



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, here we are at the end of a busy few weeks and looking forward to a week's break! I hope you all have a lovely week, and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th November.

Best wishes,
Mr. Milne

Goodbye

Today we said goodbye to Griff from Indigo Class, who has left us to join another school. We wish him every success at this new school and for the future.

Environmental Days

Please note that on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November the children will be participating in two days of art and environmental workshops.

One of the activities will be working with Richard Fishbourne of Bugs and Beasties to participate in some outdoor learning. Other activities will include fence weaving, stone painting, nature pictures and a variety of 'forest schools' activities using our woodland and pond areas.

Children need not wear school uniform for the two days. They will need to wear warm, waterproof clothing and wellies as we will be outside for much of the time. They will also need an old shirt or painting apron to protect their clothes when working with clay and paint. We are also asking each child to bring a round, smooth stone or pebble and a vegetable such as a carrot, potato or parsnip.

We would love parents to come and join in the fun, either working with the children or helping to tidy up our outside areas before the winter. Please let the office know if you are able to give up any time on either of these days.

Thank you.

Open Day

A reminder that our annual Open Day will take place on Wednesday 14th November.

This is traditionally for prospective parents to view the school in action before making a choice for next year. This year we are offering current parents the chance to come and have a tour of the school in action; this will comprise an hour's tour of the classes, led by prefects, spending a few minutes in each classroom watching the children learn. There will also be the opportunity to watch a whole school assembly and eat a school lunch. By now you should have received a letter giving more details and describing the booking process.

Please note that places on the tours will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis after half-term, so please return your booking slip promptly to secure a place on a tour.

Dates for your diary...

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

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

Tuesday 20th: Environmental Day

Wednesday 21st: Environmental Day

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

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our parents' evenings will take place on Monday 19th November from 3:30 until 6:00 pm and Thursday 22nd November from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. This will be your chance to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year. The school kitchen will also be serving 'tasters' of their winter menu in the hall. After half-term you will receive a booking slip for a 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Please ensure that you return it to the school office as quickly as possible after half term to secure an appointment for your chosen date.

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 16th November

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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.

Remembrance Week

As I am sure you are aware, this year is the centenary of the end of the First World War. In order to mark this we are having a week of commemorative activities in school, including guest speakers from the community and visits to the church. The week will finish with a short service of remembrance in St. Mary's Church at 2:15 pm on Friday 9th, led by our Year 6 children, which the whole school will attend and to which all parents and villagers are warmly invited. *Please note that there will be no Good news Assembly in school on this day.*

You are all invited to attend the remembrance service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 11th November at 11 am, when the Fownhope, Woolhope and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be marching to and from the church.



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

A reminder that we have in school poppies and 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. Prefects will be coming around the classrooms with these after half-term; please send in some money if you would like your child to make a donation.



Children in Need Friday 16th November

This year we are asking children to come to school wearing 'something spotty' in return for a donation to the charity. Children do not need to wear school uniform but can wear at least one 'spotty' item; this can be as simple as a spotted hat or belt. The School Council will also be organising a cake sale for the charity; donations of cakes would be most welcome. Parents are invited to come to our cake sale from 2.00 pm, followed by Good News Assembly at the earlier time of 2.30 pm.



Welly Wednesday

This will resume after half-term. Children may bring wellies and play on the school field at lunchtime every Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's wellies are labelled with his/her name.

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