



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 - Respect

We have another busy term ahead of us. For the next few weeks we will be working hard across the classes, preparing for our end-of-year assessments, then after half-term we look forward to plenty of fun activities and events. Please keep an eye on the 'Diary Dates' section to ensure you keep informed of everything that's happening!

Our value for this half-term is Respect. We have been discussing this value in assemblies and in the classrooms. The children in Blue Class have written some lovely prayers based on respect, all of which are displayed in the main corridor and some of which are included in this letter. Thank you to Blue Class for their beautiful and thoughtful work.

Best wishes,
Mr Milne

Dogs

Please be aware of safety issues when bringing dogs to drop off or collect children at the school gates. Please keep dogs to the edge of the waiting area in order to avoid any danger to children coming in and out of school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Mrs Hollie Corbet to our school as our new administrative assistant. She has been working with us since January on a temporary basis and has now secured a permanent role. It is lovely to have her as part of the team!

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day will take place this year on Tuesday 11th June in the afternoon. Please note that there will be no hot lunches available on this day. Children who are eligible for free school meals will receive a 'lunch bag' containing a sandwich and other items. Please let the office know of your child's preference via ParentPay. You are invited to join us for a picnic lunch at 12pm on the field. Races will start at 1pm.

Pembrokeshire Residential Visit

There will be a meeting at 3:30 pm on Tuesday 21st May for all parents of children participating in the visit to Pembrokeshire in July. Please attend if you possibly can, as a lot of important information about the trip will be distributed and explained.

Dates for your diary...

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

SPRING TERM

MAY: VALUE - RESPECT

Monday 13th: Year 6 SAT tests all week

Monday 20th: Governing Body meeting, 6:00 pm

Tuesday 21st: Meeting for parents of children attending Pembrokeshire residential trip, 3:30 pm

Thursday 23rd: Key Stage 2 trip to the Hay Festival

Friday 24th: School closes for half-term

JUNE: VALUE - FORGIVENESS

Monday 3rd: School resumes after half-term

Wednesday 5th: Year 6 leavers' celebration in Hereford Cathedral

Wednesday 5th: New parents' induction evening, 6:00 pm

Tuesday 21st: Meeting for parents of children attending Pembrokeshire residential trip, 3:30 pm

Monday 10th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th:

STAR training for Year 6 children

Tuesday 11th: Sports Day, afternoon preceded by a family picnic [reserve date Tues 18th June]

Monday 17th: Governing Body meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesday 19th: Year 6 children to Crucial Crew event

Thursday 27th: Year 6 visits to respective secondary schools

JULY: VALUE - FORGIVENESS

Monday 1st: Teddy bears' tea party for new Reception children, 1:15 pm

Wednesday 3rd: Year 5 and 6 production for Year 5 parents, 7:00 pm

Thursday 4th: Year 5 and 6 production for Year 6 parents, 7:00 pm

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th: Years 5/6 residential visit to Pembrokeshire

Monday 15th: Drop-in parents' evening to discuss reports, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Thursday 18th: Leavers' Service in Church: 2:00 pm.
School closes for the summer holidays.

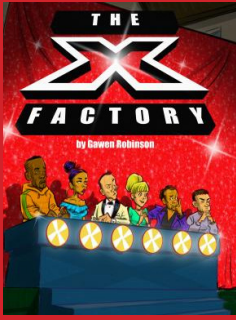
Friday 17th May

Please note that Good News Assembly on Friday 17th May will begin at the earlier time of 2.30, in order to incorporate a presentation by the Fownhope Heart of Oak Society.

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School Office open from 8:30am, call: 01432 860474 | Headteacher: Mr T Milne

Summer Production: 'The X Factory'



This year the Year 6 children will be performing the musical 'The X Factory', with Year 5 children helping out with the singing. **We are therefore asking all Year 5 and 6 children to be at school from 6.30pm until roughly 8.30pm on the evenings of Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July.** If your child is unable to attend

at these times please let us know as soon as possible.

The Wednesday evening performance will be open to parents/ families of Year 5 children and the Thursday evening performance will be for Year 6 parents and their families only. More information will be available nearer the time. Please keep these dates free!

