



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

Well, autumn has well and truly arrived! The leaves are falling from the trees and the mornings and evenings are getting colder and darker. We are looking forward to our harvest festival service and lunch next Thursday and hope that you can join us for this.

In Orange Class we have been thanking God for the harvest and discussing the beautiful area in which we live. I would like to share with you some prayers which members of Orange Class have written:-

Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers at harvest time.

We're thankful for the delicious food like vegetables and fruit.

Thank you for farmers who harvest for us and also for food that they give us.

The harvest time is very special because we get lots of food to share with our family and friends

And the tractors put lots of work in to make food for us like corn, apples and potatoes

Please give some to the homeless people.

Amen

Katy

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the harvest, and for the crops and food you gave us.

You are probably amazed at what we've done with your food.

Thanks for the incredible minds you gave us to make and harvest the food and the machines to do it.

Amen

Thomas

Dear Lord,

Help us to thank the farmers who work hard to make the delicious food that we eat.

We pray for people who don't have farmers or food like us.

Help us to be grateful for the food that we have.

Thank you for the trees at harvest time because they look beautiful.

Amen

Courtney

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 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

Church Harvest Service

A massive thank you to all the children who participated in the harvest festival service at St. Mary's church yesterday evening. The children did the school proud and their contribution was greatly appreciated by the congregation.

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 26th October

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Winter Uniform

A reminder that after half-term we will return to our winter uniform until the end of the spring term. For details of this please refer to the school website. Please also ensure that your child has a coat in school for playtimes.

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.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school next Friday to take individual and sibling photographs. If you would like a photograph of your children with younger siblings who do not attend Pre-School, please be here at 8.30 a.m. If your child attends Pre-School and you would like them to be photographed with an older school sibling, please let the school office know in advance. If you would like your child to be photographed wearing our winter school uniform, you are very welcome to send him/her into school in winter uniform for the day.

Karen Inglis



We are delighted that the children's author Karen Inglis will be in school all day on Thursday 25th October, leading workshops for all the children. If you would like to pre-purchase one of her books to be signed, please return your order to the school office by next Friday at the latest.

Lateness

There are an increasing number of children arriving late at school and entering through the front doors. Please remember that the bell for the beginning of the school day rings at 8:45 am and lessons start promptly. Children who arrive after 8:45 miss the beginning of their day's learning. Please ensure that children enter the school through the playground gates, not the main front doors. Thank you for your co-operation 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.



Poppies and Poppy Products

We have received in school a new selection of poppy themed items for the children. Items include erasers, reflectors, pencil sharpeners, pencils and rulers. The suggested donation for all of these except rulers is 50p; the suggested donation for rulers is £1.00. There will also be poppies and wristbands available soon. Prefects will be coming around the classrooms with these next week; please send in some money if you would like your child to make a donation.

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