



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

This half-term we have been exploring the value 'Responsibility'. Many thanks to our Year 6 children who have written what responsibility means to them: Responsibility is...

- looking after younger children
- handing in your homework on time
- being careful of what you say to others
- looking after the environment and the world
- not running in school
- doing your prefect job properly
- looking after your pets
- having a good attitude at school
- setting a good example
- organising yourself

Many thanks to the children for their thoughts. To see more of the children's work about responsibility, have a look at the values display in the main corridor.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 25th September. A fantastic total of £383.90 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. The raffle raised £74.50 for The Hereford Haven. Thank you all for your support with this.

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! It is also an opportunity for prospective parents to view the school. Pre-School will also be open to parents all day. Please look out for a letter next week which will explain the day in more detail and how you can participate. Also, if you can help to promote the event in any way, posters are now available from the school office. Thank you.

Goodbye

Today we said goodbye to our senior cook Stephanie Acott. We would like to thank her for her hard work here at St. Mary's and wish her every success in the future.

Dates for your diary...

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

OCTOBER: Value - Responsibility

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

Memorial Hall Steps

Please ensure that children do not play on the steps of the Memorial Hall or the railing at the top. It can be dangerous, and children have already been hurt there..

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Food Parcels for Refugees

One of our parents, Jade Evans-Scott, is collecting food parcels to be sent out to Calais to help support the refugees stuck there. There is a collection point in the school entrance hall, and the van will be going out with the food parcels in November. The following items would be much appreciated:- rice (500g/1kg bags), tomatoes (tins/cartons/passata/puree), tins of kidney beans and chickpeas, olive oil, small tins of fish, tea (black/peppermint/green), coffee (no glass), sugar/honey, spices (garam masala, cumin, chilli, salt, pepper, curry powder, turmeric, all spice, garlic powder), veg stock cubes, cereal bars, UHT milk, tinned vegetables. Please remember: no glass, no dried beans/pulses, no bulk foodstuffs, no diet/low calorie meals or ring pull opening tins please. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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. More information will be sent out soon.

Alice In Wonderland



A reminder that 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. It is also a possibility that ALL CHILDREN may be out of school a few minutes late on this day.

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.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

You are all welcome to attend our harvest festival service, to be held in St. Mary's Church on Friday 23rd October at 10.30 am. Children are invited to bring an item of food for the refugees' food parcels or a donation towards the British Red Cross Europe Refugee Crisis Appeal. You are also warmly invited to attend our harvest lunch at school after the service, details of which have been sent out in a separate letter.



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 AGM and Open Evening

A big thank you to everyone who attended last night's AGM; it was lovely to see all those who attended. A new committee was elected, details of which are being sent out in a separate letter from the PTA itself. Many thanks also to the prefects who did such a brilliant job of showing people around.

Reception Admissions 2016-2017

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012? If so, you will need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2016 to commence in September 2016. Applications can be completed online from 1st November 2015 at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions. Please note that even if your child already attends St. Mary's Pre-School, you must still apply for a school place. If you are unable to complete an application online, please contact the schools admissions team on 01432 260926/ 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

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