



The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,

Fruit of the Spirit for September: Kindness

Welcome to the first School Bell of the new school year!

It has been fantastic to now have the school fully open after the uncertainty of the last few months. The children have settled back into school life really well and have quickly got used to all the new routines and procedures. Many thanks for your support in helping us to move forward as safely as possible. Things may change as we move through the autumn term and the academic year, and we will keep you fully informed of any alterations to our rules and routines.

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 Marni, Blossom, Austin, Mia, Seren, Jack, Joshua, Jude, Layla, Arthur, Elijah, Teddy, Lucas, Emily, Jack, Teddy, Reggie, Benaiah, Olivia and Rita. We would also like to welcome William into Violet Class, Annabelle into Blue Class, Tallulah into Yellow Class and Sophia into Orange Class.

We would also like to welcome three new members of staff:- Mrs. Durant, our new teaching assistant, has started working with the children in Green and Yellow classes. Mr Francis, our sports apprentice, is with us four days per week and has already met many of the children across the school in PE lessons and on the playground at break times. Charlotte, our new pre-school assistant, has already got to know many of our pre-school children and is enjoying working with Jackie three days per week. It is lovely to have all of our new staff with us and we hope that they will be very happy here at St. Mary's.

From now on, the School Bell will be issued on alternate Mondays and will be emailed to you and posted on our website as soon as it is ready.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

Fruit of the Spirit is for September is... Kindness

'Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else'

1 Thessalonians 5:15



2020-2021 Term Dates



Autumn Term
Term begins: Wednesday 2nd September
Half-term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
Term ends: Friday 18th December

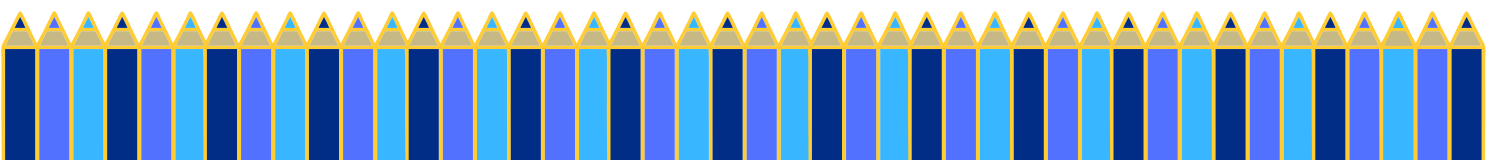


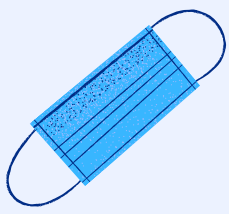
Spring Term
Term begins: Wednesday 6th January
Half-term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February
Term ends: Thursday 1st April



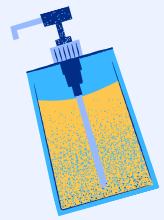
Summer Term
Term begins: Tuesday 20th April
Half-term: Friday 28th May to Friday 4th June
Term ends: Wednesday 21st July

The next School Bell will be issued on Monday 28th September





Coronavirus



Symptom Traffic Lights

Symptoms

Parent Actions

School Actions

Runny nose / cold symptoms – no high temperature (under 37.8°C)



Please continue to send your child to school, but make the office aware of their symptoms



Continuous observation and discrete temperature tracking throughout the day

Runny nose / cold symptoms – with high temperature (= or above 37.8°C)



Please keep your child at home until symptoms have passed



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until symptom free

Intermittent or Phlegm Cough & no high temperature



Please continue to send your child to school, but make the office aware of their symptoms



Continuous observation and discrete temperature tracking throughout the day

Persistent Dry Cough (lasting over an hour) with no high temperature (below 37.8°C)



Please keep your child at home. Please book your child in for a Covid test as soon as possible.



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until a negative Covid test has been completed, or isolation period has passed*

Persistent Dry Cough (lasting over an hour) with high temperature (= or above 37.8°C)



Please keep your child at home. Please book your child in for a Covid test as soon as possible.



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until a negative Covid test has been completed, or isolation period has passed*

Just high temperature (= or above 37.8°C) / feeling unwell



Please keep your child at home. Please book your child in for a Covid test as soon as possible.



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until a negative Covid test has been completed, or isolation period has passed*

High temperature & sore ears



Please keep your child at home until symptoms have passed



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until symptom free

High temperature & headache



Please keep your child at home until symptoms have passed



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until symptom free

Breathlessness / asthma related symptoms (i.e. non persistent / tickly cough) – no high temp



Please contact the office to discuss your child's symptoms. Please keep your child home until you are able to provide a letter from your GP outlining that their symptoms are related to a non-covid condition (e.g. asthma, nervous tick etc)



Continuous observation and discrete temperature tracking throughout the day. A letter from your child's GP will be stored in their file

Breathlessness / asthma related symptoms – with high temp



Please keep your child at home until symptoms have passed



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until symptom free

Diarrhoea and vomiting



Please keep your child at home. Please contact the school office to confirm when their symptoms have passed. Children must be symptom free for 48 hours before they are able to return to school.



