



# 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,

### The Value for October is 'Caring for the environment'

Many thanks for your support at our recent Harvest Service. The service was full of important messages about how our support of others is part of our work as a school. Martin Dery from Concern Universal told us how CU helps 1.5 million people in the developing world. With our giant "H" and your generous donations at Church we raised £130 for CU's appeal.

Kind regards,  
Miss Taylor.



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to report that we raised £300 for this worthy charity! Thanks for the wonderful cakes and prizes donated and to Mrs. Green who coordinated the event and PTA for help with refreshments.

## New Chairman

A brief introduction to those of you who don't know me: an increasing number, as my children grow and progress through school! I've just become Chair of Governors and have been a parent governor for 3 years. I'd like to reiterate Allyson's thanks to **Dr Ian Williams**, who has done such a great job as chair in the last 3 years; I'm very glad to say that Ian will be remaining with us as a Governor.

Thanks also to outgoing vice chair **Mike Hearne**, who has left the governors and to last years' associate governors **Kay Maisey Smith** and **Graham Biggs**, all of whose hard work led to some great improvements in the school environment.

Allyson has already told you of the changes to the membership of the governors in the last newsletter, so I won't repeat her news. I'd just like to say that I'm very much looking forward to working with the new vice chair **Will Dereham**, the rest of the governors, teachers and parents in helping the school continue to shine. The next governor's meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st December and feedback from that will appear in a future newsletter.

**Jaine Yule**



## Staff News

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Wheadon's daughter. Staff have sent their best wishes to Caroline and the family at this difficult time. We hope that Caroline, one of our lunchtime staff, soon feels able to come back to school. Meanwhile, Mrs. Catherine Williams has agreed to help at lunch.

## School Council Profiles

We introduce our councillors **Lydia Jones, Fleur Presdee, Rosie Harris, Jake A Price, Jamie Stannard and Jamie Gillett**. In this issue **Jamie and Jamie** from Class 2 write their profiles.

**Jamie Stannard** – I am 7 years old. I like playing on my playstation. I have a dog and a parrot who I love lots. I have a baby brother called Bradley, a big brother called Matthew and a sister called Eleanor.

**Jamie Gillett** – I am 5 years old. I like to play with my pet gerbils and I especially like to play on my bike. I have a brother called Mattie and a sister called Lucy.

## Dates for your diary...

### Good News assembly -

Every Thursday 2:45pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome.

### October

13th - Parents' evening, 3:20pm-5:00pm

14th - Miss Taylor at Headteachers' meeting and Meeting with the Diocese • Bookfair 3:10pm-3:45pm – school hall

15th - Parents' evening, 4:00pm-6:00pm • Library van visiting school

17th - 24th Miss Taylor in Bangladesh

19th - Year R and 6 Height and Weight checks

22nd - National Schools film week - Film show in Memorial Hall • Class 1 & 2 Parents invited for Lunch.

23rd - Half Term

### November

9th - Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child Campaign to be brought into school

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## School Meals

We at St Mary's take pride in the lunches we serve, cooked from scratch here in our own kitchen. Those parents of children in reception class may not know that you are welcome to come and join your child for dinner in school.

## Invitation to lunch

We are pleased to invite parents or relatives of Class 1 and 2 children to come to lunch on **Thursday 22nd October** and enjoy a meal with us. Thursday is roast dinner day, always popular. There is always a vegetarian choice available too. If your child hasn't yet tried school lunches, this may be an ideal introduction.

**Please order your meal via the office by Wednesday 21st at the latest.**

Menus are always available from the school office; there is no requirement to book for the whole week; if your child would like lunch for one or more days any week, send your payment in an envelope to school on the Monday morning, specifying the day(s) required. Meals cost £1.95 per day and you can pay in cash or, if over £10, by cheque, payable to "Just Events Catering"

## New Lunch Menu

There will be a new menu coming out soon, with plenty of your old favourites and some new dishes too. We want to make sure that the food served is delicious as well as meeting the very high nutritional standards required of all school kitchens. The children are all being consulted about what they would like to see on the menu, and parents can also make suggestions. Herefordshire is justly renowned for its apples and our kitchen tries hard to reduce food miles and use local suppliers. What could be better than introducing a new pudding using apples? Trouble is, there are so many lovely apple puddings, it's hard to decide which one to make, so we're going to ask you. The choices being considered are:



Apple Crumble



Apple Pie



Eve's Pudding

### Which one gets your vote?

The most popular choice will be on the new menu, and as an added bonus, there will be a prize draw for which all replies will be eligible. There are a Tesco gift card, an All Saints café recipe book and a Café Green lunch voucher up for grabs so let us know your choice.

All replies to the school office by Friday 23rd October please.

**Mmmmm... vote now for your favourite!**

## Advance notice – December Performances

3rd December – Classes 1 and 2 attend a matinee performance of Sleeping Beauty at Cheltenham's Everyman theatre.

11th December – Classes 3 and 4 attend a matinee performance of A Christmas Carol at the Rep theatre, Birmingham.

15th December – School Nativity with Carols in St. Mary's Church.



## Car Park Safety & Security

We respectfully remind parents that the car park is for staff only and ask that children and parents use the lane entrance to avoid any possible accidents. School buses require access at the start and end of school.

We respectfully request that parents do not enter classrooms before school. Any messages for staff should be made via Reception.



## Parent Consultation evenings

These take place on  
**13th and 15th October.**  
Details and appointment  
times to follow.

## Reminder...swimming

Swimming continues on Fridays for Classes 2 and 3.

**Don't forget your kit!**

## Term dates 2009/2010

### Autumn Term 2009:

Term starts	7th Sept 2009
Half term	26th Oct – 30th Oct 2009
Term ends	18th Dec 2009

### Spring Term 2010:

Term starts	4th Jan 2010
Half term	15th – 19th Feb 2010
Term ends	1st April 2010

### Summer Term 2010:

Term starts	19th April 2010
May Day	3rd May 2010
Half term	31st May – 4th June 2010
Term ends	20th July 2010

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

Allyson Taylor – Headteacher | Jaine Yule – Chairman | William Dereham – Vice Chairman  
Sian Nunn – Parent Governor