



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

Well, here we are at the end of a busy few weeks and looking forward to a week's break!

Many thanks to everyone who attended our harvest service and/or lunch today and for all donations of food and contributions to our harvest charity. A huge thank you to the kitchen staff for a delicious harvest lunch too!

We look forward to a busy few weeks in the lead-up to Christmas. Please join us for our open day and parents' information evening if you can. This will be your chance to see how the school operates and to understand how we teach and assess the National Curriculum. It would be lovely to see lots of you there!

Have a lovely half-term break, and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes,

Mr Milne

Poppies - Poppies, poppy wristbands and stickers are now available in school. Our prefects will be bringing them round the classrooms every afternoon from Monday 2nd November.



Children in Need - Friday 13th November

The School Council will be arranging special activities for the afternoon of Friday 13th November. We are also asking children to come to school dressed as their hero or 'what you would like to be when you grow up', in return for a donation to the charity.

The School Council will also be organising a cake sale for the charity; donations of cakes would be most welcome. Parents are invited to come to our cake sale from 2.00 pm, followed by Good News Assembly at the earlier time of 2.30 pm.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that after half-term we will return to our winter uniform until the end of the spring term. Please also ensure that your child has a coat in school for playtimes.

Pre-School Stay and Play

Stay and Play runs from Pre-School on the first Wednesday of each month 1.30-2.45. Come and join in the fun and see how we love to learn through our play. Mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents all welcome!

Dates for your diary...

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

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

School Council Disco Friday 27th November

The School Council are organising a disco to be held in the school hall on Friday 27th November.

Key Stage 1: 5.00 - 6.00 pm

Key Stage 2 children: 6.15 - 7.30 pm

Keep the date free!

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Food Parcels for Refugees

We are still 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 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. Pre-School staff will also be available. Please return the reply slip on the letter you have received this week by Friday 6th November so we know how many parents to expect on the evening.

Alice In Wonderland



We very much enjoyed M and M's production of 'Alice in Wonderland' in school earlier this week; it was a fantastic performance, as always! If you have not yet paid a contribution towards the performance, please send £4.00 in a named envelope to the school office via your child's bag. Thank you.

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.

Red, White and Blue Day – Friday 6th November



This year we will be participating in this national fundraising campaign. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue and to bring a donation to support the work of ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Air Force benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.



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.



Operation Christmas Child

We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child by asking your child to make up a shoebox full of small items as a Christmas present for a child abroad. Your child has been given a leaflet detailing the scheme. Please make up a shoebox with your child if you possibly can; it would be lovely to send a good number of boxes from us all here at St. Mary's! Please bring your completed shoebox to school by Monday 16th November at the very latest. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Fireworks and Bonfire Night Mordiford Primary School

Friday 6th November.

Gates open from 5.30 pm. Guy procession 6.15 pm. Bonfire lighting 6.30 pm. Fireworks 7 pm.

Music, barbecue and bar, glow sticks!

Advance tickets from school:

Family (2 adults, 2 children) £10, adult £5, child £2.

Tickets on the gate: Family £15, adult £6, child £3.

Under 3s free admission. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Parking in field above school subject to weather.

NO PARKING IN MOON INN. NO SPARKLERS.

Family Photographs

A reminder that Sandra Williams the photographer is 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! There are a few portrait slots left; please contact Jackie Bell at Pre-School to book on 01432 860871.

Term dates 2015/2016

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Autumn Term 2015

Term ends Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2016

Term starts Tuesday 5th January

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

Mr T Milne - Headteacher | Peter Daines - Chairman | William Dereham - Vice Chairman
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