



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 - Co-operation

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. Personally I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind gifts and good wishes at the end of last term; they were very much appreciated.

Another busy term has begun and will fly by, no doubt! Please have a look at the diary dates enclosed and make a note of them. Please also look out for letters from the class teachers over the next few days detailing the topics to be taught in the classes this term and how you can support your child at home.

The value for this half-term is co-operation. We have started talking about the value in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about co-operation; there are lots of opportunities to show co-operation at home and in school!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Goodbye

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Romilly, Bea, Archie, Henry and Mia. We wish them every success at their new school.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Oliver into Year 2, who has moved to us from another school. We hope that he and his family will be happy with us here at St. Mary's.

Queen's Birthday Competition

Every parish church in England is being encouraged to organise a festival on the weekend of 10th – 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and her role as head of the Church of England. The Queen's birthday presents a great opportunity to ensure that Church schools and their links with parish churches are celebrated as part of the festival. To help promote this the Diocese of Hereford have asked if schools can create a logo to be used for all the publicity surrounding the national Church of England celebrations so are running a competition for Church of England schools to design a logo which will communicate the link between church, school and the birthday celebrations. We are inviting children to design a logo at home and bring it into school to be entered into the competition. Logo designs should fit an A4 page and on the back must be written the name of the school and the name and age of the child. Entries need to be in school by Friday 15th January at the latest.

Dates for your diary...

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

JANUARY: VALUE – CO-OPERATION

Thursday 28th - library van in school, afternoon

Friday 29th - M & M Productions present 'Aladdin' in school, p.m.

MARCH: VALUE - HOPE

Thursday 3rd - World Book Day: come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

Thursday 3rd - Parents' evening 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Friday 4th - Governors' staffing and finance meeting 9.00 am, curriculum meeting 3.30 pm

Tuesday 8th - Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Monday 14th - Governors' meeting 6.15 pm

Tuesday 15th - SATs information meeting for parents of Year 6 children, 3.20 pm

Friday 18th - Sport Relief: bring in loose change to make a giant 'S'!

Thursday 24th - Easter service in church, 2 pm

Sickness

Please note that if a child has been off school with diarrhoea and/or vomiting, he/she should not return to school until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped. For more information on recommendations on medical issues, please consult the Health Protection Agency on 08701 555455 or www.hpa.org.uk. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Swimming

A reminder that children in **Mrs Buck's class, Miss Scrivens' class, Mrs Gooch's class and Miss Welling's class** will all be swimming at the pool in Ross-on-Wye on a Monday afternoon in the spring term, starting next Monday. We will endeavour to get the children back to school as quickly as possible after their swimming session but please be aware that children in **Mrs Gooch's class and Miss Scrivens' class** may be slightly late coming out of school on a Monday afternoon.

Please do not park by the school gates at this time as this will restrict access for the swimming bus and delay the children further.

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Clubs

A reminder that after-school clubs start next week. You should by now have received confirmation of which clubs your children will be attending. Please remember to collect your children from the playground gate rather than the school front door. If your child usually goes to after school club and will be attending a club instead, please let Jackie know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Mobile Phones

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

Christmas Fair

Huge thanks to the PTA members for organising such a successful event last term. We are very pleased with the profit, which will be announced in a PTA newsletter to be sent out in the next few days.

School Closure

So far this winter we have been lucky with the weather, but just in case of the school having to close due to bad weather, here is a reminder of the system.

In the event of closure, an announcement will appear on the website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures in the morning, as early as we can make a decision. The message will also be broadcast on BBC Hereford and Worcester Radio. You will also receive a SchoolComs text message on your mobile phone. Obviously we plan to keep closure to a minimum but may have to take the decision to close during severe weather conditions in the interests of everyone's safety.



M and M Productions - Aladdin

On Friday 29th January, M and M Productions will be visiting school to perform their version of 'Aladdin'. We

always enjoy their performances and are looking forward to another enjoyable afternoon. We are asking please for a contribution of £4.00 per child to help towards the cost of hiring the production. Please put this in a named envelope in your child's bag - thank you. Please note that there will be no Good News Assembly on this day.

Church Carol Service

Many thanks to those children who participated in the carol service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 20th December. The children performed brilliantly and we had lots of complimentary comments from members of the congregation after the service.

Money and Forms

Please send correct money and forms in a named envelope to the office via your child's bag, rather than bringing money to the office. We are unable to give change over the counter. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SATs Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Year 6 parents detailing the forthcoming SAT tests on Tuesday 15th March at 3.20 pm in the Jubilee Room.

Termly Progress Reports

We have been looking at parents' feedback and have agreed upon a format for reporting children's end-of-term attainment. These are now being prepared for every child in the school and will be sent to you with an explanatory letter towards the end of the month.

Term dates 2016/17

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

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 2016

Term starts	Wednesday 7th September
Half term	Monday 24th-28th October
Term ends	Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2017

Term starts	Wednesday 4th January
Half term	Monday 13th - 17th February
Term ends	Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2017

Term starts	Monday 24th April
Half term	Monday 29th May - 2nd June
Term ends	Friday 21st July

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