Sun Cream

It is getting towards that time of year again! Wherever possible, please apply sun cream (SPF 15 or above is recommended) to your child before school and provide a good sunhat for use at break and lunchtime. Children will be permitted to put on their own sun cream at the end of the morning on sunny days; this will be supervised by school staff. If possible, please apply a long-lasting sun cream in the morning to minimise the need to re-apply later in the day. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Parent Survey Feedback

Please see the attached letter from the governors which gives feedback from the recent parent/ carer and pupil surveys.

Class and Group Photographs

On Thursday 13th June, Tempest Photography will be in school to take class and group photos. Please ensure that children are in correct school uniform and that if your child is in a school team he/ she has the appropriate kit in school, e.g. trainers etc.

Rogation Sunday

On Sunday 26th May Woolhope Church will be holding their annual Rogation service, where we pray for the crops and livestock, on a local farm. Children from St. Mary's and Mordiford School have been invited to take part. If you would like your child to take part in the service, please let the school office know by Friday 17th May.

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.

Matthew 7:12



Thank you from the kitchen

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the School Kitchen, we would like to thank you for your support for the Easter Dinner as well as the Harry Potter Breakfast!

Thank you also for your general support for the kitchen; the numbers of meals increased in the last term and we love watching the children enjoying their meals!

We are delighted to have such positive feedback and would like to continue with even more fun foodie events in the future! We take on board your opinions and welcome any feedback you might have.

Many Thanks,

Klara

Blue Class Respect Prayers



Dear God,
I promise to respect the planet by turning off the light when I leave a room.
Amen
Bear

Dear God,

I promise to respect all the animals in the world. I will make an animal home which is a hedgehog hut. I love nature.

Amen

Berry

Dear God,

I promise to respect the planet. We should protect animals from harm and give them a safe home.

Amen

Toby

Dear God,

I promise to respect the planet and look after the bees. I will remember to put my rubbish in the bin and not in the water.

Amen

Shorena



Heart of Oak Club Walk

The Heart of Oak Club Walk will take place on Saturday 1st June. The parade will start at the New Inn at 10.30am, led by a decorated oak bough, the Heart of Oak banner and the Drybrook Band followed by members carrying floral decorated sticks. The parade will move to St Mary's Church for a short service and then, parading through the village via Common Hill Lane, Church Croft, Court Orchard and Woolhope Road will visit a couple of gardens where hosts will supply refreshments. Everyone is welcome to take part in the parade – just decorate a stick and join in.

The Club Walk tradition began over 150 years ago when the Heart of Oak Friendly Society was formed to help members who fell upon bad times. The current Heart of Oak Society was reformed 30 years ago without the former society's financial constraints and the aim is to keep the Club Walk tradition alive.

The parade will finish at about 2.00pm at Whiterdine Field, behind Wye Leisure where the day's events will continue. There will be a pig roast, the Drybrook Bank will perform some of their award-winning repertoire, Leominster Morris Men will dance and there will be local stalls, skittles and other games. But most importantly, the Family Sports – fun races for all ages will take place in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Get the family to come along and have a picnic and join in the games and make Club Walk a fun community get together!

The Fownhope Heart of Oak Society are on Facebook and you can find out more about us on the Fownhope website and Fownhope Facebook.

The next school Bell will be issued on Friday 24th May.

PTA NEWS

The PTA committee would like to thank parents for their generosity and support for last term's events and we can now confirm the amounts raised:

- **Rags2Riches** - raised an amazing amount of £168.90
- **Bingo** - another fun evening and raised an amount of £183.90
- **Easter Egg trail** - children had loads of fun and we raised £114.75

All of these amounts are helping us get closer to our goal, for the playground equipment. Thank you.

We warmly welcome you to join us at the following events:

Ice Creams

On sale for £1 every Friday after school

Sports Day: Tuesday 11th June

The PTA will be selling strawberries and cream, as well as bottled water and cordials at this school event.

Disco: Friday 21st June

Pre-School & KS1 5-6 pm • KS2 6.15 - 7.30pm

Lottery: drawn every month

A guaranteed win for 3 people on our supporters' list every month. **Contact Tanya Walshe for further details You have to be in it to win it!**

A sincere thank you for your continued support.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 1.30pm in the school. All are welcome.

email: fownhopepta@hotmail.com



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.

Please note it is important to let the school office know by 9:00 am if a child is going to be absent that day. Please call 01432 860474 to report an absence.



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