



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ringling in the St. Mary's School news

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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Christian Value for January – Courage

The third Monday in January is recognised as Martin Luther King Day in the USA and he was the subject of our assembly on that day. If ever we needed an example of someone who represented courage, we need look no further. Dr. King was a man who, as we know, had a dream about how the world should be, about how all people should be treated equally. A man who was prepared to stand up for what he believed was right and to challenge those in positions of authority if he felt they were wrong. As he said; “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” Lessons for us all in those words.

Take care

Colin Mutton



The Twits

Y4 and Y5's big day at The Courtyard has sadly been and gone. If you were there, we hope you enjoyed the show. The children did us proud. They performed with great energy, humour and style and I think we have seen the emergence of some talented actors. For many it took great courage to

step out onto the stage and perform in front of so many people. Well done to them all and thanks also to Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Watkins for taking good care of the children throughout the day.

Y6 SATs

An after school meeting is being organised by Mrs. Buck and Mrs. Blair, for parents of Y6 children, to explain about these annual end-of-KS2 assessments that take place in all schools in May. They will explain how the Y6 children will be prepared for SATs and how the class timetable will differ to support their preparation. If you wish to know more or if you have any questions or concerns about the process, look out for the letter.

Twitter

Our 'followers' continue to grow. Over 25 at the last check. Recent 'tweets' have included news on Reception class learning about teamwork, Y6 using some new IT kit, The Twits at The Courtyard and our Golden book children from Friday assembly.

School Safety – IMPORTANT!

Starting next week (27th January) we are implementing a new system at the beginning of the school day. The school gate will be opened as usual, but only to admit children. Parents are asked to wait in the village hall car park area but not to come into the playground. Children are also not to leave the playground once they have come in. The current arrangement is, in our view, difficult to supervise correctly and children's safety could be at risk. I would be grateful if you could also remind your children, as has been done in school, that if the adult who collects them at the end of the school day is not at the gate waiting for them at the usual time, they should come back into school where they can wait safely either outside the office or at After School club.

Dates for your diary...

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

January 2014

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

February: Value - Happiness

Monday 3rd – Jo Davis from Concern Universal to lead assembly • Governors' Meeting (6pm)

Friday 14th – School closes for half term

Monday 24th – School reopens after half term

March: Value - Friendship

Thursday 6th – World Book Day

Thursday 13th – Football tournament (TBC)

Saturday 15th – Swimming Gala (details to follow)

Monday 17th – Governors' Meeting (6pm)

April:

Friday 4th – Reports go home • PTA Easter event (TBC)

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World Book Day – Thursday March 6th

Something will be planned to celebrate this important day in the school year. It might involve dressing up. Watch this space!



WEEE Man

Children in Mrs. Gibbs' and Mrs. Blair's classes are in need of any waste electrical components you might have lying

around. Broken radios that can be taken apart? Unwanted CD players? Bits of cable? They are hoping to make a sculpture of their own WEEE man, like the one at the Eden Project. We hope you can help.

After School Club

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



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

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School Dinners and Pupil absences

A reminder that, for school and Playgroup children, absent children will automatically receive a lunch credit, but you must report your child/dren's absence to the school office by 9 am to ensure this.

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

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