



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 - Peace

Children in Mrs Richards' class have been talking about what 'peace' means to them. They wrote that they feel peaceful when...

- playing on the beach with soft sand under my feet
- taking my dog for a walk
- feeling the breeze gently blowing on my face
- listening to my favourite song in my bedroom
- I am in bed and can't hear anything.

Many thanks to the children for some lovely work. To see more of the children's thoughts and ideas about peace, have a look at the values display in the main corridor.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne



Bag2school

The next two collections will be on Wednesday 25th March and Friday 3rd July. You will now have received a bag for your old clothes, bags, shoes, hats and jewellery. Please fill your bag and bring it to school before 9.30 on one of these dates. Thank you.

Play Leaders

Do you have any spare time at lunchtimes? We are looking for parent volunteers to come and organise some fun playground games at lunchtime. If you are interested, please see Mr. Milne or Mrs. Gibbs.

WORLD
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DAY**
5 MARCH 2015

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We very much enjoyed a whole week of books, stories and poems last week. A big thank you to everyone who came in to read either to individual classes or to the whole school in one of our assemblies. Thanks also to everyone who supported

World Book Day itself; we really enjoyed the fantastic costumes! Please see our website for some photographs from the day.

Dates for your diary...

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

March 2015: Value - Peace

Monday 16th - Governors' meeting 6.15pm

Tuesday 17th - Parents' evening 3.30 - 6.00 pm

Tuesday 17th - Singing Strategy at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Fownhope

Friday 20th - PTA School Disco - Playgroup and years R-2 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm; Years 3-6 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Friday 27th - Easter service in church, 2 pm



Red Nose Day

Friday 13th March

Thanks to everyone who has donated to Comic Relief today. Thanks also to the School Council for organising some great fundraising activities. We have had a lovely day! Keep an eye on our website for an announcement of the total raised today!

PTA Spring Disco

The PTA will be running two discos on the evening of Friday 20th March.

Times are as follows:

5.00 - 6.00 pm for Playgroup and children in Years R - 2

6.15 - 7.15 pm for children in Years 3 - 6

See PTA flyer for more details!

Letters

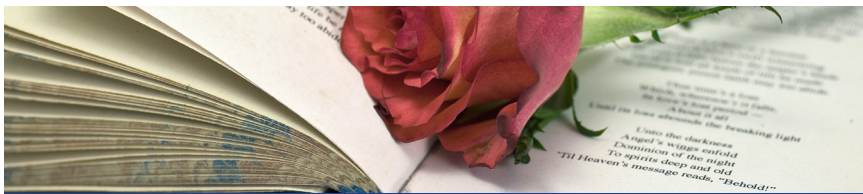
We are now posting all letters sent out to parents on our website. If you have mislaid a letter you will find it on our website under 'What You Need To Know'.

Drama Club

Please note there will be no drama club next Wednesday 18th March due to the Y2/ Y6 trip to Hereford.

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Poetry Festival

Good luck to Kathryn Carter, Joseph Harwood, Jack Williams, Jacob Wornham-Jones and Jasmine Chadd who will all be taking part in the Herefordshire Poetry Festival next week.

There will be no singing club on Tuesday 17th March due to parents' evening.

LATENESS

There are still a number of children arriving late in school. This causes disruption to the beginning of the school day to teachers and other children and can cause embarrassment to the children who are late themselves. Please ensure that your children arrive in school by 8.45 a.m. to enable them to be in the classroom for registration at 8.50 a.m.

Sing Spring in

All children in Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in the 'Sing Spring In' event next Tuesday. Please note that the event is now taking place here at St. Mary's. Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to a performance of a selection of songs at 2 pm in the hall.

News From The Classes

Year R children really enjoyed their Chinese New Year celebrations, tasting different foods and making Chinese crafts. They have also been learning about different animals and their habitats.

Children in **Mrs Gooch's Class** have been learning about the sun and how shadows are made. They have been painting some of Van Gogh's works.

Children in Year 2 have been learning about how homes have changed over chronological time periods and have practised new skills to turn 2-D nets into 3-D rooms, complete with doors! They are looking forward to their trip to Hereford next week.

In Science, children in **Miss Scrivens' Class** have been conducting an enquiry using boiled eggs and different liquids as part of their work on tooth decay.

Children in **Mrs Gibbs' Class** have been authors, creating their own books for younger children based on 'Where The Wild Things Are', 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', 'The Gruffalo' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They really enjoyed reading them to Reception children

Year 6 children have been finding out interesting facts about each other, having written autobiographies. In maths they have been solving worded problems through teamwork, looking for important clues.

Parking

Some parents are still using the school car park for dropping off children at the beginning of the school day; this car park is for staff use only. Also please avoid parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the front of the school. This causes a danger to pedestrians and other road users. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Uniform

Please remember to name your child's clothing. There are a lot of unclaimed items left around school.

A reminder that children may wear school summer uniform after the Easter holidays.

The PTA will be selling second-hand school uniform after Good News Assembly every Friday in the main corridor.

Staff Vacancies

Cleaner – 10 hours per week - Lugwardine Primary Academy – contact 01432 850449

Road safety patrol officer – Mordiford Primary Academy – contact 01432 870258

Senior cook – 25 hours per week - St. Mary's Primary School Fownhope – contact 01432 860474

Term dates 2015

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Spring Term 2015

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

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