



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 this half term - Love

I hope you had a lovely half-term break last week.

As the weather gets colder, we look forward to a busy and exciting few weeks in the lead-up to Christmas. There are lots of events and activities planned so make sure you keep an eye on our website and letters to keep up-to-date with everything that's happening!

Our new value for this half-term is 'love'. Please have a chat with your children about this value.

We will be talking about love in our assemblies and teaching it through lessons. It is obviously a very important Christian value when discussing the true meaning of Christmas later this term.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evenings later this month.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to everyone who attended our harvest service and lunch before half-term. The collections raised a total of £56.91 for St. Mary's Church and £353 for Concern Universal. A huge thank you also to Sally and her team in the kitchen for working so hard to provide such a lovely harvest lunch. Many thanks also to those children and parents who attended the Sunday harvest service in church; your singing was very much appreciated by the congregation, and it was lovely to be part of the service.



Operation Christmas Child

On Monday a representative from Operation Christmas Child came to our assembly to talk to the children about this year's shoebox appeal. Your child brought home a leaflet on Monday detailing the scheme. Please make up a shoebox

with your child if you possibly can; our shoeboxes this year will be going to Belarus. It would be lovely to send a good number of boxes from us all here at St. Mary's! Please bring your completed shoebox to school by Monday 17th November at the very latest. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Dates for your diary...

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

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

Friday 28th: School Council disco KS1 5.00-6.00 pm
KS2 6.15-7.45pm

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

School Council Disco Friday 28th November

The School Council are organising a disco to be held in the school hall on Friday 28th November.

Key Stage 1: 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Key Stage 2 children: 6.15 - 7.45 pm

Keep the date free! More details will be released next week!

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School Photographs

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 10th November to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like a photograph of your children with younger siblings who do not attend Playgroup, please be here at 8.30 a.m. If your child attends Playgroup and you would like them to be photographed with an older school sibling, please let the school office know by Monday morning. Thank you.

Family Photographs

A reminder that Sandra Williams the photographer is coming to school on Saturday 29th November to take family portraits. These can be siblings, mums, dads, grandparents or whatever you fancy. What a lovely Christmas present! There are a few portrait slots left;

Please contact Jackie Bell at Playgroup to book on 01432 860871.

School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for making St. Mary's School a special place.
All our individual hearts are friends and beat together as one.

Thank you for our fruit and vegetables,

And for our teachers who help us.

Thank you for giving us hope.

Help us to be kind and caring and respect everyone around us.

Help us to be tolerant and to understand that

everyone is different and unique.

Let friendship run through all the classes;

And help us to persevere through the challenges of life.

We pray for the well-being of the staff and pupils of our school

And also for all the people who are less fortunate than us.

We pray for our families and friends.

Help us to appreciate the wonderful place that we live in,

And to cherish our school.

Let us be peaceful, to love and to learn.

Amen

CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER



A reminder that this year we are asking everyone to come to school dressed as a superhero, in return for a donation to the charity. We are looking forward to seeing some fabulous costumes! The School Council will also be organising a cake sale for the charity; donations of cakes would be most welcome.

Parents are invited to come to our cake sale from 2.00 pm, followed by **Good News Assembly at the earlier time of 2.30 pm.**

Money

Please note that change can no longer be given at the reception counter; it would be greatly appreciated if you could use the correct money when paying via your child's bag. Please do not write cheques for less than £4.40. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dinner Money

*Please keep dinners payments separate to other payments. Playgroup children and visitors please send separate payments for dinners. Thank you. 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.***

Parents Evening

Thursday 20th November 3.30 – 6.00 and

Thursday 27th November 5.00 – 7.00pm.

Please see letter and appointment booking slip sent out today.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and poppy wristbands are now available in school. Our Year 6 children will be bringing them round the classrooms every afternoon.

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

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