



The School Bell



“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”

Ringling in the St. Mary's School news

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Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mary's Christian Value for September - Perseverance

We are all now settled back into the routine of day-to-day school life. We congratulate our Year 6 prefects on their appointment and look forward to them helping staff to keep the school running smoothly. We also look forward to having two brand new house captains for each of our four houses, who all hope to be lifting high the house point trophy in Good News Assembly during the coming weeks.

I would like to invite you all to join us in school on the evening of Thursday 9th October. You are all welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of our PTA at 6.00pm, followed by a chance to have a look around the school. This will be your chance to meet staff, governors and other parents and to see some of the changes and resources financed by the PTA this year. I am hoping that our newly-appointed prefects will also be here to show you around and answer any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing many of you then!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Welcome!

A warm welcome to our new lunchtime supervisor, Ms Jess Cornwall, who joined us last week.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning in the school hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September. You are very welcome to come and meet for a chat and a cup of coffee and piece of cake. Children can be taken from their classes to sit with their parents during the following times:-

Miss Wellings' and Mrs Gooch's classes: 9.00 – 9.30
Mrs Richards' and Miss Scrivens' classes: 9.30 – 10.00
Mrs Gibbs' and Mrs Buck's classes: 10.00 – 10.30

The children whose parents cannot attend will go into the hall with their teacher after 10.30 for a drink and cake. Please could children bring some money to spend. A drink and cake will cost 50p. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated. **Thank you for your support with this.**

Dates for your diary...

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

September: Value - Perseverance

Thursday 25th: Years 1, 2 and 3 visit to the Courtyard

Friday 26th: Macmillan coffee morning: 9.00 – 11.00 am

Monday 29th: Governors' meeting 6.15 pm in school

October 2014: Value - Perseverance

Thursday 9th: PTA AGM and school open evening, 6.00pm

Sunday 19th: Church harvest festival service, 11.00 am

Wednesday 22nd: M&M Productions present 'The Jungle Book' in school

Friday 24th: School harvest festival service, 10.30 am, followed by harvest lunch in school

November 2014: Value - Love

Monday 10th: Tempest photography in school for individual and sibling photographs

Friday 14th: 'Children in Need' fundraising day – more details nearer the time

Monday 17th: Governors' meeting in school, 6.15 pm

Thursday 20th: Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Thursday 27th: Parents' evening, 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Saturday 29th: Photographer in school to take family photographs

December 2014: Value - Love

Tuesday 9th: KS1 Christmas production starring Years R, 1 and 2: 2.00 pm

Wednesday 10th: KS1 Christmas production starring Years R, 1 and 2: 6.00 pm

Thursday 11th: 'Wear what you like' day

Friday 12th: Christmas fayre, 3.00 – 6.00 pm

Tuesday 16th: KS1 trip to see 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' at the Courtyard

KS2 trip to see 'Horrible Christmas' at Birmingham Old Rep

Wednesday 17th: Christmas parties

Thursday 18th: School Christmas carol service in church, 2.00 pm

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School Office open from 8:30am, call: 01432 860474 | Headteacher: Mr T Milne

Family Photographs

Sandra Williams the photographer is coming to school on Sat Nov 29th to take family portraits. These can be siblings, mums, dads, grandparents or whatever you fancy. What a lovely Christmas present! Please contact Jackie Bell at Playgroup to book your portrait slot on 01432 860871.

Change to Dinners Booking

Please note that the new deadline is now Monday for the following week rather than Thursday.

Top Tip – take a photo of your booking form with your phone



Nut-Free School

A reminder that, in line with NHS advice, St. Mary's continues to be a "Nut Free" school. This means that no nuts or nut products should be brought into school for snacks or lunches. This

includes any items containing sesame seeds and products such as hummus. We ask for your co-operation, as any contact with nuts or even someone who has eaten those products would have life threatening consequences for some of the children in our school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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.*



Phoebe the Chicken

Phoebe was found in the school car park during the holidays and was looked after and named by the Bell family. She has now settled into life in Miss Hickey's pen. We are pleased to report that she has put some weight on (thanks to a diet of scraps from Sally's kitchen) and that her feathers have grown back.

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 2014/2015

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Autumn Term 2014

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

Summer Term 2015

Term starts Monday 13 April

Half term Monday 25-29 May

Term ends Friday 17 July

Autumn Term 2015

Term starts Monday 7 September

Half term Monday 26-30 October

Term ends Friday 18 December



Head lice

Please note head lice have made a return to school. Please regularly check your child's head to ensure they are free of

eggs and lice. Wet combing regularly is a good way to check.

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