



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

This half-term we have been exploring the value 'Co-operation'. Many thanks to the children in Miss Scrivens' class, who have produced a beautiful display in the main corridor about the story of 'The rainbow that nearly wasn't!' Do come and have a read!

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Welcome

We would like to welcome to our lunchtime team Mrs D. Watkins as our new kitchen assistant and Mrs B. Wallis Sorbo as a lunchtime supervisor. They began their roles at the beginning of the term.

Safeguarding

The school takes safeguarding children very seriously, and recently we have been undertaking training of all staff and helpers to ensure that our children are as safe as possible. The safeguarding officers for the school are Mr Milne and Mr Hewitt. Copies of our recently rewritten Safeguarding Policy are available upon request from the school office and can be read on our school website.

Competition – Design a Mascot

We are taking part in a competition to design and produce a mascot for the Herefordshire School Games. The winning design will be made up into a full wearable costume that will be used at the School Game events, and there will be prizes for the young people from Herefordshire primary schools who produce the top 3 designs!

The design competition is open to all Herefordshire primary schools, regardless of whether they have qualified for any of the School Games festivals. If your child would like to participate, an information sheet can be collected from Miss Welling, Mr Milne or the school office.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY.



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Sainsbury's will be issuing Active Kids vouchers from 27th January. Please collect them and send them in to school with your children.

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.

FEBRUARY: VALUE – CO-OPERATION/HOPE

Tuesday 9th - SATs information meeting for parents of Year 6 children, 3.20 pm

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

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 Please note that if your child is in school he/she should participate in the swimming lesson on a Monday afternoon.

Gardening and Wildlife Evening

Radio 2's Terry Walton and wildlife gardening expert Richard Fishbourne will be joining forces to present a fun and informative evening of anecdotes and gardening hints and tips about growing vegetables, gardening and wildlife.

Trinity Primary School,
Tuesday 24th May at 7.30 pm.

Tickets available from Peter Spitzmaul at Trinity Primary School at a cost of £5 per head.

Telephone: 01432 266268 or
email: finance2@trinity.hereford.sc.uk.

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

News from the Classes

Children in **Reception** have been looking at 'fairy tales'. They have been very excited discovering and planting magic beans left by Jack; they are looking forward to acting out other traditional stories.

Children in **Mrs Gooch's class** have been sorting different materials by looking at their properties, studying the seasons and making moving vehicles.

Year 2 children have started their 'homes' topic by discussing the purpose of a home and looking closely at their own homes.

Children in **Miss Scrivens' class** have been reading the adventure story 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne and doing lots of literacy work based on it. They are also studying 'mountains' in geography and have done some artwork based on Hokusai's prints of Mount Fuji.

Year 4/5 children in **Mrs Gibbs' class** have started finding out about volcanoes and how they are formed, enjoying doing some volcano artwork and gymnastics. They have also been learning computer programming using the program Scratch.

Year 6 children have been undertaking a local study on the city of Hereford and the world famous Mappa Mundi. They are looking forward to investigating our local rivers, including tackling a bridge challenge. They have also been discussing Internet safety issues.



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.

SATs Meeting

We have decided to bring forward the date for the SATs meeting to enable parents of Year 6 children to better support their children with their preparation. The meeting will now be held on Tuesday 9th February at 3.20 pm in the Jubilee Room.

Termly Progress Reports

You child will receive an individual report summary for the end of the autumn term at the end of next week. A letter explaining the new format will be sent out earlier in the week.



M and M Productions - Aladdin

A reminder that next Friday, 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 if you have not already done so. Please note that there will be no Good News Assembly on this day.

Breakfast/ After School Club

For safeguarding and fire reasons, we ask parents please not to go into classrooms when picking up their children from after-school club. If you need something from another part of the school, a member of after school club staff will be pleased to get it for you.

Outstanding Monies

Please send any outstanding monies for swimming or clubs to the office 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.

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