on 6th to help promote this appeal to provide school meals through the UN World Food programme. We ask that each family contributes 20p for every school dinner

taken next week with all funds going to the appeal. 20p will buy a school meal, with even some to take home, in parts of the developing world. We hope you will support this appeal and ask that any donations are sent in next week to the office.

Clubs

Most clubs start on 9th September. Please return the reply slip quickly as places are allocated on a first come basis.

Dates for your diary...

Good News assembly - Every Thursday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome.
September 2013

10th - Playgroup AGM 1.00pm in school • Curriculum information meetings for parents - see opposite

13th - First swim for Years 1-2 only

20th - deadline for applications for prefect positions

October 2013

23rd, 24th Parents' evenings, details to follow

October 28th - 1st November - Half term

December 2013

20th - Term ends at 1pm

Spring term 2014

January 6th - Term commences

February 17th - 21st - Half term

April 11th - Term ends

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E-safety

There have been some shocking incidents in the news recently with children and young adults being bullied on social networking sites. In school our older children are taught about safe use of the net. While we are not aware of any incidents relating to St. Mary's children, this is a nationwide and growing area of concern. We encourage parents to check what sites and content children are accessing to help keep them safe. Have you set up parental controls? Do you know who they are communicating with? If not we urge you to find out. If they don't want you to see what they are messaging it maybe something they shouldn't! Some parents are not aware that children should be 13 to have a Facebook account.

Leave of absence

Following a change to the legislation on school attendance from 1st September, schools cannot authorise term-time leave for holidays. Leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Playgroup News

Playgroup has a new indoor extension and the outdoor area has been resurfaced over the holidays. Part of the school hall has been altered to create an office and quiet space for playgroup. Our thanks to Derek Colley and Mark Cross who managed the project over the holidays.



Prefects

Children in Year 6 will be invited to apply for the role of prefect, head girl or head boy for this year. Prefects will take on areas of responsibility in school and support children in other year groups.

We will announce those appointed to the posts once the selection process has been completed.

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!



Medical and contact information

Please notify us in writing of any changes to medical or contact details for your child.

Please ensure that we have up to date inhalers in the school office for your child. Please note that we can only administer prescription items – no over the counter meds.

Lunchtime help

Could you spare some time to help Mr. Hewitt play games with the children at lunchtime? Even once a week would be great. We'd love to hear from you if you know any skipping or clapping games or just like football or hide n' seek. Contact Miss Taylor if you can help.

Term dates 2013

The Autumn term commences on Wednesday 4th September. The new Reception children with Miss Welling stay till 1pm on the first week then join us full time from Monday 9th. Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Summer Term 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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