

Friday 9th November 2018

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who completed the parents' questionnaire at parents' evening this week. An initial analysis shows some very positive headlines with 95% of parents saying that their child enjoys school and 96% of parents saying that the quality of teaching is good – which is great news and a real tribute to the hard work of the teaching staff at the school. The Governors are in the process of collating the information and we will communicate the outcomes to parents as soon as possible. We will use the outcomes from the parents' questionnaire to inform our school development plan and I will work with the governors and parents to see how we can address any issues raised.

Next week is national Anti-Bullying week. The theme for the week is 'Choose Respect' and the pupils will be thinking about what respect is and how we can be respectful to one another. Children all over the country are being encouraged to attend school wearing odd socks on Monday. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate individuality. Children and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks of any kind!

We will also be dressing up on Friday for Children in Need – Yellow and/or spots. There will also be some fun fund-raising events going on – please see the note from Mr Walters further down in the newsletter.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher



Monday 12th November in Anti-Bullying Week 2018

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School Diary

16 th November	Children in Need	17 th December	Dick Whittington Panto for children (children only)
20 th November	Grab a Grown Up	17 th December	EYFS Dress Christmas performance 1.45pm
23 rd November	Egyptian Wow Day year 4	19 th December	Christmas Lunch
28 th November	Year 4 trip Ashmoleum Museum Oxford	20 th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties (pm)
30 th November	Christmas Jumper day at school & Christmas Fayre	21 st December	Talent Show (children only)
4 th December	Grab a Grown up	21 st December	Last day of term
4 th December	Sportshall Athletics @SWR	2019	
6 th December	KS1 Christmas Experience	7 th January	First day of term
7 th December	Tetbury Christmas light switch on PTFA Wreath making 7.30pm – 9.30pm	21 st January	Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6) Birmingham
10 th December	KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal	8 th February	PTFA school Disco
11 th December	KS1 Christmas performance 1.45pm	15 th February	Last day of term
12 th December	KS1 Christmas evening performance time to be confirmed	25 th February	First day of Term
13 th December	Carol Service with SWR at the church 6.30pm	25 th February	Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed)
13 th December	Goods Shed Cinema trip EYFS/KS1 (am) KS2 (pm) details to be confirmed	7 th March	World book day – Scholastics book fair
14 th December	EYFS Dress Christmas performance rehearsal 1.45pm	15 th March	Red Nose Day

ParentView



It has been over three years since our last Ofsted inspection and we are anticipating a visit in the near future. As part of the inspection process inspectors are keen to know what the parents think of their primary school and they take this into consideration when writing their report. To get the views of parents they ask parents to complete their Parent View survey on: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

It is also a useful tool for us to know what parents think about the school. I would encourage all parents to complete this if possible please - it only takes 5 minutes of your time and it is completely anonymous.

Tag Rugby Tournament

Thursday evening St Mary's took 2 teams to SWR for a tag rugby tournament. St Mary's competed with teams from Avening, Leighterton and Rodmarton with some fantastic matches played. Both teams showed tremendous determination throughout, remembering the key points Miss Snell and Mr Knight have taught them at rugby club.

Well done to all the players involved, you were a credit to the school and played with enjoyment and a smile on your faces!

Player of the tournament for St Mary's as chosen by Miss Snell and Mr Knight was Eva Weston - some brilliant teamwork, great go forward and superb dodging skills!

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Poppies at St Saviour's



Before our half term break the children were busy making a poppy for this year's special time of Remembrance - the centenary of the end of the First World War. As they were making the poppies, the children were thinking about what the poppy means to us today. They are now on display in St Saviour's Church which is open everyday from approximately 10am - 4pm. Why not pop along and have a look - they are stunning!

OPAL Update



Thank you very much to everyone who donated lots of old items for our new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) initiative. Please remember to have your child's coats and wellies in school every Wednesday for their outdoor play and learning.



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Award winning photographs from our wonderful school grounds

Earlier this week, the winners of the **Gloucestershire 2018 Wildlife Photography Competition** were announced. We are delighted to announce that **we have won the schools' category!** The photographs we submitted were taken in our wonderful school grounds last year, by children currently in Years 4 and 5, during a workshop with Iain Green, founder of Wildlife Wonder. Our prize is a half-day photography workshop with Iain, a nature photography specialist.

An email from Anne Carpenter, Communications and Events Administrator for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, informed us of our success adding... ***Congratulations and we hope the children of St Mary's continue to enjoy capturing the natural world on camera.***

You can enjoy our winning entries by visiting the website <https://www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/news/2018-wildlife-photography-competition-winning-images> and scrolling down to... Winners, Runners Up and Highly Commended.

In the meantime, here is a quick look at those winning entries...



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already know, Monday 12th November is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. Our school is excited to be joining in with others around the UK to participate in fundraising for this good cause.

