



# 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 - Responsibility

Welcome back to a brand new and exciting school year! I hope that you all enjoyed the summer holidays and that the children are suitably refreshed for the busy term ahead!

It has been lovely to see our new Reception children in school this week. They have settled in really well and we would like to give a warm welcome to **Theo, Tom, Freddie, Arabella, Lilly, Nye, Charlie, Finley, Harry, Patrick, Max, Emma, Rory, Noah, Adele, Evie, Corey, Sammy, Erin, Meg, Sidney, Maddie, William, Erin and Freddie.**

We would also like to welcome **Noah**, who joins us in Year 2, and **Alex and Isaac** who have joined Year 4. We welcome all of our new children and their families and hope that you will all be very happy here with us at St. Mary's.

We are also delighted to welcome **Mrs Lorna Best**, who joins us as a teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor. It is lovely to have her on board.

It is only two weeks until our first event of the year, a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 25th September. The event was a real success last year and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible here on the morning! Watch out for more details soon.

Here's to another busy school year.....

Best wishes,

Mr Milne



## Swimming

A reminder that this term the following classes will be swimming on a Monday afternoon at the newly-refurbished pool in Ross-on-Wye, starting next Monday:- Mrs Buck's Class, Mrs Gibbs' Class, Miss Scrivens' Class and Mrs Richards' Class. We will endeavour to get the children back to school as quickly as possible after their swimming session but please be aware that children in Mrs Buck's class and Miss Scrivens' class may be slightly late coming out of school on a Monday afternoon.

**Please do not park by the school gates at this time as this will restrict access for the swimming bus and delay the children further.**

## Dates for your diary...

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

### SEPTEMBER: Value - Responsibility

**Monday 21st** - Years 5 and 6 visit to the Courtyard

**Friday 25th** - Macmillan coffee morning: 9.00 – 11.00 am

**Monday 28th** - Governors' meeting 6.15 pm in school

### OCTOBER: Value - Responsibility

**Thursday 1st** - Phonics explanation meeting for new parents, 3.30 pm

**Thursday 8th** - PTA AGM and school open evening, 6.00 pm

**Sunday 18th** - Church harvest festival service, 11.00 am

**Tuesday 20th** - M & M Productions perform 'Alice in Wonderland' in school, afternoon

**Friday 23rd** - School harvest festival service in church, 10.30 am, followed by harvest lunch in school

### NOVEMBER: Value - Thankfulness

**Tuesday 3rd** - Tempest Photography in school to take individual and sibling photographs

**Wednesday 4th** - Open Day for all parents and prospective parents

**Wednesday 11th** - Parents' curriculum and assessment information evening, 6.30 pm

**Thursday 12th** - 'Into Film' festival

**Friday 13th** - 'Children in Need' fundraising day - more details nearer the time

**Saturday 14th** - Family photograph session in school

**Monday 16th** - Governors' meeting in school, 6.15 pm

**Thursday 19th** - Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6.00 pm

**Tuesday 24th** - Parents' evening, 5.00 – 7.00 pm

**Friday 27th** - School Council Disco, evening

### DECEMBER: Value - Thankfulness

**Friday 4th** - Carol service in Hereford Cathedral involving children from Years 3 – 6, 7.00 pm

**Monday 7th** - Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11.45 am and 12.30 pm

**Tuesday 8th** - KS1 Christmas production starring Years R, 1 and 2: 2.00 pm

**Wednesday 9th** - Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11.45 am and 12.30 pm

**Wednesday 9th** - KS1 Christmas production starring Years R, 1 and 2: 6.00 pm

**Thursday 10th** - 'Wear what you like' day

**Friday 11th** - Christmas Fayre, 3.00 – 6.00 pm

**Tuesday 15th** - **KS1** trip to see 'Peter Pan' at Malvern Theatres • **KS2** trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' at Birmingham Rep

**Thursday 17th** - Christmas parties and buffet lunch

**Friday 18th** - School Christmas carol service in church, 2.00 pm

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## Open Day

On Wednesday 4th November St. Mary's Primary School will be open to parents all day. This will be your chance to come into school for the day, watch your children learning and witness 'a day in the life' of the school! Keep the date free and look out for more details nearer the time.

