

Friday 30th September 2016

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Dear Parents

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have been doing some fantastic felting with a visiting artist this week. They have really enjoyed themselves and have produced some wonderful pieces. We will display them for all to see as soon as possible.

Please can I remind parents not to leave children unattended in the playground in the morning. The teachers are very busy at the start of the school day preparing for the day and they cannot be on the playground until 8.40am. Thank you.

Can I also remind parents not to drive into the school gates during drop off and pick up times. There are too many children wandering around and we are putting them at risk. Thank you.

There is an open meeting for all parents in the school hall at 6pm on Wednesday when we will be explaining our new handwriting policy and talking about homework. I hope you will be able to come in and join us.

Jo Woolley

School Diary

4 th October	Grab a Crown up 8.40-8.50am	7 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
5 th October	Presentation 6pm, on Handwriting & Homework	9 th November	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
7 th October	PTFA School Disco	6 th December	KS1 Evening Performance 6pm
11 th October	Wake & Shake 8.40-8.50am	7 th December	KS1 Afternoon “ 2.00pm
14 th October	Last Day of Term	16 th December	Last day of Term

EYFS and KS1 NEWS

Do you love scrunching up newspaper? Do you have a flair for attaching clothing to canes? Are you a dab hand at making a scarecrow?! If so, have we got the workshop for you!

Pear Plum Juniper and Holly (KS1)

Next weeks 'Grab a Crown Up' (Tuesday 4th October 2016) will be an extended session until 9:30am as we would love for you to come into school and support your child in making a scarecrow ready for our very own Scarecrow Trail.

It will be mayhem in the classrooms but it will be FUN!

Please do make sure you raid your recycling boxes and send in some newspaper, any old clothing/hats/scarves and if you have any garden canes or sticks going spare.

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The Scarecrow Trail itself will be during the 'Grab a Grown Up' session the following week (Tuesday 11th October 2016) and again, will be an extended session.

We can't wait to see you!

Cherry and Lime (EYFS)

Grab a grown up as usual. we will be making our scarecrows on our welly walk on Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm, parents please join us.

Miss Jackson

Wildlife Wonder Gloucestershire Eco-Summit

On Wednesday 28th September Mak, Charlotte, James and Anna went to the Wildlife Wonder Gloucestershire Eco-Summit at the Museum in the Park Stroud along with children from 25 other schools. This followed the work of children in years 3 and 4 earlier this year using digital photography to explore the nature and wildlife of our school grounds...

Our day began with a talk from Iain about the photos we took in our school session. After that we went to see the exhibition that is open until Sunday for the public to see. Some of the photos we took are there! With cameras in hand, after break we explored Stratford Park looking for the fantastic wildlife there.

If you get chance, pop along to the museum this weekend. It's free entry and the photographs on display are fantastic!

Morfa Bay

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Morfa Bay last week. They enjoyed body-boarding in the sea, dared to climb to new heights on the high ropes, worked as a team to complete the muddy assault course and were great ambassadors for the school. We were all exhausted by the end of such a fun and action packed week.



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Parents Evening

The parents evening dates are as follows:

Monday 7th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 9th November 4pm - 7pm

An email will go out to parents when the slots become available to book online.

Mathletics -  *School Mathlete of the Week:*
Class Mathlete of the Week: Charlotte T

PEAR	Leah S
PLUM	Tanvir R
HOLLY	Connor A
JUNIPER	Tilly B
MRS WILSON	Ella N
MISS STEMPE	Poppy H
MRS ROYLE	Hannah F
RC Maths Group	Alex W
RD/CW Maths Group	Charlotte T
MM Maths Group	Katie W

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FGR News

Forest Green Rovers are currently 2nd in the league. After their disappointing defeat at Wembley at the end of last season they are hoping for a guaranteed promotion this season. Fingers crossed!

The match this Saturday is against Barrow and there are some free tickets available from the school Office. They are limited as they only became available at the last minute. The school Office is open until 4.30pm.

