



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 - Thankfulness

Firstly, many thanks to all those parents who attended our Open Day last week. The day was a great success, and we have had lots of positive feedback. Thanks also to all parents who came to our parents' information evening on Wednesday; we hope you found it useful in knowing how we are teaching your children and how you can support us and them.

Our new value for this half-term is 'thankfulness'. We have started talking about thankfulness in our assemblies and teaching it through lessons. Please have a chat with your children about this value. The children know that we have lots to be thankful for, especially when thinking of other children and adults around the world.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Many thanks for your support with this today. We have had a lovely day and look forward to announcing the total raised for Children in Need.

Clubs

Please ensure that if your child is signed up to attend an after-school club they should attend every session, unless they are away from school with illness. It is unfair on the people running the club if children only attend chosen sessions.

Parents' Evenings

These take place on Thursday 19th November and Tuesday 24th November (Monday 16th for Miss Welling's class). Appointments have now been allocated and your child should be bringing home your appointment time today.

End of the School Day

It is becoming increasingly difficult to ensure the safety of children at the end of the school day. As soon as you have collected your children, please take them outside the school gates so that staff know that they have been safely collected. Unfortunately we cannot allow them to run around on the playground after school. Please also avoid standing at the top of the playground steps or in the entrance to the playground. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for your diary...

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

NOVEMBER: Value - Thankfulness

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

Wednesday 16th - Year 6 carol singing at Brockhampton Court, 11.00 am

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

Mobile Phones Unfortunately, for safeguarding reasons, visitors to school are now requested to not use mobile phones for photos or other purposes on the school premises. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

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

Tickets will be available from the school office next week.

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

A Reminder of Our Christmas Activities

Pre-School Christmas trip to Madley Environmental Centre:
Friday 4th December morning.

Christmas dinner: Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th December - menu and booking form sent out earlier this week

Key Stage 1 production 'The Landlord's Cat' – Tuesday 8th December at 2.00 pm and Wednesday 9th December at 6.00 pm. Order forms for tickets will be sent out next week.

'Wear what you like' day – Thursday 10th December
The pre-school song performance and coffee afternoon - Thursday 10th December

Christmas Fayre – Friday 11th December 3.00 – 6.00 pm. Come and join us for a fun afternoon of festive activities!

Theatre visits – Tuesday 15th December. KS1 children will be attending a performance of 'Peter Pan' at Malvern Theatres. KS2 children will be attending a performance of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' at Birmingham Rep. A letter explaining the details will be sent out next week.

Pre-School Christmas Party: Tuesday 15th December in the afternoon.

Year 6 carol singing at Brockhampton Court: Wednesday 16th December at 11.00 am

Christmas parties – Thursday 17th December.

Once again Sally in the kitchen has offered to provide a hot buffet lunch of pizza, chicken goujons, sausage rolls etc. for all the children and staff. There will be no alternative cooked meal on this day. We are not charging for the buffet but would appreciate voluntary contributions towards the cost. **Children may wear party clothes all day.**

School Christmas carol service – Friday 18th December 2.00 pm in church. Everyone welcome!

Church Christmas carol service – Sunday 20th December 6.00 pm in church. A group of singers from school will be performing some Christmas songs. More details soon.

'Christmingle' in the village – Monday 21st December in the evening. More details soon.

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.



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 next Monday at the very latest. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Lateness

A reminder that school starts at 8.45 a.m. It can be disruptive for children and their peers when they arrive late in school. Letters will soon be sent out to the parents of children who regularly arrive late at school.

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

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



Red, White and Blue Day – Friday 6th November

Thank you very much for contributing to our red, white and blue day last Friday. We raised a total of £157.75 for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.

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