



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 October – Appreciation

The weather has turned cooler and there is a real sense of the season of Autumn. A group of Reception children spent a playtime floating leaves, playing boats and enjoying the sunshine as well as the rain. A special moment to treasure for those adults watching! When possible the children are going outdoors to play and have some lessons. Please make sure they have a warm coat from now on. On a personal note, thank you for your messages of congratulations and kind words on my new appointment in January. It will be an emotional end of term for me, but until then it is very much business as usual!

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

Parents' evenings and phonics meeting/drop in for Reception

Please return the reply slips for these meetings on the 23rd and 24th of October.

Harvest Service – Monday 21st October in St. Mary's church at 2pm



Children are asked to bring in dried goods/tins/toiletries for the Community Larder food bank on the 21st – please not before as we have no storage space. Children in playgroup and Reception will present some gifts in church as part of our worship. We

look forward to seeing you in church and to celebrating this “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.”

Prefects

We are delighted to announce that Maisie Hosking-Lewis and Angus Yule are our Head girl and boy, ably supported by Liberty Miles and Charlie Walsh as Deputies. Alex Wallin is Sports captain with Eva Wallis-Sorbo supporting as Vice captain. Others in Year 6 are now prefects helping the children in the younger classes. All are wearing their badges with pride and the prefects are already popular with the classes they support.

Visit to London 3-4th June 2014, Years 4, 5, 6



This visit will involve a tour, museum visit, an overnight stay and attendance at a performance of the acclaimed West End show “Matilda.”

If you have not yet returned your form please do so as there are just a few places remaining.

Winter uniform

It's time to put the polo shirts and dresses into hibernation! After half-term, shirt and ties please, with badged jumpers/cardigans.

PTA AGM

This takes place at 2pm on Thursday 17th in school. Please attend if you can and help with plans for the Christmas fair.

Dates for your diary...

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

October 2013

21st – Harvest service 2pm in St. Mary's church

22nd – Playgroup committee meeting 1pm in school

23rd / 24th – Parents' evenings 3.30-5/6pm

24th – Film shows

25th – Half term begins

29th – Staff training on the new Literacy scheme

November 2013

6th – Museum on the Move visit for Years 3-6

8th – Staffing and finance governors meet 9am

December 2013

16/17/18th – Christmas dinner – booking forms to follow

19th – Theatre visits to Cheltenham and Birmingham

20th – Nativity service with carols in Church at 11am
Term ends at 1pm

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News from the classes

Miss Welling's children have been busy with a shop in their role play area, selling harvest fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Gooch's class has found out about Alexander Graham Bell and the first telephones as part of their science work.

With **Mrs. Richard's** Year 2 children have designed fruit sundaes and been exploring rhythm in music.

Children in **Year 3** are investigating flowering plants and improving their ball skills in PE.

Years 4 & 5 have begun drama sessions with Ellen from the Courtyard theatre and will be performing "The Twits" in Hereford in January.

Year 5 & 6 children are enjoying Bible Explorer interactive sessions with Mrs. Sinclair and learning about the Old Testament.



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.

Film Show in the Memorial Hall

Years 3-6 will watch "Treasure Island" as an end of half-term treat. Reception, Years 1&2 will watch a DVD in school on Thursday 24th October in the morning.

Staff news

We welcome Mrs. Kathy Wilkes as our new cleaner and Mrs. Zoe Welsh as our new kitchen assistant. We extend our thanks to Mr. Jack Nunn who has finished as a cleaner to attend college.

Healthy School policy



We remind all families that children should bring in water, not squash, to drink during lessons. Juice or squash may be brought in a second container, if required, for lunchtimes.

Fizzy drinks, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted in school.

This policy complies with national guidance on healthy eating in schools which we ask you to support.

If you send in birthday cake please send in cupcakes or cake already sliced and wrapped. We are sorry but school staff cannot cut up cake and wrap slices to send home.



Year 6 day at John Kyrle High School, 18th October

The children will be collected from here at 9am and returned after lunch, which is provided by JKHS.

Breakfast club security

We respectfully remind parents that if you wish to speak to a teacher, you should leave a message at the school office, not approach staff inside the building when dropping children off at breakfast club. A small number of parents have been asked not to do so but continue to go through the hall to speak to a teacher. This breaches our fire and security rules. Any visitors must sign in at the main entrance. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dinners

Please order on a Thursday for the following week. Late orders are causing Sally problems, especially on roast dinner days. We cannot guarantee a dinner if your child's order comes in late.

Garden update

Thanks to Mrs. Dereham and the small band of volunteers, the classes have harvested and put our garden to rest for the Winter season.

Term dates 2013/2014

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Autumn Term 2013

Term starts 4th September 2013

Half term 28th Oct – 1st Nov 2013

Term ends 20th December 2013

Spring term 2014

Term Starts January 6th

Half term February 17th - 21st

Term ends April 11th

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