



# The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

## What's on...

### September: Fruit of the Spirit – Kindness

Friday 20th: Orange Class sponsored walk at Brockhampton Court  
Friday 27th: Welcome breakfast for children and parents

### October: Fruit of the Spirit – Patience

Wednesday 2nd: Phonics explanation meeting for parents, 3:30 pm  
Thursday 3rd: Growth Mindset Evening for parents, 6:00 pm in School  
Monday 7th: Governors' meeting, 6:00 pm in school  
Friday 18th: M & M Productions perform 'Oliver Twist' in school, afternoon – NO GOOD NEWS ASSEMBLY

### November: Fruit of the Spirit – Peace

Wednesday 13th: Open Day  
Friday 15th: 'Children in Need' fundraising day – more details nearer the time  
Thursday 21st: 'Into Film' festival a.m.  
Thursday 21st: Parents' evening, 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Monday 25th: Parents' evening, 3:30 – 6:00 pm

### December: Fruit of the Spirit – Peace

Friday 6th: Christmas Fayre, 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
Thursday 12th: Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11:45 am and 12:30 pm  
Friday 13th: Christmas dinner for children and parents: 11:45 am and 12:30 pm  
Tuesday 17th: KS1 to see 'Cinderella' at the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford  
Tuesday 17th: KS2 to see 'Peter Pan' at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre  
Thursday 19th Christmas parties and buffet lunch  
Friday 20th: School Christmas carol service in church, 2:00 pm

## Good News Assembly...

Every Friday at 2:40pm at school. Parents, family and friends are all welcome

## Fruit of the Spirit for September is Kindness

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"*

*Ephesians 4:32 New International Version (NIV)*

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 27th September

Parents and Friends of St Mary's,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday.

It has been lovely to see how quickly our new Reception children have settled into school life. We would like to give a warm welcome to **Ophel, Lydia, Olivia, Maddie, Rossi, Ellie, Alex, Effie, Archie, Daisy, Rosie, Jonah, Matilda, Thomas and Sebastian**. We would also like to welcome **Lissi, Isabella and Thomas** into Indigo Class, **Levi** and **Leon** into Blue Class, **Jake** into Yellow Class, and **Lolli** and **Alfie** into Orange Class. We welcome all of our new children and their families and hope that you will all be very happy here with us at St. Mary's.

Following advice during our recent SIAMS inspection our Christian values will now be taught using the 'fruit of the Spirit', on which our school vision is based. The nine 'fruit' will be taught one per month throughout the school year, and our assemblies and some of our lessons will centre around these. For September we will be focussing on 'kindness'; please discuss this value with your child in order to support their learning in school.

Here's to another busy and exciting school year!

Best wishes,

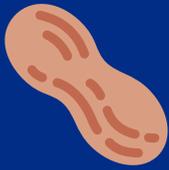
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## Our School Vision

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: "what we nurture today flourishes tomorrow"





## Nut Aware School

A reminder that as a 'nut-aware 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.

## Staff Changes

We have said goodbye to Miss Hart who has left us to train to become a teacher; we thank her for her hard work here at St. Mary's and wish her every success for her course and teaching career. A huge thank you to Mrs Napper who has stepped into Miss Hart's role until we can replace her permanently.

We welcome Miss Tattum to teach Orange Class on a Monday and Tuesday. A warm welcome also to our new administrative assistant Miss Hunt who will be working alongside our new school business manager Mrs Corbet.

We are also looking forward to seeing Miss Welling around school; she will be helping out in Violet and Indigo classes and we are delighted to welcome her back.

We would also like to inform you that Mrs McCann has changed her name to Miss Smith.

## New Classes



A reminder of our new class structure for the mornings:-

**Year 6 (Red Class)** Mrs Gibbs

**Year 5 (Orange Class)** Mrs Buck/ Ms Tattum

**Year 4 (Yellow Class)** – Mrs Harwood

**Year 3 (Green Class)** – Miss Scrivens

**Year 2 (Blue Class)** – Miss Smith

**Year 1 (Indigo Class)** – Mrs Gooch

**Reception (Violet Class)** – Mrs Best

**Pre-School (Rainbow Class)** – Jackie, Becky and Becc

## 'Welcome Back' Breakfast

On Friday 27th September, the school kitchen will be offering a 'welcome back' cooked breakfast for children and parents. Everybody is welcome, and there is no need to book in advance. Please join us between 7:45 and 8:45.

