



# 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 December – Caring

Advent is upon us and the end of term draws near.

There are a number of special events in these last weeks of 2013 which I invite you to attend. This is my final newsletter as Headteacher. I have so many memories of so many good times and I thank you all for your friendship, kindness and support in my years here. I extend my very best wishes to all at St. Mary's for a high flying future. Governors are pleased that a previous Headteacher at St. Mary's has agreed to act as Interim Head next term. Some of you will remember Mr. Colin Mutton, especially his gifted teaching of maths and wizard chess prowess! With Mr. Mutton leading you next term you are in a safe pair of hands!

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor.

## Nativity service in St. Mary's Church

11am on 20th, with playgroup joining school to tell the greatest story ever told in words and songs. We expect church to be full and it may be standing room only, rather like the stable in Bethlehem...

## Father Christmas visits Fownhope

Hereford Lions host this VIP visitor who will tour the village on 12th December around 6.30pm. As you will see below, Father Christmas is staying overnight to attend our Fair on 13th too!

## Children in Need



Pyjamas and onesies abounded and we raised an impressive £225 on the day. Thanks to Sally in the kitchen for the scrumptious Pudsey cookies, baked for every child.

## Good News Assemblies

There will be no Good News Assembly on 5th, this week as school is busy with interviews for a new Headteacher. The last GNA of the term will be on WEDNESDAY 18th December, not Thursday as the whole school is at the theatre.

## Christmas dinner helpers

Sally would like some extra help serving on our feast days. If you can help on the 16th, 17th or 18th of December please let the office know.

## Poppy Appeal

£100.71 was raised for the British Legion through the sale of poppies, wristbands and pin badges. District total is £2075!

## Dates for your diary...

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

### December 2013

**5th** - Interviews for new Headteacher, No Assembly

**6th** - Last Imagineering club

**11th** - Wear what you like day for PTA fair

**13th** - Fair 3-5pm - No After School Club on that day

**16th** - Christmas dinner - Reception and Year 1 only

**17th** - Dinner - Years 2 and 3 only

**18th** - Dinner - Years 4,5,6 only

**19th** - Theatre visits, playgroup party in the hall

**20th** - Nativity 11am in church, term ends at 1pm

### January 2014

**6th** - Spring term commences Monday 6th January

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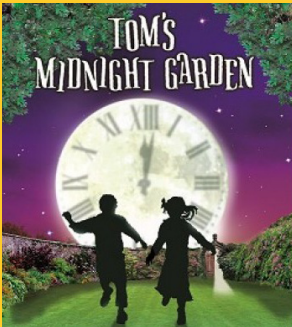
## Parents drop in

Teachers will be available on Monday 16th until 5pm if you have any queries about your child's end of term report.

## Theatre visits – Thursday 19th December



Our younger children will watch Aladdin and the older classes see Tom's Midnight garden, a wonderful timeslip story and one of the acclaimed seasonal shows for 2013. Please return your slips and money as soon as possible.



## Clubs

A reminder that there are no clubs in the last week of term. Imagineering ends 6th December for this term.

## Last day of term

Term ends at 1pm on Friday 20th December. We will return to school after the Nativity service at 11am. Parents may collect children at noon, before lunch if they prefer.



## 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.

## PTA Christmas Fair and AGM

In case you haven't got the date booked, this takes place 3-5pm on Friday 13th December. Stalls, games fun for all ages and a VIP visitor with gifts. Each class is running a stall and the children are busy planning these with their teachers. Parents are needed to help for a short time on the day so please let your child's teacher know if you can do even 15 minutes. We have teamed up with the Memorial hall market on the same afternoon so a great opportunity to get those last minute gifts.

**Wednesday 11th December is a Wear what you like day in return for tombola prizes and home made cakes for the fair.**

## Operation Christmas Child



Twenty five shoeboxes were sent for this appeal – thanks to all those families who supported this worthwhile charity.

## 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:

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