



# The School Bell



*“What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow”*

Ringling 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 - Respect

Well, here we are already two weeks into the summer term. The weather has been glorious for the first few days, so long may it last! We have another busy term ahead of us. For the next few weeks we will be working hard across the classes, preparing for our end-of-year assessments, then after half-term we look forward to plenty of fun activities and events. Please keep an eye on the 'Dates for Your Diary' section to ensure you keep informed of everything that's happening!

Our value for this half-term is Respect. We have been discussing this value in assemblies and in the classrooms. Have a chat with your child about what respect means to him/her.

Best wishes,  
Mr Milne

## Congratulations

Many congratulations to Mr Hewitt, who has just been awarded the status of Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

## Pembrokeshire Visit

There will be a meeting for all parents of children attending the Pembrokeshire residential visit on Tuesday 12th May at 3.30 in the Year 6 classroom. This meeting will provide you with an itinerary, kit lists and final details for the trip, so please attend if you possibly can. It will also be a chance to ask any questions you may have about the trip.

## Kitchen Staff

We are pleased to welcome **Mrs Stephanie Acott** as senior cook in our kitchen from next Monday. She joins the team of **Sally Holmes** as kitchen manager and **Susan Probert** as kitchen assistant. We hope she will be very happy here with us.

## Unaccompanied Children

There are currently some children who are walking/ riding to school unaccompanied by adults. If you are happy for your child to do this, please write a letter of permission and send it to the school office. Thank you.

## Sunday 21st June

We have been invited to take a group of children to participate in the family service in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 21st June. There will be a letter sent out in due course to gauge interest, but please keep the date free if you are interested in your child participating. It would be lovely to be able to have a sizeable group representing the school! Thanks very much.

## Dates for your diary...

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

**Value for the first half-term: Respect**  
**MAY**

**Monday 4th** - Bank Holiday

**Monday 11th** - Year 6 SAT tests all week

**Tuesday 12th** - meeting for parents of Year 5 and 6 children attending Pembrokeshire visit, 3:30 pm

**Wednesday 20th** - Some Year 6 children to 'It's A Knockout' in Hereford

**Friday 22nd** - School closes for half-term

**JUNE**

**Value for the second half-term: Forgiveness**

**Monday 1st** - School resumes after half-term

**Wednesday 3rd** - New parents' induction evening, 6:00 pm

**Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th** - Years 5/6 residential visit to Pembrokeshire

**Monday 15th** - Governing Body meeting, 6:15 pm

**Thursday 18th** - Year 6 leavers' service in Hereford Cathedral • Years R, 1 and 2 summer musical performance after school

**Sunday 21st** - Group of children from school to participate in family service in St. Mary's Church, 11 am

**Monday 22nd** - Teddy bears' tea party for next year's Reception children

**Tuesday 23rd** - Sports Day, afternoon preceded by a family picnic [reserve date Weds 24th June]

**Thursday 25th** - Year 6 visits to respective secondary schools

**Friday 26th** - 'Wear what you like' day in support of the summer fete

**Saturday 27th** - Summer fete/ It's A Knockout

**Tuesday 30th** - Years 4, 5 and 6 star in 'Pirates of the Curry Bean': 2:00 and 7:00 pm

**JULY**

**Wednesday 1st** - Years 4, 5 and 6 star in 'Pirates of the Curry Bean': 7:00 pm • Pre-School trip to Newbridge Farm Park

**Monday 6th** - Year 5 Modern Foreign Languages day at Bishop's Secondary School

**Friday 10th and Saturday 11th** - summer production at Bishop's Secondary School, 7:00 pm

**Monday 13th** - drop-in parents' evening, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

**Wednesday 15th** - Pre-School graduation, 6:00 pm

**Friday 17th** - Leavers' Service in Church: 2:00 pm. School closes for the summer holidays.

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## Teddy Bear Appeal



Do you have any unwanted teddy bears or soft toys? The Syria Relief and Development Organisation are collecting teddies and soft toys to help suffering children in Syria. Schools and churches across the region are working together to send as many teddies as possible to Northern Syria to be distributed to towns and cities across the country. There is a box in the school foyer for any spare bears and soft toys; they must be in good condition with no plastic bits or batteries please – just soft and cuddly! The box will be here until the half-term break. Thanks so much for your help with this.

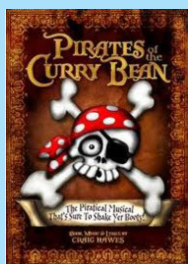
## Sun Cream



We have had many enquiries about the application of sun cream at lunchtime. Wherever possible, please apply sun cream (SPF 15 or above is recommended) to your child before school and provide a good sunhat for use at break and lunchtime. You can order a school

sun hat from the school office at a cost of £5. Children will be permitted to put on their own sun cream at the end of the morning on sunny days; this will be supervised by school staff. If possible, please apply a long-lasting sun cream in the morning to minimise the need to re-apply later in the day. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

## Pirates of the Curry Bean



Our summer production this year will be the swashbuckling musical comedy 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'.

The main parts will be played by our Year 6 children, with Year 5 and 4 children playing smaller roles and singing the songs. We are therefore asking that children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are available to come back to school on the evenings of Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July for the evening performances. If your child is unable to attend both these performances, please let us know as soon as possible before we go ahead with casting the roles. Thanks very much.



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that as a 'nut-free school', we ask that you do not send any food containing nuts

or sesame products (e.g. hummus, peanut butter, nutty cereal bars, bread with sesame seeds, etc.) into school as we have a child with severe allergic reactions to these products. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

## SAVE THE DATE! It's a knockout

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

More details will be sent home soon.

It's going to be another great IAKO filled with fun! We'll have classroom stalls, BBQ, ice cream, beverages, the IAKO course and NEW THIS YEAR....

The day will end with a St Mary's Got Talent Talent Show! Adult, child and young person entries all welcome!

Get your teams together, plan your talent show act and prepare to join us for a fantastic day on the St Mary's field!

## Lateness

Please ensure that your child is here in plenty of time to be in class by 8.50 a.m. Parents accompanying children who are late arriving in school will be asked for a reason and to sign the late book. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## Term dates 2015

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

### Summer Term 2015

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:

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