



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

It has been lovely to see the good start all the children have made to the school year and how quickly our new children have become settled into the day-to-day routine of school life.

Congratulations to our Year 6 prefects on their appointment; they have already started doing their respective jobs reliably and we look forward to them helping staff to keep the school running smoothly.

Please join us on the evening of Thursday 8th October for our PTA Annual General Meeting followed by a chance to look around the school and talk to our prefects, staff, governors and other parents. We look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Huge thanks to everyone who supported our coffee morning this morning by making cakes, donating money or attending the event. Watch out for an announcement about how much money we made!

Phonics Information Evening

On Thursday 1st October at 3.30 pm, we will be holding an information evening for parents to explain how we teach phonics to children in school and how you can support this at home. The meeting will last for approximately one hour and will be held in the Reception classroom. After-school club is fully booked for the evening but the Pre-School staff have kindly offered to look after children while you attend the meeting. **Please phone Pre-School on 01432 860871 if you would like to take up this offer.**

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.

Dates for your diary...

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

SEPTEMBER: Value - Responsibility

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

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

Saturday 28th - Family photograph session in school

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

Sunday 20th - Church carol service, 6.00 pm

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School Office open from 8:30am, call: 01432 860474 | Headteacher: Mr T Milne

Clubs

Please collect children from the back gates after school clubs; children will be seen out to you by the adults running the club. When collecting children from after-school club please use the fire exit doors next to the kitchen, not the school front doors. Thank you.

Senior Cook Required

We have a vacancy in the kitchen for a senior cook, starting as soon as possible. 30 hours per week. Please contact the school office, Sally Holmes or Mr. Milne for details.

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.

Alice In Wonderland



On Tuesday 20th October, M and M Productions will once again be visiting school, this time to perform 'Alice in Wonderland'. We are asking please for a contribution of £4.00 per child to help towards the cost of hiring the production; please send this to the office in a named envelope in your child's bag. Year 6 children have been offered a theatrical backstage

workshop directly after the performance which will mean that they will not leave school until 3.45 pm. If that causes you a problem or you would prefer for your child not to participate, please let Mrs Buck or the school office know.

School Photographs

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 3rd November to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like a photograph of your children with younger siblings who do not attend Pre-School, please be here at 8.30 a.m. If your child attends Pre-School and you would like them to be photographed with an older school sibling, please let the school office know in advance. Thank you.

Family Photographs – Change of Date

Sandra Williams the photographer will now be coming to school on Saturday 28th November to take family portraits. These can be siblings, mums, dads, grandparents or whatever you fancy. What a lovely Christmas present! If you would like to book a portrait slot, please contact Jackie Bell at Pre-School on 01432 860871.



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.

Term dates 2015/2016

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Autumn Term 2015

Half term Monday 26-30th October

Term ends Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2016

Term starts Tuesday 5th January

Half term Monday 15-19th February

Term ends Thursday 24th March

Summer Term 2016

Term starts Monday 11th April

Half term Monday 30th May -3rd June

Term ends Wednesday 20th July

Autumn Term Dates 2016

Term starts Wednesday 7th September

Half term Monday 24th-28th October

Term ends Friday 16th December

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