



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 - Trust

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

We are looking forward to another busy term! Please look out for letters from class teachers over the next few days detailing the various topics to be taught in the classes this term and how you can support your child.

We are busy setting dates for the next few weeks so watch the next newsletter on 23rd January for a full list of dates for this term!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Dates for your diary...

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

Clubs

A reminder that after-school clubs start next week. You should by now have received confirmation of which clubs your children will be attending. Please remember to collect your children from the playground gate rather than the school front door. Thank you.

SCHOOL DISCO

We are delighted that the disco last November raised a grand total of £300. This has been divided equally between the school and Phoenix Bereavement Support Services.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to two new pupils who have just started with us: Lleyton in Year 1 and Maggie in Year R. We welcome you and your families to St. Mary's and hope you will be very happy here with us.

Family photographs

Many thanks to Jackie Bell for arranging the family photograph session in November. £107 was raised for PTA funds from Sandra Williams Photography.

Jam - Many thanks to the Playgroup who raised £32 for school funds by selling jam at the end of last term.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club runs from 8 am.
No need to book breakfast, just turn up!

Parking

It has come to our attention that some people are parking dangerously at school opening and closing time, causing access problems in Court Orchard. Some residents are struggling to get in and out of their driveways due to cars obstructing their access. Also, buses have to pass by the school and sometimes struggle to do this when cars are parked on both sides of the road. Please park safely, considering the access needs of local residents and bus routes; parking on the main road and walking up to school can alleviate congestion around the front of the school. Please do not use the staff car park for dropping off/collecting children (other than for breakfast/after school clubs). Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to the PTA for their hard work in arranging the Christmas Fayre last month. The event was a great success and raised a brilliant total of £1243.17. Huge thanks to the sponsors and everyone who supported the fayre.

Swimming Arrangements

A reminder that Mrs Gooch's class and Miss Scrivens' class will be swimming this term. Swimming lessons take place every Wednesday at Ledbury Pool and are a compulsory part of the National curriculum. We request a donation of £1.75 per child per session to cover transport costs.



Match

Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Match Girl*

A new family show, suitable for children aged 2 – 6, their friends and families

Fownhope New Memorial Hall: Saturday 17th January 3:00 pm

Tickets available from Fownhope West End Stores, Post Office and The Outback, Church Street, Hereford. Box Office: 01432 860221 www.artsalive.co.uk

Piano Lessons

We are hoping to arrange individual piano lessons in school this term. We have provisionally booked a qualified music teacher, Anna Jones, who can teach children up to Grade 5 standard. Lessons will cost £10 for 30 minutes and will be taught weekly. If you would like to sign your child up for lessons, please see the school office by the end of next week.

SATs Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting for all Year 6 parents detailing the forthcoming SAT tests on Thursday 22nd January at 3.30 pm in the Jubilee Room.



Roald Dahl Performance

All children in Years 4 and 5 will be performing a version of 'Fantastic Mr Fox' at the Courtyard in Hereford as part of the annual Roald Dahl project on the evening of Monday 26th January. The children will also be watching three other schools performing their plays. Tickets cost £5 per person and will be available from next Monday. A letter explaining the full details will be issued within the next few days.

School Closure

So far this winter we have been lucky with the weather, but just in case of the school having to close due to bad weather, here is a reminder of the system. In the event of closure, an announcement will appear on the website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures in the morning, as early as we can make a decision. The message will also be broadcast on BBC Hereford and Worcester Radio and posted through Twitter on our school website. You will also receive a SchoolComs text message on your mobile phone. Obviously we plan to keep closure to a minimum but may have to take the decision to close during severe weather conditions in the interests of everyone's safety.

Time for Sugar Swaps



How about swapping some of your usual foods for those with less sugar?

Please see the attached leaflet from Change4Life.

Competition – To the Moon and Back!

The University of Worcester is launching a new challenge to travel the distance to the Moon and Back during March - July 2015. They have launched a competition for primary school children across the region to design a rocket. The closing date is 9am on Friday 23rd January 2015. We are happy to collect the entries and send them to the university but entries must be in school no later than Wednesday 21st January. More details are available at: www.worcester.ac.uk/discover/moon-mission.html.

Term dates 2015

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Spring Term 2015

Term starts	Tuesday 6th January
Half term	Monday 16th – 20th February
Term ends	Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2015

Term starts	Monday 13th April
Half term	Monday 25-29th May
Term ends	Friday 17th July

Autumn Term 2015

Term starts	Monday 7th September
Half term	Monday 26-30th October
Term ends	Friday 18th December

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