



# The School Bell



*“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”*

Ringing in the St. Mary's School news

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## Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Christian Value for November – Responsibility

In this edition of the Bell we hear from our Head boy, Head girl and their deputies. Our prefects are fulfilling their responsibilities very well. The classes have had the chance to tell me what they like about having their prefects. All of the younger children say they love having the older children join them to play games and help every day in Assembly. Interestingly, the prefects themselves are enjoying the opportunity to play alongside the younger children; it seems lego never loses its appeal!

Kind regards,  
Miss Taylor.

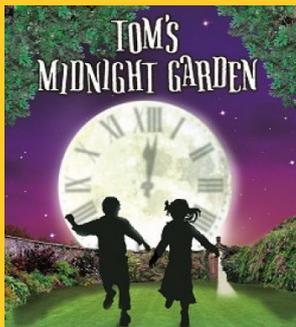
## School Council

Members of the school council have been presented with smart red badges by Mrs. Blair. We hope they wear them with pride.

## Theatre visits – Thursday 19th December



Every child in school has the opportunity to watch a seasonal play either in Cheltenham or Birmingham.



Miss Welling's, Mrs. Gooch's, Mrs. Richards' and Mrs. Brotherhood's/Miss Scrivens' classes will watch Aladdin at the Everyman theatre Cheltenham; Mrs. Gibbs' and Mrs. Blair's/Mrs. Buck's classes are to watch "Tom's Midnight Garden" at the Old Rep.

Details to follow.

## Headteacher recruitment

Thank you to those who attended the informal consultation meeting before half-term and for the many comments which have helped in our deliberations. Governors will interview candidates on 5th December and will keep you posted as to the outcome and what arrangements will be in place for next term. The new headteacher should be in post after Easter.

## Operation Christmas Child



Thanks to those children who made up a shoebox present full of gifts for a child who wouldn't receive anything at Christmas.

## Remembrance and Poppy Appeal

Poppies and wrist bands have been sold to many children and adults in school. On Monday 11th, a whole school act of remembrance was held in Assembly. As a symbol of remembrance, each girl placed a red petal on a template to create a large poppy on the hall floor. This was to remember that many young men did not come home in 1918. When the poppy was ready a spring bulb was placed at its heart to suggest new life. At 11am staff and pupils held a two minute silence

## Dates for your diary...

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

### November 2013

- 18th - Rev Chris leading Assembly
- 21st - Staff training Team Teach behaviour support
- 25th - Playgroup committee meeting 1pm December 2013
- 26th - Photographs

### December 2013

- 2nd - Rev Chris leading Assembly
- 5th - Interviews for new Headteacher
- 16th - Drop in for parents after reports sent home
- 19th - Theatre visits to Cheltenham and Birmingham all classes
- 20th - Nativity service with carols in Church at 11am Term ends at 1pm

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## Head boy/girl comments

**Angus Yule** – I am so happy to be Head boy. I want to make a positive effect on the school. I am one of the oldest children in school and love being active. My favourite subjects are PE and Maths. If anyone has a problem they can ask me to help.

**Charlie Walsh** – I am Reception prefect and Deputy Head boy. I am really pleased to be given the Deputy Head boy position; it gives me more responsibility and has made me more confident. I hope to do very well and show that I was a good choice.

**Maisie Hosking-Lewis** – I am overjoyed to be Head girl. I hope to raise money for the school and do the best I can for my fellow friends around school. This has been my biggest achievement so far!

**Liberty Miles** – I am so pleased to be Deputy Head girl. I'm going to do my best to make this school the greatest it can be. My favourite subject is numeracy.

## Nut and sesame allergy – Nut Free School

A child is soon to join us in school with severe allergic reactions to any food containing nut or sesame products (hummus, peanut butter, Tracker cereal bars etc). As a result, in line with NHS advice, St. Mary's will be a "Nut Free" school from 1st December. No nuts or nut products should be brought into school for snacks or lunches. We ask for your cooperation as any contact with nuts or even someone who has eaten those products would have life threatening consequences for our new child. We will send a reminder at the end of the month but pass on this message now to give you time to prepare for changes to lunchboxes and snacks.

## Playgroup news

Playgroup has a waiting list for some sessions and we are delighted that we can now offer more places. Sessions can now admit 20 little ones, so see Jackie if you would like a place for your child. Playgroup admits children from age 2 to rising school age.

## Dogs around school

A number of parents are bringing dogs to school in the morning or at the end of the day and this is causing concern. Some families may not be aware that we have a child who was hurt in a dog attack out of school and they and his family remain nervous about being around dogs, however friendly. Dogs are not allowed inside the school grounds, unless visiting for special events eg. hearing or guide dogs. We respectfully request that dogs are not brought to the school gate or into the playground.

## PTA Christmas Fair and AGM

Save the date – 13th December,  
starting at 3pm.

See separate letter from Jenn and the PTA. Another meeting has to be held to formally agree the new committee; this is on 6th December 5.45-6.45 in the hall.

## Melody Bear sessions



Playgroup and Miss Welling's class are enjoying their sessions of movement and maths with Melody Bear each week.

## After School Club – Important Notice

Please note there will be no After School Club run by the Playgroup staff on Friday 13th December, due to involvement in the Christmas Fair.

## Medical and contact information

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

## Photographs

Tempest here on 26th November in the morning. Photos will be taken of sibling groups, including playgroup and individuals. Smartest uniform and shiniest hair on the day for all!

## Term dates 2013/2014

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

### Autumn Term 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