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until symptom free

Loss of taste or smell



Please keep your child at home. Please book your child in for a Covid test as soon as possible.



If symptoms develop during the school day, your child will be sent home until a negative Covid test has been completed, or isolation period has passed*

Please stay home! Speak to the School Office I'm probably ok to come to school

If unsure, always call the School Office on 01432 860 474 (opt. 4)

What do I need to tell you when reporting an illness?

We will ask you for information about symptoms, including details relating to coughs, temperature and senses

Where can I get a test?

Please visit www.nhs.uk in order to order or book a test

* How long do I need to isolate?

If your child has symptoms, they need to isolate for 10 days. Any non-symptomatic siblings or household members should isolate for 14 days



Good News

Hip Hip Hooray!

Please join us for a big congratulations to all of our Good News Award winners this week and a very special thank you to our presenters, Josh and Torin

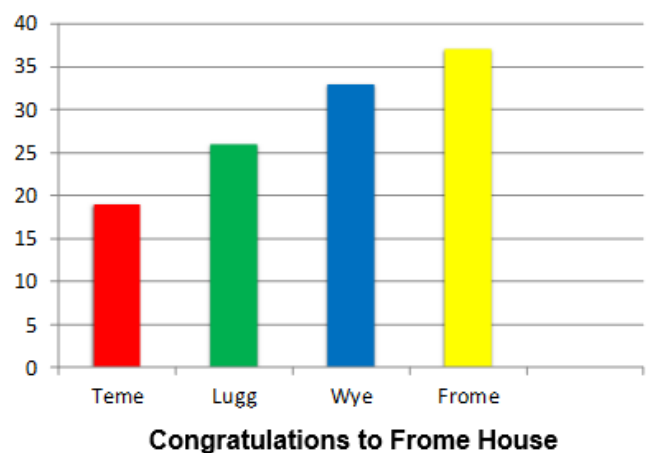


- Reception - Awarded to all Reception children for settling in to school life so well and for having such a fun week! Miss Welling and Miss Tattum are so proud of you!
- Year 1 - Archie for being so helpful in Violet Class, setting such a good example for the younger Reception children and for coming in to school with a smile on his face!
- Year 2 - Lucy for settling back into school life so well
- Year 3 - Florence for writing with such wonderful creative flair and never being afraid to offer her own thoughts and opinions
- Year 4 - Tallulah for settling into St Mary's so well. She has made lots of friends and adapted to school life and routines brilliantly
- Year 5 - Maddie for working so hard and enthusiastically with her poem
- Year 6 - Amelie for a great start to year 6. She has shown a conscientious attitude, all of her work has been beautifully presented and the piece of writing about herself was interesting and informative.

A BIG Happy
Birthday to...



House Points



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- Teme (red) 19
- Lugg (green) 26
- Wye (blue) 33
- Frome (yellow) 37

Book Bags



We have ordered an A3 plastic book bag for each child to bring their reading book etc to and from school. We kindly ask that you continue to not send your child into school with school bags, aside from these. We are able to quickly and easily ensure that these are clean and can be sanitised. These should arrive soon and we are asking for a donation of 50p per child to cover the cost of these. This can be paid via ParentPay.

New Books

A huge thank you to Evie Skyrme, a Fownhope resident, who has raised money to buy new books for each class. When “#blacklivesmatter” was painted on the local skateboard ramp and reported on the Fownhope Village Facebook page during the summer, a debate about racism ensued. Evie raised £315 and used the money to buy a selection of books for the Fownhope Community Library and for the school. The books are on the theme of diversity and discrimination and have been very well received by staff and children. A massive thank you to Evie for her fundraising efforts.

Thank you Evie!



News from the PTA

As I'm sure you have noticed, the old quiet area next to the playground has been transformed into a beautiful new play area for the children. Many days of hard work went into this transformation and we are so grateful to the PTA committee and everyone involved. The PTA have also revamped the play mounds and tunnels of the field so that they can now too be enjoyed by the children at playtimes. A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time for these projects. Massive thanks also to those families and companies who donated materials.

Huge thanks to:-

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| Tanya Walshe | Sophie Knight | Gina Borman | Kathryn Napper |
| Marie Jones | James Powell | Sarah Hook | Martin and Jack Meredith |

Also, a huge thank you to Kate and Jason French for all of their hard work revamping the play mounds and tunnels on the field.



Second Hand Uniform

A reminder that the PTA runs a secondhand school uniform shop – please Kathryn Napper or Sarah Hook.

Easy Fundraising

The Friends of St Mary's School PTA are on Easy Fundraising which supports charities by donating a percentage of whatever amount you spend online.

Amazon Smile

We are also on Amazon Smile. Our charity number is 1049292.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 22nd October at 5pm – more details nearer the time.

