



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

This half-term we are exploring the value of trust through collective worship and class lessons. Many thanks to the children in Miss Scrivens' class who have been telling us what trust means to them.

You trust doctors to make you better when you are ill.

I trust my friends to help me if I fall over.

If you're blind you trust a guide dog to lead you to the right place.

You trust people to look after your belongings when they borrow them.

You trust someone when they say they will keep a promise.

Have a chat with your child about what trust means to them. We have had some very interesting discussions in school!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Christmas Jumper Day

Many thanks to all who wore a Christmas jumper on Friday 12th December. We raised a total of £70.70 for Save the Children.

Phoenix Bereavement

Phoenix Bereavement Support Services would like to thank St Mary's Fownhope School Council for their incredible school disco raising £150! This money will help provide fun activities for children to experience while learning valuable new skills. Phoenix is a local Herefordshire charity providing one to one, group and therapeutic social support to children, young people and families when someone close to them dies. If you would like to learn more about Phoenix or for advice or a referral, please contact our office at 01432 264555.

Dates for your diary...

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

January 2015: Value - Trust

Monday 26th - Year 4 and 5 children performing 'Fantastic Mr Fox' at the Courtyard, evening

February 2015: Value - Trust/Peace

Monday 2nd - Governors' meeting 6.15 pm

Thursday 5th - M & M Productions present 'Dick Whittington' in school, p.m.

March 2015: Value - Peace

Tuesday 3rd - Playgroup meeting 2pm

Thursday 5th - World Book Day: come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

Thursday 12th - Parents' evening 5.00 - 7.00 pm

Friday 13th - Red Nose Day: fundraising event in aid of Comic Relief - more details to follow...

Monday 16th - Governors' meeting 6.15pm

Tuesday 17th - Parents' evening 3.30 - 6.00 pm

Tuesday 17th - Singing Strategy at John Masfield High School for children in Years 5 and 6

Friday 20th - PTA spring fundraising activity - more details to follow....

Friday 27th - Easter service in church, 2 pm



Piano lessons

We have had a good response to these. Lessons will be starting within the next couple of weeks and will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in school. If your child has signed up for lessons, you will soon receive a letter detailing their lesson time.

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Dick Whittington

On Thursday 5th February, M and M Productions will be visiting school to perform their version of 'Dick Whittington'. We all thoroughly enjoyed their performance of 'The Jungle Book' last autumn and are looking forward to another enjoyable afternoon. We are asking please for a contribution of

£3.00 per child to help towards the cost of hiring the production. Please put this in a named envelope in your child's bag - thank you.

News from the Classes

Reception children have been reading and acting out different fairy tales. They have been extremely busy collaging different characters including the Giant, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Year 1 children have been naming the individual parts to vehicles and have been sorting items into wood, metal, fabric etc.

Year 2 have been exploring the features of homes and looking at the materials used to build them; they have been enjoying comparing homes around the world.

This term **Miss Scrivens'** class have been starting to learn all about the different regions of France in Geography lessons.

This week the children in **Years 4 and 5** have been busy rehearsing their performance for The Roald Dahl Sharing Day at the Courtyard on Monday 26th January. The performance is based on Fantastic Mr Fox and includes Judge Foxy, The Great Fox Bake Off, I'm a Fox Get Me Out of Here, You've Been Foxed, Foxes Have Got Talent, Fox V Food and Foxes' Den!

Year 6 are looking at the fascinating history of the city of Hereford and have been investigating Hereford Castle and castles of that period.



Roald Dahl Performance

A reminder that 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 next Monday evening. The children will also be watching three other schools performing their plays. Tickets cost £5 per person and are available from the Courtyard Box Office.

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 SchoolComms 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.

Goodbye

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Zoe Welsh who has been working in the school kitchen. We would like to thank her and wish her well for the future.

PTA Lottery

Your child has today been given a leaflet detailing our PTA lottery scheme. Pay £1 per month to be entered into a termly draw with prizes of £100, £50 and £10. Pay £5 per month to be entered into the termly draw and an annual draw for a Christmas hamper. The money raised by this lottery helps to subsidise school trips and transport to various events so is greatly valued in providing extra experiences for the children. Please sign up today if you can!

Lateness

Please note that the school day starts at 8.50 am and children are expected to be in their classroom by that time. Children arriving late have an unsettled start to the day and can cause disruption to the rest of the class who have begun their day's learning.

Term dates 2015

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Spring Term 2015

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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Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Peter Daines - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
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