## Oliver Twist

On Friday 18th October, M and M Productions will once again be visiting school, this time to perform 'Oliver Twist'. 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. To help us with the cost of hosting the production, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.50. This has been added to your ParentPay. Without contributions, we are sadly unable to offer such events. 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.

## Swimming

A reminder that children in Blue Class and Yellow Class are having swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon. Please be aware that the children in those classes may be slightly later than usual coming out of school. Please avoid parking on the road directly outside the school and ensure that there is space for the coach to arrive and park safely.

## Request

If you have any old or unwanted board games, packs of playing cards or complete jigsaws (suitable for children), please could you send them our way for our school games club. Many thanks. Mrs Buck

## Sponsored Walk

The children in Orange Class will be completing a sponsored walk at Brockhampton Court Nursing Home in aid of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group's Be Bold, Go Gold Campaign. Children will be completing sponsorship forms over the next week if you would like to donate.

## Phonics Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 2nd October at 3:30 pm in Violet Classroom (Reception) where we 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.

## 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.

## Term Dates



### Autumn term 2019

Term begins Wednesday 4  
September  
Half-term Monday 28 October –  
Friday 1 November  
Term ends Friday 20 December

### Spring term 2020

Term begins Tuesday 7 January  
Half-term Monday 17 – Friday 21  
February  
Term ends Friday 3 April



### Summer term 2020

Term begins Tuesday 21 April  
Half-term Monday 25 – Friday 29 May  
Term ends Friday 17 July

### Autumn term 2020

Term begins Wednesday 2  
September  
Half-term Monday 26 - 30 October  
Term ends Friday 18 December



## Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are participating in Aldi's 'Kit for Schools' scheme. When you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you will receive a Team GB athlete sticker to add to our school poster. When the poster is completed, the school will receive a school sports kit and could win one of twenty £20,000 prizes! We will also be using the scheme to promote healthy living and to try new healthy challenges in school. Please send the stickers to school with your child; a collection bucket is located outside the school office.

## Vacancies

The Governors of St. Mary's CE Primary School Fownhope would like to advertise the following vacancies:

- **Teaching Assistant SEN Level 2**  
*30.83 hours per week, term time only*
- **Lunchtime Supervisor**  
*5 hours per week split across four days, term time only*
- **Cleaner, Maternity Cover and Casual**  
*10 hours per week, term time only plus an additional 15 hours to be flexibly split across school holidays. Fixed term vacancy from December 2019-October 2020.*

For further information or an application form, please contact Mr. T. Milne, Headteacher, via post, telephone or email ([admin@st-marys-pri.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-pri.hereford.sch.uk))

## Fownhope Market Trail

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the Fownhope Market Trail on 1st September. A special thank you to Vic Cooper who was the main organiser of the event and put in a huge amount of work to make the event as successful as it was. The proceeds from the event will go to our PTA to be put towards new outside play equipment; we hope to be able to announce the total very soon.

## News from The PTA

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Fownhope Market Trail on 1st September. We are still waiting with anticipation for an announcement of the total raised towards new outside play equipment.

There will be a PTA meeting at 1:30 next Monday (16th September) in the staff room to plan this term's events; everybody very welcome! You are also all warmly invited to our AGM on Thursday 19th at 5:30 pm when a new committee for the next year will be elected. Please come along and have your say!

Ice creams will be on sale on the top playground after school every Friday until half-term, priced at £1 each.

## PTA Lottery Winners

*July's winners (drawn on 5th September) were:-*

1st - Donna Etherton  
2nd - Tanya Walshe  
3rd - Mike Walker

*August's winners (drawn on 5th September) were:-*

1st – Andrew Chadd  
2nd – Dawn Harwood  
3rd – Dawn Harwood