



# 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 - Perseverance

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and enjoyed the glorious weather!

It has been lovely to see how quickly our new Reception children have settled into school life. We would like to give a warm welcome to Lilly, Grace, Cruz, Albie, Dexter, Beatrix, Brodie, Ozzy, Lucy, Isaac, Oliver, Jenson, Charlotte, Tom, Amelia, Charlie and Freya. We would also like to welcome Henry into Indigo Class and Joseph into Orange Class. We also welcome back Luke to join Yellow Class. We welcome all of our new children and their families and hope that you will all be very happy here with us at St. Mary's.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. K. Napper and Mr. N. Moon to our staff team. Mrs. Napper joins our breakfast club and pre-school staff, and Mr. Moon is our new part-time school business manager.

We also welcome Mrs. K. Jones to the kitchen as our new senior cook, after helping us out part-time last term. She will be joined by Miss S. Knight, who returns to the kitchen as part-time assistant. We also welcome Mrs. D. Watkins to her new role of cleaner-in-charge, with Miss T. Morris as her co-cleaner. We hope that all our new staff will be very happy here with us.

Here's to another busy and exciting school year!

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

## Dates for your diary...

**Good News assembly** - Every Friday 2:40pm at school, parents, family and friends all welcome  
**AUTUMN TERM**

### SEPTEMBER: VALUE - PERSEVERANCE

**Friday 28th:** 'Wear what you like' day

### OCTOBER: VALUE - PERSEVERANCE

**Monday 1st:** Phonics explanation meeting for new parents, 3:30 pm

**Thursday 11th:** Church harvest festival service, evening

**Friday 12th:** M & M Productions perform 'The Jungle Book' in school, afternoon

**Monday 15th:** Governors' meeting, 6:15 pm in school

**Thursday 18th:** School harvest festival service in St. Mary's Church 10:30 am, followed by harvest lunch in school

**Friday 19th:** Tempest Photography in school to take individual and sibling photographs

**Thursday 25th:** Author workshops with Karen Inglis

**Friday 26th:** 'Wear what you like' day

### NOVEMBER: VALUE - LOVE

**Friday 9th:** Remembrance service in church, 2:15 pm

**Wednesday 14th:** Open Day for all parents and prospective parents

**Thursday 15th:** 'Into Film' festival a.m.

**Friday 16th:** 'Children in Need' fundraising day - more details nearer the time

**Monday 19th:** Parents' evening, 3:30 - 6:00 pm

**Thursday 22nd:** Parents' evening, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Friday 30th:** 'Wear what you like' day

### DECEMBER: VALUE - LOVE

**Tuesday 11th:** Nativity performance (Reception and Year 1) 2:00 pm

**Wednesday 12th:** Nativity performance (Reception and Year 1) 6:00 pm

**Thursday 13th:** KS1 to see 'Peter Pan' at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford

**Friday 14th:** Christmas Fayre, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

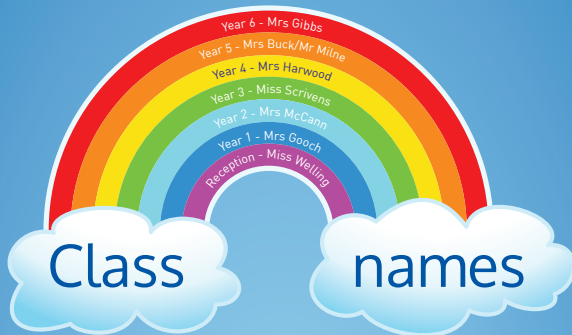
**Monday 17th:** Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11:45 am and 12:30 pm

**Tuesday 18th:** KS2 to see 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre

**Wednesday 19th:** Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11:45 am and 12:30 pm

**Thursday 20th:** Christmas parties and buffet lunch

**Friday 21st:** School Christmas carol service in church, 2:00 pm



A reminder of our new class structure for the mornings:

- **Year 6** - Mrs Gibbs - Red Class
- **Year 5** - Mrs Buck / Mr Milne - Orange Class
- **Year 4** - Mrs Harwood - Yellow Class
- **Year 3** - Miss Scrivens - Green Class
- **Year 2** - Mrs McCann - Blue Class
- **Year 1** - Mrs Gooch - Indigo Class
- **Reception** - Miss Welling - Violet Class

*The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 22nd September.*

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## Peter Pan at The Courtyard



Are you aged between 9 and 11? Do you have a great smile? Can you act, dance and sing and love to perform? If so, The

Courtyard needs YOU to join the cast of our fabulous pantomime! Auditions are on Sunday 23rd September. For more information visit [www.courtyard.org.uk/auditions](http://www.courtyard.org.uk/auditions) or contact Mel Langford on 01432 346507 or [mel.langford@courtyard.org.uk](mailto:mel.langford@courtyard.org.uk)

## The Jungle Book



On Friday 12th October, M and M Productions will once again be visiting school, this time to perform 'The Jungle Book'. The children and staff always very much enjoy these performances. Please note that this is their version of the classic children's story and will link with our literacy objectives; it is not a pantomime. The total cost of the production to the school is £800; therefore we

are passing the whole cost on to parents by asking you for the full price per child of £5.25. Please pay this by ParentPay.

Year 6 children have been offered a theatrical backstage workshop directly after the performance which will mean that they will not leave school until 3:45 pm. If that causes you a problem or you would prefer for your child not to participate, please let Mrs Gibbs or the school office know

## Swimming

A reminder that children in Blue Class and Orange Class are having swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon. Please be aware that the children in those classes may be slightly later than usual coming out of school. Please avoid parking on the road directly outside the school and ensure that there is space for the coach to arrive and park safely

## Guitar Lessons

There are currently spaces on a Friday morning. To book please contact: Adam Huyton 07825 236812 • [adamhuyton@hotmail.com](mailto:adamhuyton@hotmail.com)



**Mobile Phones** A reminder that 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.



## 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.

## Phonics Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday 1st October at 3:30 pm in Violet Classroom (Reception) where Miss Welling will be explaining how we teach phonics and how you can support your child with sounds and reading at home. Both new and existing parents are welcome. If you would like to attend please let the school office know. Please note that we ask you not to bring children to the meeting; children can be looked after by a member of staff in the Yellow Classroom (Year 4) until the meeting has finished.

## Film Night

The Jungle Book, a film for all the family, will be shown at Woolhope Parish Hall on Sunday 30th September starting at 4.00 pm. Kelsmor Ice Cream, tea and coffee will be available during the interval. Tickets on the door £5.00 for adults, £3.00 for under 16s. Proceeds to Friends of Woolhope Church.

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

### Autumn Term 2018

Term starts Tuesday 4th September

Half term Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November

Term ends Friday 21st December

### Spring Term 2019

Term starts Wednesday 9th January

Half term Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February

Term ends Friday 12th April

### Summer Term 2019

Term starts Monday 29th April

Half term Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

Term ends Thursday 18th July

### Autumn Term 2019

Term starts Wednesday 4th September

Half term Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Term ends Friday 20th December

## St. Mary's C of E Primary School - Board of Governors includes:

**Headteacher:** Mr T Milne | **Co-Chairs of Governors:** Mrs Alice Hayter and Mrs Sarah Fishbourne  
**Parent Governors:** Mrs Helen Seaborne and Mr Shane Miles