



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 March - Friendship

He does something I don't like. I do something to pay him back. So he does something a little bit worse to pay me back. And so it goes on. It escalates. Things get serious. We never speak to each other again. We don't like it when we see children behave like this. But what do we expect when their role models are adults who they see behaving like this? And where does it all end up? Sadly we have seen examples of that in Ukraine in recent weeks. Retaliation. Pay back. Escalation. Increasingly serious. Other people get involved. But eventually people will realise it cannot go on. Common sense will prevail. Peace talks will begin. Friendship will break out again. If only it had never gone away in the first place eh? Abraham Lincoln had a message for us all, when he said, "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection."

Words to remember.

Take care
Colin Mutton

School Safety – IMPORTANT!

Can we remind all parents who drive their children to school that you should NOT use the school (staff) car park at the front to drop off your children? Vehicles are arriving all the time and children should not be put at risk in this way. As parents, it is your responsibility to ensure your children are in school, unless they are unwell, and also to ensure that they are in school on time. Please do not use the car park as a means of saving a few minutes.

Wedding Bells

What an occasion it was! Several pictures of the day were tweeted so you will have to 'follow us' to see them there.

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club, St. Mary's Stars, is open to school age children on the first Sunday of every month. Led by Sue Bonson, these fun sessions take place at the school, from 10:45 to 12:15. Members and their families are welcome to also attend the Family Service at the church on the third Sunday of every month.

Playgroup

Due to its ongoing success, Playgroup sadly has no available spaces until September. If you want to get your children on the list for September, please contact Jackie at your earliest convenience, on 860871.

After School Club is full too. If this situation changes, we will let you know.

Breakfast Club

As from the start of the summer term, Breakfast Club will be limited to 20 places only. These will need to be booked in advance.

Dates for your diary...

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

March: Value - Friendship

Saturday 15th - Swimming Gala (details to follow)

Monday 17th - Governors' Meeting (6pm)

Tuesday 18th - Rural Schools' Football tournament (at Credenhill)

Thursday 20th - Sport Relief activities

Friday 21st - Sport Relief non uniform - Sporting theme

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 • Term ends

Monday 28th - Summer Term begins

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School Office open from 8:30am, call: 01432 860474 | Headteacher: Mr Colin Mutton

Climate Change Conference



Last week three Y5 children (Amber, Joe and Elizabeth) went to a Climate Change Conference at the Town Hall. They all received a pack of leaflets and information to do with climate change and took part in different activities, including Carbon

Footprints, Speaking Up / Speaking Out and Climate Change Around the World. The children had a great day but also found it very thought provoking and learnt a lot.

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

IMPORTANT

School Dinners – Please make sure that payments for school dinners are handed in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** clearly marked with your child's name. *Please do not hand loose cash in at Reception.*

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR SPORT RELIEF

SPORT RELIEF 2014

Sport Relief

Thursday March 20th

School council are proposing two events to mark Sport Relief this year. On Thursday 20th they will be organising a football or netball penalty shoot-out competition for the whole school. Each class will get their turn to come out and take part.

Goalkeepers have been organised for the football. Prizes will also be given to the best shooters. All this fun for a 30p donation to Comic Relief. **On Friday 21st (the actual start of**

the Sport Relief weekend) children can come to school dressed in a sporting theme, for a £1 donation to Sport Relief.



In Support of Sport Relief, an initiative of Comic Relief, registered charity 326568 (England/Wales); SC039730 (Scotland).

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



World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our World Book Day activity, was wonderful to see so many creative and varied costumes. £76.00 was raised in total and will be sent onto Book Aid International.

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