

Friday 4th November 2016

Our Christian Value for the term: Compassion

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed your half term holidays and you managed to have a good break. It is great to have the two week holiday for October half term however please do not assume this will be the case every year. The Gloucestershire term dates are set by the County each year and they do change. Next year the County have only set one week for the October half term so please don't book any holidays without checking the term dates with the school first. Many thanks.

We have had a good first week back and the children enjoyed their sessions of wheelchair basketball today – thank you to Miss Jackson for organising this. We are looking forward to another busy half term and Christmas rehearsals have already begun!

Please can I remind parents that all children should be in winter uniform which includes a tie. If your child has lost their tie you can purchase one from the school office. Children should all be wearing school shoes not trainers. We appreciate parents' support in ensuring children follow the school uniform policy.

As many of you will know, Mrs Wilson is expecting her first baby in February so she will be starting her maternity leave in the new year. We are delighted that Mr Godfrey will be teaching Beech Class from January onwards until Mrs Wilson is ready to return to work. Mr Godfrey is a very experienced teacher and school leader and he is looking forward to joining our team.

We are also pleased to welcome Kim Wood to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor. She has a daughter in Reception and is already part of the PTFA.

Can I also remind parents again not to drive into the school gates during drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

Jo Woolley

School Diary

7 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm	7 th December	Time Change KS1 Evening “ 6.00pm
9 th November	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm	16 th December	Last day of Term
6 th December	Time Change KS1 Afternoon Performance 2pm		

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Wheelie good wheels!!



Children in EYFS and KS1 had the opportunity to partake in wheelchair basketball today, great fun was had by all and it was a good job the wheelchairs had brakes!! What a wonderful way to promote physical development at St Mary's.

Children in Need



This year's theme is Spots. On November 18th November 2016, dress to impress in your spotty outfits and we'll have a winner of non-uniform day! But please bring in a gold coin if you want to dress in spots! (The School Council)

School Pond

As part of plan to develop and improve our Forest School area we will be reinstating and rejuvenating the school pond. Tetbury Tesco have kindly offered to hold a tombola in the Tetbury store on Friday 11th November to help us fundraise for equipment we need to do this. They will donate a number of prizes to this tombola however we would appreciate any additional prizes that you could provide. If you able to donate a prize please bring it into the school office on or before Wednesday 9th November. Thank you.

School Photos

If your child had their school photo taken you should have received them home this week. The photos can be booked direct on line per the instructions or by returning the envelope to the school office by Monday 7th November



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Breakfast club

Please pre-book your place in breakfast club either by phone call to the school office or by email. We are now full on a Wednesday and a Thursday morning. If you have not already booked for these days, unfortunately we are unable to take anymore children. If you would like to go on our waiting list, please call the school office.

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

Mathletics -  *School Mathlete of the Week:* Izzy T

Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Lily d-l-H
PLUM	Tanvir R
HOLLY	Alfie D
JUNIPER	Eva A
MRS WILSON	Callum P
MISS STEMPE	Dougal W
MRS ROYLE	Edward B
RC Maths Group	Sarah W
RD/CW Maths Group	Anna W
MM Maths Group	Izzy T

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NEW CLUB - Cross Country club has started today - Friday lunch times 12.15 until 12.45 with Mr and Mrs Purnell. 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 and return it to the school office or just turn up next Friday lunchtime!

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

GYM

Club will end 24th November. There will be no club through December but it will return on 5th January for current members only.

French Club – members

French club has now changed to Monday lunch times

Faith Explorers

Session dates remaining this term:

- **Wednesday 16th November**



Admissions Consultation – Have your say.

We are consulting on proposed changes to our Admissions Policy. The changes are designed to make the policy easier for parents to understand and to ensure that priority is given to the children who live within Tetbury, whilst taking into account our status as a Church of England school. These changes will effect parents who are applying for a place at our school for the September 2018 intake and beyond. These changes **will not** impact those who are currently applying for a child to start Reception in September 2017.

For full details on these changes and the proposed new policy please go to our website www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/consultation. We are consulting on this policy between 1st November 2016 and 9th December 2016 and will be holding a public meeting at school at 5pm on Wednesday 7th December. Please submit any comments you have on the proposed changes, any time between now and the 9th December 2016, to the Chair of Governors via a letter handed into the School Office or via email to chair@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

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Community News

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>



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.

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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.

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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.

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CLUB APPLICATION SLIP - One slip per club and child please

CHILD'S NAME **CLASS**/year

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

Signed **Date**