



# 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

As you know, our school value this half-term is 'Perseverance'. The children in Red Class have been writing about what perseverance means to them. Here are some of their thoughts:-

*Perseverance is a pupil who is running in a race and keeps going. **Angus***

*Perseverance is a child waiting patiently at the funfair. **Freya***

*An author shows perseverance when they write a long book. **Evie***

*A persevering doctor will carry on through his long doctor training course or keep on finding cures for fatal illnesses even through the toughest of times. **Florence***

*Perseverance is a farmer who looks after his pigs day and night. **Alex***

*Perseverance is a gardener who never gives up when a slug is eating their vegetables. **Gemma***

*A mechanic never gives up even when they think 'How have they done that?' and still manages to pull through, delivering an undamaged car. **Ellis***

*People show perseverance at driving when they are learning to drive to the shops. **Katie***

Please come and have a look at all of their writing, which is on display in the main school corridor, when you are next in school.

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**

### OCTOBER: VALUE - PERSEVERANCE

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

**Monday 10th:** Children's Bookshelf in school, afternoon

**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

*The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 12th October*

## PTA Lottery

Congratulations to the winners of the July lottery (drawn on 21st September)

**1st: C. Brotherwood - £50**

**2nd: A. Chadd - £20**

**3rd: K. Jones - £10**

Congratulations to the winners of the August lottery (drawn on 21st September)

**1st: T. May - £50**

**2nd: T. Jones - £20**

**3rd: M. Horne - £10**

To join the lottery scheme, please collect a form from the office or contact Alyson Layton.



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# St. Mary's - News from the classes

## Pre-School



Now Autumn is here, Pre-School are learning about Percy the Park Keeper and are planning to write their own book with a similar story.

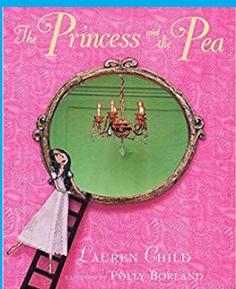
## Reception - Violet Class

Violet Class have had a wonderful start to their school life here at St. Mary's. The children have settled quickly and have been very busy making lots of new friends and learning routines. This week we have been reading 'The Gruffalo' and have had lots of fun making scrambled snake and Gruffalo crumble!

## Year 1 - Indigo Class

The children in Indigo Class have settled in really well. We have been learning about the greater than and less than signs in Maths and we have been revising the speed sounds in English. We have been learning about the six main animal groups in Science and we've been learning how to log on to the school computers.

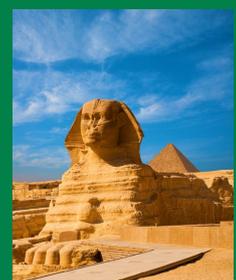
## Year 2 - Blue Class



The children in Blue Class have really started to settle in now and we have been very impressed with their hard work in learning their spellings so well each week. In Maths we have been securing knowledge of tens and ones by making 2-digit numbers in practical ways and finding out how 100 squares and number lines work.

In English we are basing our writing on the traditional tale The Princess and the Pea by Lauren Child. The children are preparing their sentences by saying them out loud before writing them down then checking that they make sense. Over the next week or so we will be starting our whole class reading book 'The Deep Dark Wood'.

## Year 3 - Green Class



In Green Class we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt and why the River Nile was so important. We have also started to do some English work based on the story 'Egyptian Cinderella'. Green Class have also really enjoyed doing PE with Tom from Paces, doing lots of invasion games.

## Year 4 - Yellow Class



Yellow Class have been reading a dilemma story in English and learning about the consequences of actions. We have also created a second chapter of the story with a new dilemma. In maths we have been rounding numbers to the

nearest 10 and 100 as well as looking at 1000 more or less than a given 4 digit number. Learning about pitch and how we make sound has been our investigation in science so far this term. We have also learnt about the artist Kandinsky and how he persevered with his love of abstract art and his belief that you should paint 'how you feel' through shape and colour. We listened to three pieces of music and painted how it made us feel too.

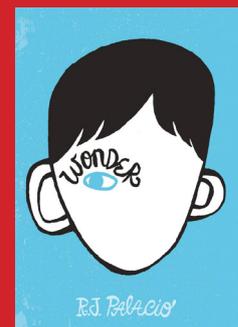
## Year 5 - Orange Class

We have been enjoying our new topic 'Gods and Mortals'. We have started to study life in Ancient Egypt and even have a life-size mummy in our classroom!



In science we have been investigating Forces and have been learning about Isaac Newton and his discovery of gravity.

## Year 6 - Red Class



Red Class have started their class story 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio, which is linked to our topic 'We are all Wonders'. In maths we have been learning about negative numbers and solving reasoning problems. In science lessons we have been exploring the theory of evolution and, linked to this, in art we have been developing our sketching skills by drawing animals.

## School Uniform

Please ensure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with his/ her name. There have already been lots of lost items this term!



## Harvest Festival and Lunch

You are all warmly invited to our harvest festival service at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 18th October at 10.30 am. This will be followed by a harvest lunch at school; if you would like to book a place please do so through ParentPay.

## Governor Vacancy

A reminder that we still have a vacancy for a foundation governor, preferably with financial expertise or experience. If you are interested in the position please speak to Mr. Milne or Sarah Fishbourne.

## 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.



## 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 next Monday 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



**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.

## 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