



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 - Hope

This half-term we have been exploring the value 'Hope'. Many thanks to our Year 2 children who have been writing what their hopes for the future are.

My hope is:-

- *that my family will be a healthy family.*
- *that I become better at swimming.*
- *to be a brilliant writer.*
- *to become a zoologist when I am older.*

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

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Questionnaires

Many thanks to those parents who took the time to complete the parents' questionnaire sent out before half-term. These have been collated and the results are being analysed by staff and governors in preparation for an action plan to be drawn up to address the major issues identified. After Easter we will be summarising the main issues and explaining how we plan to address these.

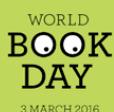
School Uniform A reminder that children may wear summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Please see our website for full details.



Sport Relief

Next Friday we will be raising money for Sport Relief. The School Council will be helping the children to make a giant 'S' out of coins, so please bring in your small change! Also, at 2 pm, weather permitting, all the children in the school and pre-school will be completing fun laps of the school field, where they will be travelling around the outside of the field using a variety of methods, e.g. running, skipping, dribbling a football etc. Parents are very welcome to come and watch this event. Please ensure that your child has his/ her P.E. kit in school on this day. **Please note that this event will replace Good News Assembly on this day.**

We are still selling wristbands in aid of Sport Relief, priced at £1 each. Children may wear these in school in the lead-up to the Sport Relief weekend on 18th - 20th March.



World Book Day

Thanks also to everyone who supported World Book Day last week; we really enjoyed the fantastic costumes! Please see our website for some photographs from the day.

Dates for your diary...

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

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Monday 14th - Governors' meeting 6.15 pm

Wednesday 16th - 'Sing Spring In' concert for Key Stage 1 children, Marlbrook School, 2.30 pm

Thursday 17th - 'Sing Spring In' concert for Key Stage 2 children, Aylestone College, 2.00 pm

Friday 18th - Sport Relief: bring in loose change to make a giant 'S'! Laps around the field, 2.00 pm

Thursday 24th - Easter service in church, 2 pm

Swimming Gala

Good luck to all the children who are representing the school in the Primary Schools' Swimming Gala on Saturday at Hereford Leisure Pool. We are looking forward to hearing all about it next week!



Many thanks to the PTA for organising the collection last week, and a huge thank you to everyone who brought bags of clothes. We collected 310kg worth of items, resulting in a profit of £124.

The next collection will be on Thursday 9th June.



Summer Menu

Please note that the new menu has been sent out today for the summer term. Please return your food order by Friday 18th March. Thank you.



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We are now collecting

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers; please put these in the box in the main corridor. Thank you.

Website

We would like to review the content of our website and keep it updated on a regular basis. We are looking for somebody who has good computer skills to come into school weekly on a voluntary basis for a couple of hours to update the site for us. If you would like to do this, please contact Mr Milne or the school office.

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News from the Classes

Pre-School We had a fun day celebrating World Book Day. We chose the 'Stick Man' book and made our own stick families. We have been learning some new songs and are enjoying watching our daffodils blooming that we planted in old wellies.

Reception We have been busy making our own books about our favourite animals. The children have shown their caring nature whilst playing in the vet's role play area.

Year 1 We enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. We have been learning about the capital cities in the United Kingdom. We are continuing to practise the songs for the Singing Strategy and in P.E. we have been learning a dance about the seasons.

Year 2 Some of Year 2 enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon learning to weave our new willow arch with Mr Fishbourne; the rest of the class will get a chance in due course. We have been comparing the properties of different materials, linked with houses and buildings and will have a chance to look at different styles of home.

Years 3/4 We have started our 'Ancient Greece' topic. We have learned about the toys they played with and the states of Athens and Sparta.

Years 4/5 We have been learning about the Greek myth "Pandora's Box". We have been acting out parts of the story and deciding which characters we have empathy with.

Year 6 This week we have been on a trip to Hereford Resource Centre, a remarkable opportunity for the children to have hands-on experience of investigating Herefordshire's past through its collection of archaeological objects. The children have walked the streets and trodden in Hereford's historic past.

Lateness

There are still a number of children arriving late in school. This causes disruption to the beginning of the school day to teachers and other children and can cause embarrassment to the children who are late themselves. Please ensure that your children arrive in school by 8.50 a.m. at the latest.



Computer Games

We have become aware that some children are playing inappropriately-aged computer games at home. We have been advised by medical professionals that some games made for older children and adults can have a serious detrimental effect on some younger children's emotional well-being. Please check the intended age recommendation of any games which your children may be playing at home. 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.

The Children's Society

Fundraising for The Children's Society

Hello everyone, my name is Sarah and once upon a time I was a pupil at St. Mary's School. I am now in my final year of studying at the University of Bath and I would like to ask for your help.



I am involved in a project which aims to raise over £60,000 for The Children's Society, a fantastic charity which works tirelessly to help children and young people all over the UK escape poverty, hunger, and abuse. I am extremely lucky in that I have been brought up in a loving family and have been able to attend such excellent schools as St. Mary's, but I know that not all children in this country are so fortunate.



Since November I have been completing fundraising events galore in order

to raise my personal target of £3,000. But this is not enough, which is where you come in. I am asking for any donation you would be willing to give, no matter how small, in order to help me reach my target for The Children's Society. Please take the time to have a look at their website for more information on what they do, along with my JustGiving page where you can see everything that I have been up to, and click donate.

You can rest assured that your money will be put to amazing use.

www.childrenssociety.org.uk
www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Hearne2

Term dates 2016/17

Please note the term dates in your diaries

Spring Term 2016

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

The next school Bell will be issued on Thursday 24th March.

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