



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 July - Freedom

I write to you as we enter the last week of this academic year. Where has the time gone? It only seems five minutes since I arrived, and we are preparing to break up for the summer!

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this another successful year for the school. A huge thank you also to Mrs Brotherwood, Mrs Green and Mrs Blair for their many years of service to the school. They have played a huge part in the school's success, and we will really miss them!

We wish our Year 6 children every success for the future and look forward to hearing about their progress. Good luck also to the other children and families moving away from the school.

We look forward to seeing you at our leavers' service on Wednesday at 1.30 pm in St. Mary's Church.

On behalf of everyone here at St. Mary's, I wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 3rd September.

Mr. Milne

Dates for your diary...

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

July: Value - Freedom

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

Tuesday 15th - Tea party to say goodbye to Mrs Brotherwood, Mrs Blair and Mrs Green, 3:00 p.m.

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

NOTICE : No clubs in the last week of term.

END OF TERM REMINDER

Please ensure that all your child's belongings go home by the last day of term. Any items left will be disposed of during the holiday. Lost property will be on the playground for you to check over the last few days of term.

Goodbye.

Mrs Powers will be stepping down from her role as lunchtime supervisor at the end of term. We thank her for her hard work here and wish her well for the future.

Teddy bears for sale!

Jackie in Playgroup has 20 teddy bears for sale at £5 each. First come, first served.



Herefordshire FA Coach of the Year - Leon Harwood

We are delighted that Leon Harwood has been awarded the Herefordshire FA Coach of the Year for his work with Fownhope FC, True Colours Education and St Mary's Primary School. Huge congratulations from all of us and many thanks for the support and encouragement he has given our football players.

Swimming

As you may know, the Ross swimming pool is closing for refurbishment next year. This means that we are hoping to use the pool at Ledbury instead for next year. Times and class groups have still to be confirmed.

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Free School Meals

All children in Key Stage 1 next year have had a booking form and application for the national free school meals. Please ensure that these are returned to the school office by Tuesday 15th July. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS ASSEMBLY

Good News Assembly will revert to its former time slot of Friday afternoons at 2.45 pm as from next term. The first one will take place on Friday 12th September. You are all very welcome to join us for this weekly celebration.

Parent Work Day

Have you noticed the playground lines are getting a bit faded and the little feet leading to Playgroup have all but disappeared? Additionally, the small brick walls of the playground have lost their beautiful murals. If you, a friend or another family member are around on July 21st and 22nd - please come join us for the St Mary's PTA Parent/Carer/Neighbour Work Day at the school to help repaint the lines and feet and beautify the walls. We will meet at 9:00 and work until we're done and/or ready to go home and return (if necessary) on the 22nd. We welcome volunteers who can be there all day or part of the day. The PTA will supply the paint and refreshments for all volunteers. The Work Day is a way to address needs within the school while also stretching our budget to allow for more expenditures. Plus, it provides a fun, relaxed environment where parents/carers/neighbours/friends can all help out and enjoy the company of one another.

Thank you Thank you for bearing with the school office at this incredibly busy time of year. Apologies for the amount of texts you are receiving from us, but we are trying to ensure that nobody misses out on anything that's going on. Again, many thanks to Miss Hickey for manning the office single-handedly over the past few weeks.

In pictures...



Chess...

Congratulations to the chess gigafinalists **Samuel Dominguez, Joseph Harwood and Ted Etherton**, who competed in the Gigafinal at Manchester.



Playgroup...

Playgroup enjoyed a fun day out at Newbridge farm for their summer outing.

Please note the school is NOT closing at lunchtime on Wednesday. Children may be collected from school slightly earlier than usual from the playground gate after we return from the Leaver's Service in church.

Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

Well done to Year 6 on their production of 'Edith's Wartime Scrapbook' earlier this week. It really was fantastic!

It's a Knockout! 2014

Thank you SO much to everyone who supported and/or attended the Friends of St Mary's PTA annual "It's a Knock Out!" Thankfully the weather held out for us and we all had a fun and memorable time! A special thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, making it a rousing success! Congratulations and well done to all the teams who took part and fantastic fancy dress to those who participated in our first official fancy dress option. This fun event raised almost £1,200! The funds will be used to continue to support enrichment activities as well as work to help develop a school library.

PTA Lottery

Given the strike action, the final PTA lottery draw of the year was unable to take place during Good News Assembly. Therefore, the drawing took place on Friday 11th July in the school office. **First Prize - T. Bower £100; Second Prize - D. Etherton £50; Thirds - £10 each - J Reynolds, H Seaborne, S. Dominguez, W. Dereham, M. Walker.** Thank you to everyone who helps support the PTA Lottery. These funds are primarily used to support transportation for school trips and swimming. Remember, you can enter for as little as £1/month! *For an entry form, please see the school office, Simon Prater - our Named Lottery Co-ordinator or Jenn Hurds. Thanks!*

Term dates 2014

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Summer Term 2014

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

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