

Friday 14th October 2016

Our Christian Value for the term: Generosity

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all have a fabulous half term holiday. The teachers will be in school participating in training for the first 3 days of next week and the school will close on Wednesday at 4pm. We will reopen on Monday 31st October at the normal time.

At the start of next term please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. We will be wearing winter uniform which means that girls and boys from Year 1 – Year 6 should be wearing white shirts, ties, navy blue school jumpers and grey trousers or skirts. Only Reception children are permitted to wear blue polo shirts. I am aware that some children are not wearing ties at the moment – if you have lost a tie we do have ties for sale in the school office. Some children are coming to school wearing trainers which is not acceptable. I know it can be difficult to ‘persuade’ children to put on the correct uniform – particularly older children - however the expectation does not change as they move to secondary school so it is important that children understand that uniform is non negotiable. I would be grateful if parents would support us in this. Thank you.

Thank you to all parents who helped walk the KS1 children to harvest yesterday and to all parents who sent in gifts of food. It was a lovely church service led by Poppy. All the donations will go to local food banks.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Wendy Taylor to our team of Midday Supervisors. Mrs Taylor has recently moved to Tetbury and she has a lot of experience working with children in primary schools as a Midday Supervisor and a teaching assistant.

Jo Woolley

School Diary

31 st October	First Day of Term	6 th December	Time Change KS1 Afternoon Performance 2pm
1 st November	Grab a Crown up 8.40-8.50am	7 th December	Time Change KS1 Evening “ 6.00pm
7 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm	16 th December	Last day of Term
9 th November	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm		

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Each phase celebrated Harvest with a Harvest service. Poppy came in to school on Wednesday and led a service for EYFS and a service for KS2 children. On Thursday, KS1 children visited St Marys Church where they celebrated Harvest and enjoyed singing 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' in church. All donations will be given to a local food bank.

A huge THANK-YOU to Farmer Fred from The Duchy Farm for donating the fresh organic produce that made up our Harvest Table.



Early Years and KS1



A huge thank you to Darren Barber from Tallis Amos group who brought in a massive John Deere tractor for KS1 and Early Years to have a look at! I am not sure who had more fun...the children who got to sit in the cab, or the staff who got to drive it!

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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

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.**

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.

Pants

Early years are running low on spare pants! if you have any old pants/knickers (particularly boys pants) suitable for 3-5 year olds please hand them to a member of the EYFS team!
thank you

Netball News


On Tuesday, the St. Mary's netball squad played their first friendly matches of the season with two teams travelling to Callowell School in Stroud. Captained by Grace P, the 'Lions': Lucy S, Oliver R, Isaac O, Mak S, Amelia B and Sophie N were defeated 7-3. Although it was a loss, our new inexperienced players learnt a great deal from the match and we now know what needs to be worked on. Player of the match was Sophie.

The Tigers were captained by Eleanor M. Lewis B, Oscar E, Freddie E, Lois F, Anna W, Eva W and Chloe S made up the team who won 3-1! With some players having only had three training sessions, this win was a great achievement. A particular well done goes to Lewis, who was player of the match.

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Mathletics -  *School Mathlete of the Week: Lily G*
Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Tommy E
PLUM	Rhys C
HOLLY	Savelle S
JUNIPER	Caleb G
MRS WILSON	Cassidee M
MISS STEMPE	Lily G
MRS ROYLE	Callum T
RC Maths Group	Megan B
RD/CW Maths Group	Lexie S
MM Maths Group	Grace P

Clubs

NEW CLUB - Cross Country club will be starting on Friday lunch times 12.15 until 12.45 with Mr and Mrs Purnell after half term. Any children wishing to take part will need to have a packed lunch every Friday and bring in old trainers and clothes to run in. Cross Country is a winter sport and as long as it is safe the children will be running whatever the weather! Please fill in slip at the end of the newsletter

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

French Club – members

French club has changed to Monday lunch times after half term

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Faith Explorers

Session dates remaining this term:

- Wednesday 2nd November
- Wednesday 16th November



Community News

We have been informed by Tetbury Town Council that repairs will be carried out to the junction of Hampton St/London Rd/New Church St/Long St on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October. Therefore this junction will be closed between the hours of 7am and 5:30pm.

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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School Disco

Thank you to all that supported the school disco on Friday 7th October. We raised **£690!**

The PTFA fundraise for various projects within the school including canopies for the KS1 playground.

Dates for your diary;

- Christmas jumper day - **Friday 9th December**.
 - Non-uniform day; wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas themed colours in exchange for a tombola gift for the Christmas Fayre. Donations of a bottle / box of chocolates or similar please.
- Christmas Fayre – **Friday 9th December** 5.30 – 7.30pm at the 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.

CLUB APPLICATION SLIP - One slip per club and child please

CHILD'S NAME **CLASS**/year

I give permission for my child to attend theCROSS COUNTRY..... club, Friday lunch times 12.15 until 12.45 with Mr and Mrs Purnell STARTING 4TH November

Signed **Date**