



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 May - Tolerance

Welcome back to the summer term. A busy and exciting term awaits us, so let's cross our fingers for some good weather to help things along!

It is lovely to finally be here after a long wait, and I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have already received here at St. Mary's. Thanks also to Mr. Mutton for taking such good care of the school during the spring term.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone here and working with the whole school community to take St. Mary's forward. If you should ever need to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment.

Here's to a great summer term!

Mr. Milne

Breakfast Club Security

We respectfully remind parents that if you wish to speak to a teacher, you should leave a message at the school office, not approach staff inside the building when dropping off children at breakfast club. School is not open until 8:40, and anyone entering the school via breakfast club before this time is breaching our fire and security rules. Any visitors must sign in at the main entrance. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Susan Probert as the new kitchen assistant.

Also we would like to welcome Jack Williams into Year 5 and his sister Grace into Year 1, who have moved here from abroad.

We hope that they will all be very happy here at St. Mary's.

Dates for your diary...

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

May: Value - Tolerance

Monday 19th - Reverend Chris to lead collective worship

Weds 21st - Year 6 children to 'It's A Knockout' in Hereford

Friday 23rd - School closes for half term

June: Value - Honesty

Monday 2nd - School resumes after half term •

Reverend Chris to lead collective worship

Tuesday 3rd - Weds 4th - London theatre trip for Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 5th - Year 6 leavers' celebration in Hereford Cathedral

Friday 6th - Governors' finance meeting, 9:00 am

Tuesday 10th - Rural schools football/netball tournament • Maths competition at Hereford Cathedral School

Wednesday 11th - Meeting for parents of new Reception children, 6:00 pm

Friday 13th - Tempest Photography for class and group photos

Monday 16th - Governing Body meeting, 6:15 pm

Monday 23rd - 'Your Country Needs You' Quantum theatre visit for KS2

Wednesday 25th - Sports Day (a.m.) (reserve date Weds 9th July)

Thursday 26th - Wear What You Like Day in support of summer fete

Friday 27th - Year 6 children to Crucial Crew

Saturday 28th - Summer fete/ It's A Knockout

w/c Monday 30th - Week of activities commemorating World War I

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Retirement

We would like to inform you that Mrs Brotherwood and Mrs Green will both be retiring at the end of the summer term. They have both been with us for many years and have made invaluable contributions to the school. We will be holding a garden party on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th July for everyone to say their goodbyes in a relaxed atmosphere – everybody welcome!

Summer Term Curriculum

You will receive your child's curriculum information and timetable for this term by the end of this week. If you have any queries about these, please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

It's a Knockout! 2014

Summer fete/It's A Knockout

Can you believe that we are only 7½ weeks away from our annual "It's a Knock Out!"? Hopefully the weather will be just as beautiful as it was last year! With many options of fabulous things to fund at school to help inspire our children to become life-long lovers of learning, I am looking forward to a successful fundraiser!

In order to be successful, we are going to need quite a few volunteers and a lot of support from our community and school families. I will be sending more details in the weeks to come; however, in the meantime, please save the date, Saturday 28th June, mark your calendars and start to think about teams! I plan to incorporate a costume contest for teams this year and am working on also having live music at the event in addition to our usual awesome course designed by our own Mike Walker, fabulous classroom stalls, exciting raffle, lively tombola and delicious BBQ as well as refreshing bar. If you have any raffle prizes or connections to raffle prizes, we are very grateful for any contributions (speaking of contributions - Mr Milne has approved June 26th as Wear What You Like day). It would be lovely if we had an absolutely amazing raffle prize - any ideas? Donations of bar and bbq items for sale are also appreciated if you have any connections.

If you are a business and would like to sponsor a part of the course, please let me know and we can make it happen.

Thanks a ton and as always, please feel free to approach me with any comments/questions/concerns. Jenn Hurds, PTA Chair.

PTA News

In other PTA news, new playground toys are coming soon and we are happy to help fund any during or after school activities parents or staff are putting on, PTA will have a mini-grant application out soon.

Also - watch this space as sometime in the warmer, not so rainy months to come (good luck !), we will have a parent volunteer day to repaint the lines and such on the playground as well as the footsteps leading to play group.

News from the classrooms

Year R - have been learning about people who help us and had a friendly visit from the police this week.

Mrs Gooch's class have been learning about plants and have enjoyed painting pictures of their structure.

The children in Year 2 have been studying the physical and human features of islands and enjoying the Katie Morag stories.

Mrs Brotherwood's class have been finding out about the different food groups, learning about what makes a balanced meal.

The Year 4/5 children with Mrs Gibbs have been studying myths and have begun to think about what they would like to learn in their topic about the Romans.

The Year 5/6 class have also started their topic on the Romans and have been studying artefacts and what they tell us about life in the past.

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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