



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 September - Perseverance

Welcome back!

Where did the summer holidays go? I hope that you all enjoyed the lovely weather and managed to relax and enjoy some family time together.

We are all looking forward to embracing new challenges and achieving new goals so here's to another exciting and successful school year!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome three new members of staff this term:- Mrs Dawn Harwood as Key Stage 2 teaching assistant, Mrs Bethany Squires as school administrator and Mrs Dawn Watkins as lunchtime supervisor. We welcome them all to St. Mary's and hope they will all be very happy here.

We also welcome our 25 new Reception children and their families. We say hello to:- Amelie, Esme, Octavia, Oscar, Rhys, Matilda, Ethan, Gabrielle, Francis, Edwyn, Henry, Rebecca, Ben, Joshua, Brandon, Harry, Luke, Millie, Elvis, Isaac, Torin, Annie, Kian, Oliver and Evelyn. They have settled in really well so far and we look forward to welcoming them as they start full-time with us next week.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Rebecca and Tim, who join us in Years 5 and 6 respectively, to Paige in Year 5 and to Kathryn in Year 6. We hope you will all be very happy with us here at St. Mary's.

All new children will be presented with a small wooden cross as a symbol to mark their joining our school; this will take place during our first Good News Assembly of the new school year next Friday (12th September) at 2.45 pm.

Good News Assembly

All parents are warmly invited to attend our good news assembly, every Friday at 2.45 pm. One child from each class will be chosen every week to receive the good news award; you will be notified by text on Friday morning if your child is going to receive an award. We will also be presenting birthday certificates and awarding the weekly house point trophy.

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Dates for your diary...

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

July: Value - Freedom

Tuesday 16th - Playgroup AGM 1.00 pm in school

Monday 29th - Governors' meeting 6.15 pm in school

A full list of dates for the autumn term will be provided in the next issue of the School Bell on Friday 19th September.

Children will have a slip in their bookbags today stating which clubs they have a place on.

Clubs start next week, with the exception of chess club, which will begin on Monday 15th September.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

These are now run by the School Office. Please contact the school office to book your places. Places are limited to 16 for this term.

Swimming

Due to the temporary closure of Ross-on-Wye swimming pool, we will be taking the children swimming to Ledbury Swimming Pool two classes at a time on a Wednesday morning. All children in the school will receive one term of lessons during this academic year, as follows:

Mrs Richards' Class and Mrs Gibbs' Class - Autumn

Mrs Gooch's Class and Mrs Buck's Class - Spring

Miss Welling's Class and Miss Scrivens' Class - Summer

Therefore, if your child is in Year 2 or Year 4 or 5 with Mrs Gibbs, he/she will begin swimming lessons next Wednesday. Letters will follow in bookbags.

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Festival of Quilts

Many thanks to Sian Nunn and her team of helpers who worked really hard at the end of last term with the children to complete a quilt for the National Festival of Quilts. Our quilt was displayed at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham and was 'Highly Commended'. It will be displayed in the school next week.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to those parents who helped to paint our new library during the summer holidays. It is now really starting to take shape!

Massive thanks also to the PTA who have given us the money to buy new furniture for the library and dividing screens to enable separate groups to be taught in the hall. They have also paid for the decoration of Mrs Richards' and Miss Scrivens' classrooms. These areas look so much better for a lick of paint!

Thank you also to all the parents who have donated books to the school library.

School Bell

From now on we intend to publish the School Bell every alternate Friday. Therefore the next issue will be published on Friday 19th September, followed by 3rd October, and so on. In order to reduce the amount of paper we use, we are now sending the newsletter by email rather than on paper, starting with the next issue. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, or if your email address has changed please let the office know by Friday 12th September.

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.

Bookbags

Please return all letters, dinners, bookings via book bags and class bags. All money and cheques should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front. Please do not hand cash and forms in at Reception.

Term dates 2014

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

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