

Friday 7th October 2016

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents that came along to the handwriting and homework presentation on Wednesday evening. I appreciate that it is difficult for everyone to attend these events so we have put the presentation on the website for you. There is also a link to a homework questionnaire which we would be very grateful if parents could complete as part of our consultation on homework. Many thanks

<http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters>.

Please can I ask Key Stage 1 and Reception parents to keep a close eye on your little ones when you are waiting in the playground so they do not go and play with the equipment outside the classrooms – I know it is very tempting for them but things can get damaged or lost. Thank you.

Harvest Festivals

We will be holding a harvest festival service for Key Stage 2 children in school on Wednesday 12th October at 2.30pm which will be led by Poppy. Parents are welcome to attend. Key Stage 1 harvest festival will be in St. Mary’s Church at 1.45pm on Thursday 13th October and again parents are welcome to attend.

Please note the change of times for the KS1 Christmas play. Apologies for this we have had to change the evening performance to Wednesday 7th December at 6pm and the afternoon performance to the Tuesday 6th December at 2pm. Thank you.

Jo Woolley

School Diary

7 th October	PTFA School Disco	7 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
11 th October	Wake & Shake 8.40-8.50am	9 th November	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
12 th October	Open Day 9.30am – 11.30am	6 th December	Time Change KS1 Afternoon Performance 2pm
14 th October	Last Day of Term	7 th December	Time Change KS1 Evening “
31 st October	First Day of Term		6.00pm
1 st November	Grab a Crown up 8.40-8.50am	16 th December	Last day of Term

Duchy Farm News

Did you visit The Duchy Farm at the end of last Summer in KS1? Did your pumpkin grow? If so, Farmer Fred would love to offer you 50% off a pumpkin if you visit the Duchy farm on Saturday 29 October in the afternoon. Please bring your pumpkin to show Farmer Fred!

Farmer Fred has said that you are very welcome to walk around the farm too!

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Open Morning for new Reception children 2017

If you have a child who is due to start Reception next year in September 2017 please come along to our Open Morning on Wednesday 12th October between 9.30am and 11.30am at school. It is an opportunity to look around the school and see the children at work and play and to talk to children, staff and governors about our school and how children learn here.

We look forward to seeing you.

Parents Evening

The parents evening dates are as follows:

Monday 7th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 9th November 4pm - 7pm

Parents Evening – Online Booking System

Parents Evening will be held on Monday 7th November and Wednesday 9th November. To enable you to have more control over your appointment times we will be using the online booking system again. Using a User ID and password you will be able to see the available appointments for your child's teacher and select the most convenient one for yourself. Your User ID, password and weblink will be issued later today and will be sent to you via email, this is not issued directly from the school email, so please check your junk box as it may appear in there. It will come to the email address through which you currently receive the weekly newsletters. If you do not receive this email or do not have internet access you will be able to book appointments through Mrs Glover in the School Office. **If you have had structured conversations with your child's class teacher as part of the Achievement for All program you do not need to make a Parents Evening appointment.**

Harvest Festival Information

Wednesday 12th October is Harvest Celebration in school for children in Reception and Key Stage 2. Key Stage 1 will celebrate Harvest at St Marys' Church on Thursday 13th October. This is a time for us to say 'thank you' for our food by sharing some of what we have with others who are less fortunate. We are asking that the children bring in their donations for Wednesday. These will be taken to St Marys' Church and then, with their Harvest offerings, to the food bank in Cirencester which also supplies our food bank in Tetbury.

Whilst they have plenty of baked beans and pasta they urgently need... tinned fruit, tea bags(40s), tinned vegetables, tinned soup, instant mash, rice pudding, sponge pudding and sugar.

Please support our Harvest Celebration by donating one of the above foods - **NO fresh fruit or vegetables - thank you.**

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Breakfast club

Please can you pre-book your place in breakfast club either by phone call to the school office or by email. We are getting very full on a Thursday so pre-booking is essential. This also helps us with setting up.

School Hot Lunches

Congratulations to Helen, Val and Jenna for preparing are largest number of school meals this week. They prepared 1002 meals, which is fantastic! Thank you to everyone for their hard work and to the lunch time supervisors for looking after and caring for all the children during this very busy time.

Mathletics - School Mathlete of the Week: Joe N Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Theo S
PLUM	Lexie H
HOLLY	Charlie C
JUNIPER	Freddie J
MRS WILSON	Maisie B
MISS STEMPE	Joe N
MRS ROYLE	Rebecca S
RC Maths Group	James M
RD/CW Maths Group	Freddie E
MM Maths Group	Tom M

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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 - is now full. It will run after half term on Monday 14th November, from 3.15 – 4.00pm with Miss Jackson

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](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx) for more detail on vaccinations:

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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.