

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Our Christian Value for the term: Trust**

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Dear Parents,

We have had an extremely busy but fun end to term. Year 2 put on a wonderful production of the nativity story last week and we all thoroughly enjoyed the SWR Carol Service which was a very special event.

This week has been lots of fun with the Panto visiting on Monday which was kindly funded by the PTfA, parties on Tuesday, Christmas lunch on Wednesday and a visit to the Goods Shed on Thursday to see the film 'Nativity'. We have also had a very enjoyable Talent Show today and a lovely Christmas Service this afternoon.

The end of term has arrived and on behalf of all the staff at St. Mary's Primary School I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas. I hope you enjoy the Christmas holidays and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 when the school reopens for children.

**Mrs J Woolley**  
**Headteacher**

## **Year 2 topic "A dragon's Dilemma"**

Last week Year 2's topic "A dragon's Dilemma" came to an end with all the keys having been collected to free King Harold from the evil witches spell. The year 2 children celebrated by having a banquet. They all dressed up as kings, queens, princesses and dragons for the event. We spent the morning baking bread and then in the afternoon we shared our learning with each other, we showed tudor style dances, the Pavane and a Roundel and enjoyed eating our bread with cheeses and cold meats. Thank you to the parents for making such a effort with the children's costumes.



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## St Saviour Church

### Tetbury Christmas Tree Festival

Over the Christmas break pop in to St Saviour's Church and see the festive array of beautifully decorated trees from local organisations, schools and clubs. Our tree has been decorated by the children in Key Stage 2, reflecting the Caring, Curious and Courageous of St Mary's.

Many thanks to TESCO in Tetbury for donating our Christmas tree for the festival.



## Hindu Trip



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, year 5 visited Swindon Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre. After a tour of the beautifully decorated temple, we had a talk from local Hindus about deities, festivals, and worship. The children were hugely curious and asked many thoughtful questions. Following this we took part in some meditation– many of the children highlighted this as their favourite part of the trip. Before we left, we had the chance to try a delicious vegetable pakora. We had a wonderful day of learning which has since inspired lots of writing!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers at the Temple for hosting us.



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## Christmas Celebrations

What a busy week! We have enjoyed a pantomime (oh yes, we have!), a visit from Father Christmas and a really long party, Christmas lunch, singing Christmas songs to the Wednesday Club and playing on our new bikes and scooters! We are all ready for a rest now! Merry Christmas everyone! Lime Class 😊





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## Christmas foodbank donations from Elm Class



Inspired by Rob's worship at the beginning of Advent, Elm Class decided to do our own 'reverse advent calendar'. Each day we placed at least one item into our box to be donated to the food bank. On Tuesday this week, we met with Rob and Pam at the church to hand over our donations. The children had collected over 30 items to donate to families in need this Christmas. Well done Elm Class!

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## Year 2 - wanted first week of January

A plea from Year 2, please could you collect magazines for us for the first week in January, we will be using them to cut out facial features to use in an abstract art lesson.

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## Christmas Books!



Dare I mention it, but Christmas is just around the corner, so if you are looking for some present ideas, here are some books that your children might enjoy! Please visit <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk> for more book ideas, reviews and extracts.

Happy reading!

Mrs Cartledge



EYFS			
Year 1			
Year 2			



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Year 3			
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6			

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## Message from EYFS/KS1

Your child should be bringing a book bag to school rather than a back pack. Book bags can be stored in classrooms to create more room in the cloakrooms. **Back packs are intended for use in KS2 only.** If your child has a backpack, a St Mary's one or otherwise, please keep it for Y3 and return to using a book bag.

Book bags can be purchased from Michael Hope [www.michaelhope.co.uk](http://www.michaelhope.co.uk) if replacements are required. **All** Reception and KS1 children should be using bookbags.

**French club** - will restart 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Gym Club-** continues on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to current members – Competition 27<sup>th</sup> January, more details to follow.

## New Club - Cooking school



## Cookery Club - Spring Term 1

COOK SCHOOL amanda grant is running a club at St Mary's Church of England VA Primary School.

This is a great opportunity for the children to receive expert instruction and learn new skills. Cookery provides the children with confidence in preparing meals and teaches children about how good nutritional habits can lead to a healthier body. It also encourages self-discipline, team work and many of the essential life skills to succeed as an individual! All the ingredients, Cookware and Aprons for the children to wear during the sessions are included and the children get some lovely recipe cards to take home and keep!

**£35.00 - Book online NOW!**

<http://dashboard.clubbly.co.uk/clubs/5641>

**Please book ASAP -  
places limited to 14**

## COOK SCHOOL

Venue: St Mary's Church of England VA Primary School

Day: Friday

From: Fri 10 Jan 2020

To: Fri 14 Feb 2020

Except:  
Fri 07 Feb 2020

Age group: Yr3 - Yr6

Time: 03:15PM - 04:15PM

Cost: £35.00 for 5 sessions!

Bookings are made online, just follow the link on this page

Bookings are made on a 'first come, first served' basis

We recommend you use our free online booking service. (There is a telephone booking fee of £0.00 per order.)