## Parents' Work Day!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to help tidy up the school grounds last week. A massive thank you also to Jenn and Dave Hurds for doing extra jobs around the school in preparation for the new term. There are still some jobs to be done outside; watch this space for news of the next parents' work day!

## Parents' Information Evening

On Wednesday 11th November at 6.30 pm, we will be holding an information evening for parents to explain some of the requirements of the National Curriculum and how these are taught in school. We will also be explaining our new assessment system and how children's attainment and progress is measured, tracked and reported. It will also enable you to become more familiar with what your child is working towards and how you can support him/her at home. Please keep the evening free and attend if you possibly can.

## Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Many thanks to Mrs. Prosser and Vicki who ran the clubs last year. The breakfast and after-school clubs will now be run by Jackie Bell, Sally Holmes and Becs Wallis Sorbo.

Breakfast club runs from 8.00 am - 8.40 am (last breakfast served at 8.30) and is a drop-in session costing £2.50; a variety of breakfasts will be available during the week ranging from cereals to bacon rolls.

After school club runs from 3.15 pm - 5.15 pm at a cost of £3.50 per hour (or part hour) for the first child and £3.00 per hour for siblings. There are spaces for 20 children in total; booking is essential as places fill very quickly. **Please phone 01432 860871 to book a place for your child; all bookings to be made by 12 noon please.**

## Goodbye

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Mrs. Prosser who has worked here as a lunchtime supervisor for seven years. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to the school and wish her all the very best in her new job.

## Parent Helpers

Do you have any spare time? If so, we would love you to come and help out in school. We are in need of help in the following areas:- **hearing readers; gardening with the children; teaching library skills; improving our outside nature area.** If you have time to spare and you are able to help with any of the above, please contact the office or your child's class teacher. You may not necessarily be placed with your child's class.



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that as a 'nut-free school', we ask that you do not send any food containing nuts, sesame or chickpea products (e.g. hummus, peanut butter, nutty cereal bars, bread with sesame seeds, etc.) into school as we have children with severe allergic reactions to these products. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

## PTA

We have a very active Parent Teachers' Association. If you would like to become involved with this please contact the chairperson Jenn Hurds (mum of Molly in Year 3 and Emma in Year R) or the school office. The next meeting of the PTA will be at 6 pm on Thursday 8th October, followed by a chance to look around the school.

## Money and Forms

Please send correct money and forms in a named envelope to the office via your child's bag, rather than bringing money to the office. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## Good News Assembly

All parents are warmly invited to attend our Good News Assembly, held every Friday at 2.45 pm. One child from each year group will be chosen every week to receive the good news award; you will be notified by text on the Friday morning if your child is going to receive an award. We will also be presenting birthday certificates and awarding the weekly house point trophy. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Open the Book

We are hoping to launch the 'Open the Book' programme into our whole school collective worship. The scheme involves having a team of adults who bring Bible stories to life through readings and drama in a weekly assembly. We have a few adults interested in helping to deliver the scheme but still need a few more. If you would like to be involved please contact Mr. Milne or Reverend Chris Moore. See [www.openthebook.net](http://www.openthebook.net) for an overview of the programme.

## Sunday Stars - Would your child like to join the St. Mary's Church Sunday club?

It takes place in school on the first Sunday of every month at 11.00 am - 12.15 pm and is open to all primary school-aged children. Children participate in a range of craft and musical activities and sometimes join in with church services. If you are interested in your child joining the club, please contact Jackie Bell on 01432 860871.

## St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Peter Daines - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman  
Sara Watts and Jennifer Hurds - Parent Governors