



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

In response to a request from parents, I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself and my history.

Having grown up in Kent and worked in banking for several years both in the Medway towns and London, I studied maths and primary teaching at the University of Worcester for four years. I moved to Hereford upon completion of my degree in 1998 and began teaching at Stretton Sugwas Primary School, teaching a mixed Year 5/6 class. In 2004 I moved to Ivington Primary School near Leominster as Deputy Head and Year 3/4 teacher. In 2008 I was appointed to the position of Headteacher at the same school, a position which I held until starting here at St. Mary's last month.

I am married with one daughter, Lucy, who is seven years old, and a cat called Charlie, who is nearly twenty! We live in Hereford. Together we enjoy walking, swimming and spending time with our wider family. I also enjoy theatre, music and running. I am a member of Hereford Musical Theatre Company, with whom I have performed in several musical productions and concerts.

I am very happy to be Headteacher here at St. Mary's and look forward to getting to know you all very soon!

Have a lovely half-term holiday next week, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June.

Mr. Milne

Goodbye

Unfortunately Mrs Barrand will be leaving us after half-term. She has secured a job as secretary in a primary school in Essex. We would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school over the past few years and wish her and Hannah and Katie the very best for their move to Essex. Their last day with us will be Thursday 5th June. Many thanks to Ms Hickey who will be covering the school office full-time until the end of the summer term.

Dates for your diary...

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

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)

Tuesday 24th - Wear What You Like Day in support of summer fete

Friday 27th - Year 6 children to Crucial Crew • New Reception intake invited to teddy bears' tea party, p.m.

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

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

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July: Value - Freedom

Tuesday 1st - Year 5 language day at JKHS • Mrs Richards and Mrs Brotherwood's classes visit to Madley Environmental Study Centre

Friday 4th - KS2 rounders tournament at Wellington School

Monday 7th - Mrs Gibbs', Mrs Buck's and Mrs Blair's classes to visit Think Tank, Birmingham

Thursday 10th - KS2 production: 'Edith's Wartime Scrapbook', 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Friday 11th - Reports go home • Last swimming session this term • Playgroup party 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Monday 14th - Staff available to discuss reports, 3:30 - 5:00 pm • Playgroup graduation evening 6:00pm

Tuesday 15th - Tea party to say goodbye to Mrs Brotherwood and Mrs Green, p.m.

Wednesday 16th - Leavers' Service in Church, 1:30 pm
School closes for the summer holidays.

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to Miss Gina Borman who has joined us as part of the breakfast club team.

Thank you

Huge thanks to the PTA, who have given us £600 for new outdoor play equipment for the children to use at break and lunchtimes. The new equipment has been ordered and will hopefully be here and ready to use after the half-term holiday.

It's a Knockout! 2014

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, the 28th of June is the St Mary's Fownhope "It's A Knock Out!" The event will start at noon and continue until all teams have competed. In addition to the totally amazing course we will have classroom stalls, activities, a raffle, BBQ, bar and entertainment. Teams will also have the option of entering the team costume contest!

So start rallying your friends, family and co-workers for a fun filled day of laughter, good memories and fun! Team registration forms will go home with children soon and extra forms can be picked up from the office. Teams must have 4 members and participants can be students, parents, step-parents, carers, grandparents, siblings, cousins, friends, co-workers, neighbours, etc....

In addition to the medals for playgroup, KS1, KS2, young adults and adults, there will be a special award for the team that wins the costume contest. Entry fees are £10 for children's teams (playgroup, KS1 and KS2) and £20 for adult teams. We look forward to seeing you at "It's A Knock Out!" - even if you don't plan on entering a team, please come and enjoy the stalls, BBQ and cheer on your favourite teams! Or - try to help your team by purchasing a go on the water and flour bomb obstacles!

Please note change of day for Wear What You Like day, now Tuesday 24th June.

Safeguarding

Please could you ensure that your children stay with you once you have collected them from the gate at the end of the day. We have recently had children running around the playground after being collected; this makes it very difficult for staff to ensure that all children have been collected safely. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

BASIC SKILLS QUALITY MARK

At the end of the spring term Mr Mutton mentioned that we were due to undergo an audit by a school inspector for the Basic Skills Quality Mark. I am delighted to tell you that, following a very successful and rigorous process, the school was successful in achieving the award. The certificate of achievement can be seen in the main school entrance hall. A huge well done to everyone involved!

SIAMS INSPECTION

As you may have been aware, the school yesterday underwent a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. The day went well and the official report will be sent out as soon as we receive it. This should be within two or three weeks



St Mary's Holiday Club

Playgroup staff are offering holiday club with a range of exciting activities already planned.

The club will be available for two weeks from Monday 21st July, please see Jackie or the school office for a booking form.

Term dates 2014

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

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

Spring Term 2015

Term starts Tuesday 6th Jan

Half term February 16th - 20th

Term ends Friday 27th March

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

Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Jaine Yule - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
Sian Nunn - Parent Governor