



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

This half-term we have been exploring the value of 'love'. Many thanks to the children in Mrs Gibbs' class who have been telling us what love means to them:

Love is when my parents kiss me goodnight.

Love is my cat curling up on my lap and keeping me warm and happy.

Love is caring for your family and friends.

Love is Jesus sacrificing his life for us.

Love is when people show respect and care for you.

Love is when my sister holds my hand.

We are looking forward to a busy few weeks between now and the end of term. Please continue to keep an eye on our website and letters so as not to miss out on any of our activities!

Best wishes,

Mr Milne



Operation Christmas Child

A huge thanks to everyone who filled a shoebox to send to Belarus for the Christmas appeal. We were able to send off a total of 52 shoeboxes at the beginning of the week.

Thank you for your support with this.

CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER



Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Children in Need appeal last Friday. It was great to see so many superheroes in school for the day!

Many thanks also to the School Council for organising the cake sale and to everyone who donated and bought cakes.

We raised a grand total of £411.51.

Dates for your diary...

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

November 2014: Value - Love

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 DISCO

A reminder that the School Council disco will take place in the school hall on Friday 28th November.

Key Stage 1: 5.00 – 6.00 pm

Key Stage 2: 6.15 – 7.45 pm

Tickets are now available by completing the booking form.

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Photograph Consent

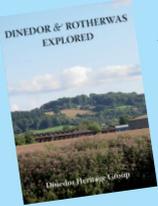
As you may have noticed, we are in the process of updating our website with new stories and photographs. In order to place photographs of children on the site, we need your permission to do so. We have today issued an updated permission form to use photos of your children on our school site; the children's names will not normally be used to accompany the photos. Please complete the form by Friday 28th November and return it to school.

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.

"Dinedor & Rotherwas Explored"



A new book has been written detailing the history of the Dinedor and Rotherwas areas of Hereford. We have a complimentary copy in the school office if you would like to have a look. To order a copy please phone Barbara Ferris on 01432 870696.

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.

Labelling of uniform

Please ensure all of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled. There is an increasing amount of unlabelled uniform.

Collecting Children from Clubs

Please remember to collect your children from the back school gate after clubs, rather than from the front door. Children attending after-school club should still be collected from the hall doors by the kitchen. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



A REMINDER OF OUR CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

- Christmas dinner: Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December** – menu and booking form sent out earlier this week
- Key Stage 1 production 'Born in a Barn' – Tuesday 9th December at 2.00 pm and Wednesday 10th December at 6.00 pm.** Order forms for tickets will be sent out next week.
- 'Wear what you like' day – Thursday 11th December**
- Christmas Fayre – Friday 12th December 3.00 – 6.00 pm.** Come and join us for a fun afternoon of festive activities!
- Theatre visits – Tuesday 16th December.** KS1 children will be attending a performance of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' at the Courtyard in Hereford. **KS2 children will be attending a performance of 'Horrible Christmas' at the Old Rep in Birmingham.** A letter explaining the details will be sent out next week.
- Christmas parties – Wednesday 17th December.** This year Sally in the kitchen has offered to provide a hot buffet lunch of pizza, chicken goujons, sausage rolls etc. for all the children and staff. There will be no alternative cooked meal on this day. We are not charging for the buffet but would appreciate voluntary contributions towards the cost. Children may wear party clothes all day.
- School Christmas carol service – Thursday 18th December 2.00 pm** in church. Everyone welcome!
- Church Christmas carol service – Sunday 21st December 6.00 pm** in church. We hope that a group of singers from school will be performing some Christmas songs. More details soon.
- 'Christmingle' in the village – Monday 22nd December** in the evening. The Children (and parents) will be invited to join in processing to the New Inn to sing carols under the Christmas tree. Before then, the children will be busy making lanterns to lighten their way to the New Inn car park. More details in the next Newsletter and in The Flag.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year's donations towards the poppy appeal raised a total of £80.64 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you.

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
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