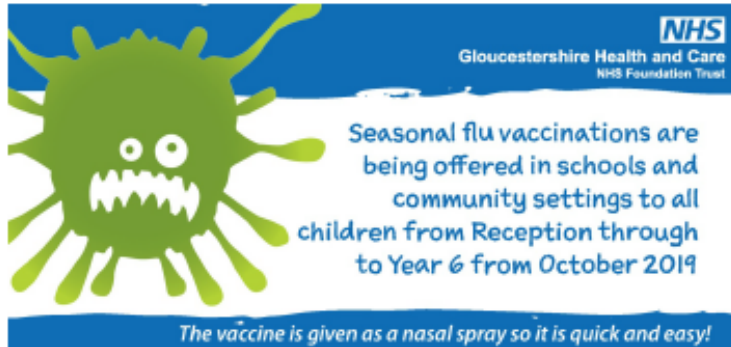
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Seasonal flu vaccinations are being offered in schools and community settings to all children from Reception through to Year 6 from October 2019

*The vaccine is given as a nasal spray so it is quick and easy!*

## Flu Immunisation: Catch-up Clinics for 2019-20

Please book an appointment below if your child has missed their school-based flu session or you wish to have your child vaccinated prior to their school based session

**Call: 0300 421 8140 to book**

Booking is open 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

The person with parental responsibility must complete the consent form. If you are not attending with your child and sending with another family member please contact the team to enable us to take verbal consent.

11th December 2019	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	15.45 – 19.00
16th December 2019	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.45 – 19.00
17th December 2019	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	15.30 – 19.30
18th December 2019	Rikenel Health Centre, The Park, Gloucester, GL1 1XR	15.45 – 18.45
23rd December 2019	Lydney Hospital Outpatients, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JE	15.45 – 14.30
30th December 2019	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	09.30 – 14.30
31st December 2019	Stroud Hospital, Trinity Outpatients, Trinity Road, Stroud, GL5 2HY	09.30 – 14.30
02nd January 2020	North Cotswold Hospital Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0DS	09.30 – 14.30
03rd January 2020	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	09.30 – 14.30
08th January 2020	Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4AW	17.00 – 19.30
13th January 2020	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.45 – 19.00
15th January 2020	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	15.45 – 19.00
20th January 2020	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	15.30 – 19.00
23rd January 2020	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	15.45 – 19.00
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## **New Junior Handball Training**

**Where: Kingshill School**

**When: Thursday's**

**Yrs 5-6 @ 4.45-5.45pm**

**Yrs 8-10 @ 5:45-6:45pm**

**Starting January**

**For more information contact Matt Durber  
gloshandball@gmail.com**



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<https://www.sas.org.uk/news/sas-news/plastic-free-festive-hacks-yule-love/>



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We have had a busy start to the 2019-2020 school year. Fundraising efforts have included a neon disco, Christmas fayre, ice cream Friday's, Christmas cards and wreath making plus our 100 club. We have also raised funds via grants and match funding.

Through all this hard work we have raised **over an incredible £5,000!!**

Thank you for all of your help and support in making our children's school a better, happier place.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St. Mary's PTFA

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## Christmas Wreath Making

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Wreath Making evening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Your creative efforts have helped raise **£205** for the school.

Special thanks to ptfa helpers who helped with supplying foliage, setting up and tidying away, serving drinks and hosting the event.

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## 100 Club

Our December 100 club winners are:

Stacey M and Joanna F winning £20 each

and

Katie M and Kirsty S winning £7 each.

If you haven't already, please pick up your winnings from the school office.

There will be another draw in January. Good Luck!!

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## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Marys school without it costing you a penny.

Do your online shopping via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/> and the retailer pays a percentage of your total without any charge to you.

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## French Christmas clubs

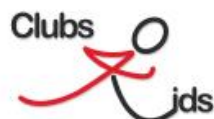
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[www.clubs4kids.com](http://www.clubs4kids.com)

near Sherston - SN16 0JY  
Monday 30 December 2019

near Cirencester - GL7 5TL  
Saturday 7 December 2019  
Friday 3 January 2020



£38 / day 10am - 3pm

bring a packed lunch and shoe box  
to collect your cooking and craft

*With stories, puppets, craft, cooking, story-telling, games and role-plays the French language will be brought to life. Your child will have a fabulous time and come away feeling more confident in the spoken language.*



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**2nd January 3rd January**

**HOLIDAY CLUB**

**TETBURY**

### GAMES & ACTIVITIES:

- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Dodgeball
- ★ Talent Shows
- ★ Ultimate Frisbee
- ★ Football
- ★ Nerf Wars
- ★ Musical Bumps
- ★ Cricket
- ★ ★ ★ There's something for everyone! ★ ★ ★

🏠 St Mary's Primary School, Tetbury, GL8 8BW

📅 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

🕒 9.00am - 4.00pm (8.00am - 5.00pm extra)

**COME AND JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING TIME OVER  
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*Are you worried about your energy bills? Would you like to check if there's a better deal available but don't know how? Are you struggling to pay your gas or electricity bills?*

Now that the weather has turned colder, many people have turned their heating on and are concerned about their energy usage and bills.

Here at Cotswold Citizens Advice, our advisers are available to provide free, private one to one appointments on matters such as:

- Checking you are on the best energy tariff for your circumstances and helping you to switch to a more suitable tariff.
- Explaining your energy bills and how to read your meter.
- Helping you to sort out problems and complaints with your energy supplier.
- Identifying financial support and grants which you may be eligible to receive for fuel bills.
- A benefit to check to make sure that you are getting all the benefits and any further assistance with your energy bills that they entitle you to.

Please phone us to make an appointment. Our service is confidential, impartial and independent. Your gas, electricity and water bills do not have to be worrying issues. Call 0808 800 0511 and ask for an energy appointment.