



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 January – Courage

A very happy new year to you all. I hope you had as relaxing and enjoyable a break over Christmas as it was possible to have.

It is my pleasure and privilege to return to St. Mary's for a second stint as Headteacher, having been here for 5 years prior to Miss Taylor's tenure. I have many happy memories of those years. I am also very impressed by how the school has continued to flourish since I left. Rest assured I will show my absolute commitment to the school over the course of this term before the handover to Mr. Milne at Easter. If you should ever need to speak to me, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the school office. Former pupils are welcome to pop in and say 'Hello!'

Take care

Colin Mutton

Follow us on Twitter



Although no major changes are planned for the school over the next few months, there will be a few minor ones. For example, we are now on Twitter. School announcements can and will be made via Twitter so please 'follow' us if you can.

(@stmarysfownhope) A word of warning though. You should check your own privacy settings if you do not want other 'followers' of the school to be able to read your own tweets.

Curriculum Information Meetings

On Thursday next week parents are invited to come into school from 3:15 to 4:00pm to meet their child's class teacher for an informal discussion about class topics this term. We hope to see you there.



The Twits

Y4 and Y5 children involved in this project are very busy rehearsing already. Their big day at The Courtyard is only a few days away. If you did not receive the letter with details about this event last term, please contact the office ASAP.

School Clubs

A letter has gone out to all children in Years 2 – 6 regarding this term's after school activities.

In addition forms for the Hereford United Community Trust after school club which is run on Tuesday's are out in book bags for Years 1-6. If you did not receive yours, please contact the school office ASAP.

Message from Miss Taylor

My sincere thanks for the many cards and gifts presented to me at the end of term. The VIP Shakespeare experience is the best present you could have given me! I wish you all a belated Happy New Year and send my best wishes for the new term.

Miss Taylor

Dates for your diary...

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

January 2014

Friday 10th - Swimming starts

Thursday 16th - Parents' Curriculum Information meeting

Monday 20th - Y4 and Y5 to The Courtyard for The Twits
• Playgroup committee meeting 1pm

Friday 24th - Governors' Staffing and finance Committee meeting (9am)

February

Monday 3rd - Governors' Meeting (6pm)

Friday 14th - School closes for half term

Monday 24th - School reopens after half term

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Bag2School Collection Wednesday 22nd January

A letter and collection bags came out in your child's book bag at the end of last term and the date for the collection is fast approaching. Not to worry if these have been mislaid, the company are happy to collect donations in ordinary black sacks. This company specialize in re-using good quality second hand clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts or handbags. Our donated bags will be weighed and they will pay us by the total weight received. The funds received are paid to Friends of St Marys PTA and used for the benefit of all the children.

Bags for donation should be brought in on the morning of Weds 22nd and piled neatly against the wall near to the bike shed entrance gate. This is a covered area, very helpful with our current wet conditions. Collection normally takes place around lunchtime so bags received in the afternoon will have to return home...until the next time!

Thank you for your support.



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.

School Dinners

Reminder: Please send orders in on Thursdays for the following week. Top Tip – take a photo of your booking form with your phone.

After School Club

A reminder to re-book your places for ASC at the start of each new term

Term dates 2014

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Spring Term 2014

Term starts	Monday 6th January
Half term	17th - 21st February
Term ends	Friday April 11th

Summer Term 2014

Term Starts	Monday 28th April
Half term	May 26th-30th
Term ends	Wednesday 16th July

Autumn Term 2014

Term Starts	Wednesday 3rd Sept
Half term	October 27th-31st
Term ends	Thursday 18th December

St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

Colin Mutton - Headteacher | Jaine Yule - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
Sian Nunn - Parent Governor