



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 - Trust

Here we are at half-term already!

Mid-year progress reports for all children have been sent home today. Please fill in the accompanying slip to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at one of our parents' evenings on 5th and 13th March.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half-term break next week.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

Dates for your diary...

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

SPRING TERM

MARCH: VALUE - PEACE

Tuesday 5th: Parents' evening 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday 7th: World Book Day: come to school dressed as your favourite book character! Special assembly for parents: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 13th: Parents' evening 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Friday 15th: Comic Relief fundraising day – more details nearer the time

APRIL: VALUE - PEACE

Friday 12th: Easter service in church, 2:00 pm

Goodbye

We have today said goodbye to Katy in Orange Class, who will be moving to Muscat, Oman, with her family. We wish her and her family every success in the future.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Wheadon, who has been a lunchtime supervisor here at St. Mary's for the past ten years. We thank her for her dedication to the school and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Valentines Disco

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the two discos last Friday; a great time was had by all! A great profit of £377 was raised towards school funds.

World Book Day 2019

Your child has brought home a book voucher in aid of World Book Day. A reminder that children are invited to come to school on Thursday 7th March dressed as their favourite book character. There will also be a special assembly at 9.00 am, to which you are all invited.

The school kitchen will be open from 8:30 on this day, selling a selection of hot snacks and drinks before the assembly starts. More information will be available after half-term.

SATs Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting for Year 6 parents on Thursday 28th February at 5:00 pm in the Red Classroom to explain the Year 6 SAT tests and how you can help your child prepare for them.

Please note the term dates in your diaries.

Spring Term 2019

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 Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November

Term ends Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Term starts Tuesday 7th January

Half term Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Term ends Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts Tuesday 21st April

Half term Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Term ends Friday 17th July

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 8th March

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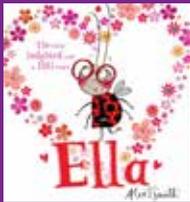
St. Mary's - News from the classes

Pre-School



Pre-school have been celebrating Chinese New Year; we have been dragon dancing and re-enacting the Chinese animal zodiac race.

Reception - Violet Class



This week we have read the story of 'The little ladybug with a BIG heart' and linked this into Valentine's Day. We have been busy making cards and symmetrical Lady-Love bugs. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year.

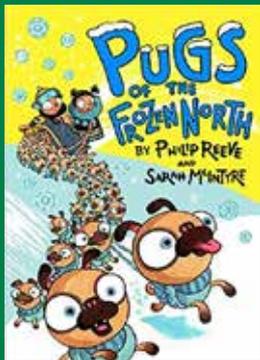
Year 1 - Indigo Class

In Indigo Class we have been writing instructions and learning how to add 'ed' to words. We have begun to subtract numbers up to 20. We are all really enjoying going swimming each week and the children are showing great improvement. We are continuing with our coding work on the computers.

Year 2 - Blue Class

We have started our whole class guided reading book, *The Bear and the Piano*, which is proving to be hugely enjoyable. Linking with science, our topic work on Space has led us to look at what astronauts need to survive in space and to pack a bag in preparation! In Maths our focus has been adding and subtracting tens to and from 2-digit numbers and then relating number bonds to 10 to number bonds to 100. After half term we will be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and continue to use the column method.

Year 3 - Green Class



Green Class have been reading 'Pugs of the Frozen North' in our Guided Reading sessions; we are looking forward to finding out how Shen, Sika and 66 pugs get on in The Great North Race. Our recent maths topic has involved lots of work with money, such as finding change and adding up totals. In topic we have been finding out about contour lines on maps and creating pieces of artwork that link to this.

Year 4 - Yellow Class



In English, Yellow Class have been looking at persuasive writing and the different ways this is used. We have discussed a poster advertising a film as well as a written critical film review and a film trailer, noticing the emotive

language used along with techniques such as questioning. The children then wrote their own persuasive film review based on a short three minute film about a lighthouse. In maths we have been looking at expanded and short written multiplication methods. We have also enjoyed getting to know our new 'Times Tables Rock Stars' challenges. In science, we have been investigating the effects of temperature when melting chocolate and handling ice cubes as part of our Solids, Liquids and Gases topic.

Year 5 - Orange Class

Year 5 are really enjoying the new class story, 'Brightstorm,' by Vashti Hardy. We have started to make our own beautiful journals, charting the story so far. In maths we have been working hard investigating different strategies for longer multiplication and division calculations, as well as building up our times tables knowledge with our new Rock Star tables programme. With Year 4 in the afternoon we have investigated drawing and shading objects in 3D and will move on to painting techniques. We have used atlases to locate key cities in the UK and will learn a little about local legends from our city.

Year 6 - Red Class



In science Red Class have been studying light and have made periscopes and colour wheels to investigate light. Linked to this, we have been writing newspaper reports linked to the Literacy Shed video 'The Lighthouse'. In history we have been finding out about what life was like for children in Victorian Britain, including

the types of jobs children did and what life was like in the workhouse. We have been reading *Street Child* which looks at this through the eyes of Jim who was a child in the Victorian era. In RE we have been finding out about Islamic art and how geometric patterns are used. The circles and repetitive patterns represent the infinite nature of Allah. We have created our own geometric patterns based on these ideas. Linked to this, in maths we have looked at circles and the multiplicative relationships between the radius and diameter and the diameter and circumference.

St. Mary's Disciples

This year our Disciples are Sophie G, Noah, Joseph A, Millie, Amelie, Meg and Lilly F. These children are responsible for fundraising and charitable giving in our school. This term they decided to support two amazing charities; Hereford Food Bank and Hereford and Worcester Animal Rescue. The whole school community has been busy bringing in items to donate to the two charities and we now have a cupboard full of generous donations to be delivered over half term. Thank you for all of the support you have given! After half-term we will be coming up with some ideas for Red Nose Day.

Parents' Evenings

You will have received your child's mid-year report today. There will be an opportunity to discuss this with your child's class teacher at one of our parents' evenings, which take place on Tuesday 5th March between 5:00 and 7:00 pm and Wednesday 13th March between 3:30 and 6:00 pm. Please complete your appointment request form and return it to school by Wednesday 27th February; appointments will be allocated after half-term.

The school kitchen will be open on both parents' evenings, providing meals for children and adults. More information will be available after half-term.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3: 5-6*



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.



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.



Athlete visit

We all enjoyed our visit from high jumper David Smith this morning. He led an inspirational assembly and all the children loved participating in circuits in the hall! Watch out for photos on our website too!



A rich education is more than simply learning reading, writing and maths. It is about helping a child grow into their full potential as inquisitive, well balanced and cheerful adults. As a Christian school we nurture children to display the 'fruit of the Spirit', which is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). At St Mary's you will find children growing in mind, body and spirit as they form good relationships with each other, the staff and discover a faith which will sustain them in a rapidly changing world.

As our motto has it:

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PTA Lottery

Congratulations to the winners of the December lottery (drawn on 8th February)

1st – Becky Birch Hayes - £50

2nd – Helen Seaborne – £20

3rd – Dawn Harwood - £10

Congratulations to the winners of the January lottery (drawn on 8th February)

1st – Helen Barrington - £50

2nd – Santi Dominguez – £20

3rd – Bethany Squires - £10

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



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
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