



# 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

This half-term we have been exploring the value 'Thankfulness'. Many thanks to the children in Mrs. Gibbs' class, who have written what thankfulness means to them.

*I am thankful that I am me because...*

- *I am kind, caring and I believe in myself.*
- *I am always doing as best as I can and I also have a good sense of humour.*
- *I have the courage to do anything and I try my best to be kind.*
- *I am artistic and love to draw.*
- *I have a great sense of sportsmanship and I am a great team player with a joyful side.*
- *I love the trees that help me breathe.*
- *I care for people when they are going through a rough time.*

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

Best wishes,  
Mr Milne

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss E. Morley and Miss T. Roberts, first year teaching students from the University of Worcester, who have been working with Mrs. Gibbs' Class on Mondays and Tuesdays. We also welcome Miss R. Seager and Mr. B. Willetts, second year teaching students also from the University of Worcester, who are working with Mrs. Buck's class for two weeks. It is lovely to have them all with us. We also welcome Liam into Year 5; he has joined us from another school. We hope that he and his family will be very happy here with us.



## Children in Need

Thank you very much for your support on Friday 13th November. A huge thank you to the School Council for running the cake sale. We raised a grand total of £431.

## Social Media and Internet Use

Unfortunately we have incidences of children using social networking sites inappropriately. Please discourage your children from using inappropriate sites and ensure that you know which sites they are visiting. We are in the process of rewriting our Social Media Policy, which we will invite you to read when it is finished. If in any doubt please refer to [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). Unfortunately we have heard of parents using the PTA Facebook page inappropriately; it is only to be used to promote PTA events. If you do have any concerns about any aspect of school life, please do come to us with your concerns rather than posting them online. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary...

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

### DECEMBER: Value – Thankfulness

**Friday 4th** - Carol service in Hereford Cathedral involving children from Years 3 – 6, 7.00 pm

**Saturday 5th** and **Sunday 6th**: St. Mary's Church Christmas tree festival: 10.30 am – 4.30 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

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**Friday 11th** - Christmas Fair, 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

**Monday 21st** - 'Christmingle' in the village, evening



## St. Mary's Church Fownhope Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 5th December 10.30 am – 4.30 pm**

**Sunday 6th December 10.30 am – 4.00 pm**

Entrance by donations to church funds. Come and see the three trees decorated by the children of St Mary's Primary School!

Come and see the festival at its best at the Preview Evening on Friday 4th December at 6.00 – 8.30 pm.

Tickets £15, children £5. Wine and cheese included. Organ recitals held during the festival. Celebrate the start of Advent at the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 6th at 6.00 pm.

For more information please contact Shirley Green on **860247**, Gina Children on **860255** or Julie Cohn on **860635**.

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## A Reminder of Our Christmas Activities

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

**Christmas dinner - Wednesday 9th December and Thursday 10th.**

**Key Stage 1 production 'The Landlord's Cat' - Tuesday 8th December**  
at 2.00 pm and **Wednesday 9th December** at 6.00 pm.

**'Wear what you like' day - Thursday 10th December**

**The pre-school song performance and coffee afternoon - Thursday 10th December**

**Christmas Fair - 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.

**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.

## School Council Disco

Many thanks to the School Council for organising the two discos this evening.

**Reminder:**

**Key Stage 1 children: 5.00 - 6.00 pm**

**Key Stage 2 children: 6.15 - 7.30 pm**

Please enter the hall via the main school front doors and collect children from the fire exit door next to the kitchen. Thank you.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you once again for your support with this. We had a large amount of shoeboxes collected at the beginning of the week, which will be a lovely surprise for a child abroad.

**Harvest** We are delighted that our harvest service and lunch raised £72 for St Mary's Church and £206 for the British Red Cross Europe Refugee Crisis Appeal. Thank you.

## Christmas Cards



Our Christmas post box will be in the main entrance hall from Monday 7th December. Post cards to your friends here! Our Year 6 children will be making daily deliveries to the classrooms.



## HEREFORD LIONS CLUB



### Christmas Sleigh

We hear that the Hereford Lions Christmas sleigh will be coming through Fownhope on Thursday 10th December at approximately 6.30 pm.  
For more details see <http://www.herefordlions.com/styled-2/sleigh.html>.



### Christmas Dinners

We have had to change the Christmas dinner sittings on Monday 7th December to Thursday 10th December due to a clash with swimming on the Monday. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## Police Colouring Competition

West Mercia Police have launched a competition for children to design a new uniform for their Safer Neighbourhood Team for their Hereford Rural North area. There are three age categories: 4-6, 7-8 and 9-11 years. Your child has been given an entry form this week to complete at home if he/she would like to participate. Entries need to be back in school by Monday 7th December.

## 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

## 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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