



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 February - Happiness

It is not often that schools talk about 'inspection' and 'happiness' at the same time. Last week we had a visit from an OfSTED qualified inspector for a focussed visit on teaching quality. The visit went very well. Amongst many positive comments made, the strong relationships between staff and children; high expectations of learning and behaviour; effective Teaching Assistants; the pupils' positive attitudes and good questioning techniques were some of the highlights.

The Reception classroom was also described as 'rich and stimulating'. There will be some follow up work from this visit, mainly focussing on how learning can be moved on even more quickly for children when necessary. I hope that, like us, you are very encouraged by this and proud of your children's school. It certainly made us happy!

Take care

Colin Mutton

School Safety – IMPORTANT!

Thank you all for your cooperation with the new system at the start of the day. I know there are a small number of children who initially found it a bit difficult but they seem to be getting over it very quickly and staff certainly report that it feels much safer and more secure than it did before.

Can I also remind everyone that, for their own safety, children should wait in the small car park area while waiting for the gate to open? This particularly applies to children who walk to school by themselves or who are dropped off by parents. We do not expect to hear reports of children who arrive early playing wide ranging games of 'tag'. If you are a parent who drops your children off at the school, or allows them to walk by themselves, please could you remind them of this?

Girls' Rugby

Attention all girls who like the idea of playing rugby! As part of a drive to increase the number of women (over 18) playing, Pat Hill, Rugby Development Coach for Herefordshire, has put a Pitch up and Play afternoon together at Greyhound Rugby Club on March 16th.

The afternoon will range from touch rugby to early areas of contact rugby. If you want further details, Pat Hill can be contacted at PatrickHill@RFU.com



Twitter and the school website

Our school web site is currently being given a make over. A link to our 'tweets' will be available on the new home page.

Dates for your diary...

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

February: Value - Happiness

Wednesday 12th - Concern Universal workshop with Y5

Friday 14th - School closes for half term

Monday 24th - School reopens after half term • Worcester students start a 4 week placement here with Y4/5

March: Value - Friendship

Tuesday 4th - Shrove Tuesday

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)

Last swimming session this term

Monday 7th Staff available to discuss reports (3:30 - 5pm)

Friday 11th - Easter Service

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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!

Children in Need

We received a certificate this week thanking everyone for the fund raising efforts of last term. £225 was raised by the school. The organisers commented on how they were 'humbled by the generosity and creativity' of the supporters of Children in Need. Thank you!

Lost Property – from Thursday 6th Feb lost property will be displayed in the school entrance – please come and look!

Playgroup

Playgroup – All playgroup children need to book Breakfast Club on 01432 860871 due to high numbers and staff ratios

After School Club

ASC – cancellations must be in by 1pm or a cancellation charge applies.



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

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