



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 October - Perseverance

As term continues to speed along, we look forward to discussing with the children the importance of the harvest season and preparing for our celebrations. I am delighted that some of our children will be taking part in the Sunday harvest service in St. Mary's Church on 19th October. We would also like to warmly invite you to our school harvest service, which will take place on Friday 24th October at 10.30 am, followed by our harvest lunch in school. See below for details.

A reminder also that you are all warmly invited to join us next Thursday evening for the Annual General Meeting of our PTA at 6.00pm; please do attend this if you possibly can. We will be electing the committee for the next year and discussing how the PTA can continue to work closely with the school. Come along and have your say! After the meeting there will be a chance to have a look around the school, when staff, governors and prefects will be available to answer your questions and show you some of our new resources. Refreshments will also be available. I look forward to seeing you then!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning last Friday. Thanks also to the PTA members and helpers who helped out on the day and to everyone who brought in cakes. It was lovely to see so many of you there. We raised a wonderful total of £351.97 for the charity. **Thank you for your support with this.**

Harvest Service and Lunch



After our harvest service on Friday 24th October you are invited to share a harvest lunch with your children in school. The kitchen will be providing a lunch of soup, bread and fruit crumble in return for a donation towards our harvest charity. A letter explaining this will be sent out next week.

Dates for your diary...

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

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 - 'superhero' dressing up day.

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

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December
Christmas dinner in school

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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PTA AGM

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of our PTA will take place on Thursday 9th October at 6.00 pm in the school hall. We will be appointing a committee consisting of chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please see Jenn Hurds or Mr Milne before the meeting. Please do make time to attend the meeting; the PTA is a very important part of our school and we always need willing volunteers! Stay on afterwards to chat to other parents, staff and governors and see some of the resources the PTA have recently provided for the school.

Governors

Following the first meeting this academic year of the Governing Body, we are pleased to announce that the new Chair of Governors will be Peter Daines. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Jaine Yule for her hard work and commitment to the school as Chair over the past few years.

News from the Classes

Year R have been reading their favourite stories and using the stories of 'Elmer' and 'The Rainbow Fish' to talk about morals.

Year 1 have been studying animals and have looked at the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Year 2 have been looking at the work of the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and making pictures out of real fruit. They have also been watching their plant investigation grow.

The author/illustrator Alexis Deacon visited **Years 3/4** earlier in the week and led a really exciting illustration workshop, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

In their Ancient Egypt topic **Years 4/5** have been learning about pharaohs and now know exactly what to do if they find one in their bath!!

Year 6 have been making and tasting tortillas while learning about the Mayan civilisation.

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.



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.

Change to Dinners Booking

A reminder 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

IMPORTANT

School Dinners – Please make sure that payments for school dinners are handed in 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.

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

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

Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Peter Daines - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
Sian Nunn - Parent Governor