A date for your diaries: FGR are at home to Lincoln City on Saturday 19th November and this match has been selected by BT Sport for live television coverage.

The Rise of Forest Green Rovers, The Road to Wembley is a book by Chris Gardner and will be on sale shortly for the retail price of £12.99. However, if you order a copy through the school then the cost is £10. If you would like more information on the book please look at the FGR notice board in school and place your order at the Office. Profit from the sale of the book will go to the Gloucestershire Deaf Association.

Also attached is a letter about FREE FGR t-shirts for Year 3 pupils, all the details on how to apply is in the letter. Keep supporting our local team on their road to promotion!

Grace Purnell, FGR School Ambassador.

Clubs

YOGA Club will be starting after half term on Monday 14th November, from 3.15 – 4.00pm with Miss Jackson – there are only 12 spaces available places will be given on a first come first served basis. Please see club slip at the bottom of the newsletter. (Open to all years)

Faith Explorers

Session dates remaining this term:

- **Wednesday 12th October**
- **Wednesday 2nd November**
- **Wednesday 16th November**



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Community News

Save 'n' Borrow

Would you like to save for Christmas? If so paying in regularly to Save 'n' Borrow could be for you. Open every Thursday afternoon at the Council Offices from 2 till 4. Save 'n' Borrow is run by the community for the community and covered by the Financial Services Authority and fully insured - so your savings are safe!

Alternatively, if you need to borrow, for Christmas with all its expenses or for any other reason, then we can loan you money at very low interest rates – far lower than pay day loan companies. We not only lend responsibly but we make small loans which banks probably would not consider. Give us a try!

Should your child have a Flu Vaccination this Winter?

A **FREE** flu vaccination is advised for:

ALL aged 2, 3 and 4 at 31st August 2016 (DOB 1.9.11 to 31.8.14)

ALL School Year 1 or 2 or 3 (DOB usually 1.9.08 to 31.8.11)

ALL age 8+ (DOB before 1.9.08) who are 'Clinically at risk'

ALL who live in a family where someone is immunocompromised

By having the flu vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, some of whom may be at greater risk from flu if they are an infant, an older person or someone with an underlying health condition

If your child is in any of these groups, you are encouraged to **book for the nasal Fluenz vaccination at your Registered GP surgery.**

For those registered at **Romney House Surgery**, the main **Fluenz Clinic** appointments are during the **Half Term weeks** from **Monday 17th to Friday 28th October**, however if you cannot make these Fluenz Clinic times please state that when you ring and ask for an earlier or later date with a nurse.

NB. If you do **not** want them to be vaccinated this year, it is still important to contact your GP surgery to **decline** vaccination.

See the [NHS Choices website for more detail on vaccinations:](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx)

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BEATING OF THE BOUNDS

Saturday October 1st – meet under Bath Bridge at 9.30am. There will be Refreshments and display of work from St Mary's School in the Market Hall. Presentation of Accounts.All Welcome, The Feoffees of Tetbury

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School Disco – Friday 7th October Disco Tickets £2.50 per child.

Reception & KS1: 5.30 – 6.30pm.

In response to popular demand, we will now have a tuck shop at the KS1 disco. Jelly sweets & chocolate buttons will be on sale for 20p each.

We will also be selling glow items (50p/£1)

KS2: 6.45 – 8pm.

KS2 will also have a tuck shop and the popular photo booth is back with a variety of new props. Tuck shop items priced from 10p to 50p. Photo booth is 50p a go.

Drop off for disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class. Pickup at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground.

Date for your diary;

- Christmas Fayre – **Friday 9th December** after school.

Easyfundraising.com If you are doing any shopping online, click via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/> to raise money for the school without costing you a penny! The retailer pays a percentage of your total without any charge to you.

PTFA AGM Minutes are now available to read in the school office area.

CLUB APPLICATION SLIP - One slip per club and child please

CHILD'S NAME **CLASS**/Yr.....

I give permission for my child to attend the club

I will collect them from school* Emergency telephone no:

They have permission to walk home from school*

(*please delete as necessary)

Signed **Date**