As a school, we will be fundraising on **Friday 16th November.**

- Children are welcome to dress in something yellow or spotty for the day. We ask that children donate £1 if they wish to dress in fundraising clothes.
- During break and lunchtime, we will be holding our own cupcake sale. We are asking that children bring cupcakes of all shapes, sizes and decorations into school to be sold. Please ensure that nuts are not used in any of the recipes.
- We will also be taking part in the 'Great Staff Bake Off' this year. Members of staff will be baking their own cakes to impress our judge Mrs Woolley.

Let's make a big difference to the lives of children in the UK.
Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Walters

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Clubs

Faith Explorers



Next meeting:

Wednesday 14th November

Wednesday 21st November Faith Explorers Collective Worship 2.40pm – parents welcome

Additional session after school on Wednesday 28th November

Rugby Club

Last session of Rugby club this term will be 3rd December.

Now its getting very cold, please remember to bring warm clothes for rugby club.

Community



<https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/>

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Flu Immunisation: Catch-Up Clinics for 2018/19

Please book a session below if your child missed their school flu clinic or if you'd like your child vaccinated sooner than their planned school session –

Wed 7 Nov	Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, GL3 4AW	16:30-18:45
Thu 15 Nov	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	16:00-18:45
Wed 21 Nov	Cirencester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1YL	16:00-18:45
Thu 13 Dec	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	16:00-18:45
Thu 3 Jan	North Cotswolds Hospital, Outpatients Department, Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0DS	09:30-13:45
Fri 4 Jan	Lydney Hospital, Outpatients Department, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JE	09:30-13:45
Wed 9 Jan	Cirencester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1YL	16:00-18:45

New dates added not on original catch up letter –

**Tuesday 11th December at Gloucester North Fire Station,
Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF – 16:30-19:30**

And

**Monday 17th December at Cheltenham East Fire Station,
Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY – 16:00-19:30**

Call 0300 421 8140 to book

Booking line is open 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday

To provide consent for the vaccination you can attend the appointment with your child or visit www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent and provide consent electronically

Understanding You

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Tetbury Minibus Autumn/Winter Day Trips

- Cadbury World trip from Tetbury 26 October
Full day. Adult £20 Child/OAP £15
- Bicester Shopping Trip 17 November from Tetbury
Full day. Adult £20 Child/OAP £15.
Bucks Fizz & pastries included.
- Burford Winter Market 1 December from Tetbury
4 hours £13 Adult £10 Child/OAP



For a quotation please call 07939 890891 or visit www.tetburyminibus.co.uk

UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 30th November

Non-uniform day! Please wear your best Christmas Jumper or Christmas themed colours on Friday 30th Nov, in exchange we would welcome donations for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre: Box of Chocolates or a Bottle please (or similar).



Christmas Fayre – Friday 30th November; 5-7pm

Come and visit the PTFA Christmas Fayre.

We have lots to see and do including; Raffle, Tombola, Food, Bar, Crafts, Stalls, Santas Grotto, Lolly Tree, Christmas Photo Booth, Glitter Tattoos and much more! Please come along and have some fun. Entry is £1 per adult. Children are free

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Christmas Cards

The children have designed Christmas Cards this year through Art Projects for Schools (APFS). The designs and unique order code will be sent home with your child week commencing 12th November.

If you would like to order the cards, simply visit <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>. Full instructions are included with the artwork sent home with your child. The deadline for ordering is 21st November.

Packs of 12 cost £5.50 And a portion goes to the school for fundraising.

Tea towels

This year we have created a school tea towel – one for KS1 and one for KS2.

Tea towels will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre on 30th November.

Pictures of the design and prices can be seen nearer the time. Tea towels will also be available for purchase via the PTFA.

Christmas Craft: Wreath Making – Friday 7th December; 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Get festive and make your own Christmas wreath for a door or a table decoration.

Come along and bring a friend for Christmas craft and mulled wine (other refreshments will be available)

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available via Parentpay nearer the time.

Please provide you own gardening gloves and secateurs.

Easyfundraising.com

If you are super organised and already preparing for Christmas, don't forget to shop online via Easyfundraising.com You can 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. Retailers include Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Tesco, Expedia, Waitrose, flybe and many more. Sign up today!

Classlist

St Marys PTFA have a parent representative scheme. A parent volunteer liaises with the class teacher / TA to pass on information to all the parents in each class to ensure everyone is fully informed about activities within each class.

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We have found that this is especially useful for parents that are unable to drop off and collect their children due to work commitments.

Please register for the parent rep app - www.classlist.com (available on the app store). Click 'Join Here' and search for 'St Mary's CE VA Primary School, Tetbury'

EYFS **Cherry:** Kate Reeves

Lime: Penny Jones

Yr 1 **Holly:** Rhian Clapham

Yr 2 **Pear:** Rhian Clapham

Juniper: Clare Banbrook

Yr 3 **Beech:** Natalie Skinner

Willow: Kate Reeves

Yr 4 **Maple:** Tash Grant

Chestnut: Tash Grant

Yr 5/6 **Ash:** Tori Packer

Elm: Katie McGrath

Oak: Daisy Alban-Jones

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