

Friday 18th November 2016

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the children and parents who have raised money for Children in Need today. A particular thanks to the Year 6 children (and their parents!) who organised the cake sale in school. We had lots of spotty fun! ... stop press the children have raised over £200 today wearing their spotty clothes, thank you to everyone.



There have been a couple of reported incidents from schools in the Cirencester area concerning a man approaching children. One man approached a girl on her way home after an after school club in Cirencester and another man reportedly offered sweets to children over a boundary wall at Kemble School. We alerted the parents of children attending after school club about this as soon as we heard and advised them to come and collect their children from school and our playground staff are aware of the incident at Kemble. You should have received an email from us about children walking home alone after school. It might be advisable for children to walk home with an adult or in groups for the time being. Please be assured that our school is a very secure site. The gates to the playgrounds are kept locked during the school day as are all the doors around the school but if you have any concerns please let me know and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Mrs J Woolley

School Diary

1 st December	Switching on Christmas lights	16 th December	Last day of Term
6 th December	KS1 Afternoon Performance 2pm	20 th December	
7 th December	KS1 Evening “ 6.00pm	3 rd January	First Day of Term
9 th December	Christmas Fayre 5pm – 7pm	3 rd February	School Disco
14 th December	Whole school Christmas lunch	20 th February (1 and a half weeks)	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)

Forest School – Important reminder

Can all Children doing Forest school this term make sure they have warm jumpers and warm coats in school as the days are now very cold. Forest School takes place in all weather conditions, so the children need to have the correct clothing in school.

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Forest School classes and times – November and December - Fridays

Pear class morning session

Plum class morning session

Beech class afternoon session

Ten Tick Readers

This week saw the first of our **Ten Tick Readers Rewards...An afternoon film and popcorn!**

Ten Tick Readers is a reward system for all those children who read at least 4 times per week. A chart system is in place in each class and reading books are checked to see how many times per week your child reads at home.

One tick is given for those children who read twice per week.

Two ticks are given for those children who read at least four times per week.

Therefore, it is vital that you record each time you hear your child read, in their reading record book.

The lists are compiled termly and the reward is given the following term. Last year, rewards included; Visiting the Rec, Bouncy Castle, Dance Lesson, Board Games.

A whopping **99** children achieved the reward. It is great to have so many children reading. Let's challenge ourselves and see if we can increase this number this term!

Keep up the fab reading everyone!

Miss Jackson

Old (clean) shoes needed! - Pear Class

Please could Pear class have any old (clean) shoes that may be lying around your home? We have made our very own 'Elves and the Shoemaker' Cobbler's Workshop, (complete with workbench and hammers) all we need now is some old shoes to 'repair'. Any donations would be gratefully received by Mrs Stancombe or Miss Jackson. Thank you.

Trousers

Thank you for all the donations of pants for EYFS and KS1, we are also really short on boys trousers. Any donations would be greatly received, If you could hand them to Mrs May, Mr Foster or if they are a larger size please bring to the school office.

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Football Report

On Thursday 17th November eight Y5/6 children represented our school in a football tournament at Cirencester Primary School.

There were 18 teams taking part and these were divided into two groups of nine. We were in the green/blue group. We played 8 matches – we won one match, drew four matches and lost three matches.

All the team played their very best football with goals scored by Mak, Freddie and Grace and superb defending by James, Kyle, Jack, Lewis and Jasper.

We finished 6th in our group and unfortunately did not make it to the semi-finals.

Thank you to Mrs Sujeewon and Mr Everett for transporting the team and supporting them in very windy conditions. By The Team!

Music Lessons

The invoices for music lessons (for September to December) are now on ParentPay. Please ensure that payment is made by 11th December 2016. If you are unable to pay via ParentPay or have any questions please contact Helen Glover in the School Office on 01666 502275 or via bursar@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Forest School – Wish List

Forest school has a few things on their wish list. if anyone could donate any of the following please bring to the school office:

Climbing rope
Tying rope
New bamboo canes
Old Tarpaulins
Fire wood

Are you a Qualified Accountant?

If you are a qualified accountant and would be able spare the school half a day/a day of your time and expertise between now and the end of January please contact Helen Glover in the School Office on 01666 502275.

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Christmas lights switch on.

The annual switch on of the Christmas lights in Tetbury will take place on Thursday 1st December. Children from the school will be singing a Christmas song outside the Market House at the turning on of the lights. If you would like your child to participate in this event please complete the slip below.



Your child should be in St. Mary's Church at 5.10pm on Thursday 1st December dressed in school uniform. They will then process through the town at the front of the parade with me. We will arrive at the Market House where they will sing a song at 5.30pm and watch the turning on of the lights. Parents will then need to collect their child from Mrs Woolley at the Market House immediately after the singing is over.

Please could you complete the slip below and return it to the school office to indicate if you would like your child to participate in this event.

Breakfast club

Please remember to pre-book your place in breakfast club. Please call the school office. If we know when children are coming we can accommodate bookings where possible.

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

Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Holly C
PLUM	Rhys C
HOLLY	Alfie S
JUNIPER	Preston D
MRS WILSON	James H
MISS STEMPT	Ffion T
MRS ROYLE	Charlotte M
RC Maths Group	Megan B
RD/CW Maths Group	Charlotte T
MM Maths Group	Marjiya R

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Club News

GYM

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



Faith Explorers has now finished for this term

FGR News

Forest Green Rovers are currently top of the table in their bid to win the league this season. On Saturday (19th November) sees them up against Lincoln City at home. This match is a **Kids go Free** match and there are also vouchers that entitle adults to purchase match tickets at half price for this game. These vouchers are available from the school office.



Wicker Basket Appeal – If you have any large wicker baskets that could be used to make up Christmas hampers for the Christmas Fayre, please send into the school office. All donations greatly received.

Christmas Jumper Day – 9th Dec

Non-uniform day! Please wear your best Christmas themed colours or Christmas jumper on Friday 9th Dec, 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 9th December. 5pm – 7.30pm

Come and visit the Christmas Fayre. We have lots to see and do including; Tombola, Food, Bar, Bouncy Castle, Raffle, Crafts, Stalls, Santas Grotto, Wish Tree, Rummage in Rudolphs Nose Bag, Glitter Tattoos and much more! Please come along and have some fun!

St Marys School Christmas Cake-Off

Decorate a Christmas themed cake and enter it into our Christmas Cake-off. Prizes for the best decorated cake! Categories for Children and Grown-ups.

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Christmas Fayre Appeals

Stalls: We still have a couple of spaces at the Christmas Fayre for stalls. Tables cost £10 each, if you are interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fayre, please email Kelly Elliott (elliottsparky@btinternet.com) or speak to a PTFA member.

Volunteers: we would be grateful if anyone is able to help out at the Christmas Fayre. Please let a PTFA member know if you are able to help during the day on Friday 9th Dec or at the fayre itself.

Teddies / Jam Jars: if you are having a clear-out, we would welcome any donations of soft toys or clean empty jars (with lids) for the Christmas Fayre. The PTFA will collect any donations from the school office. Please hand in any donations by *Monday 5th December*.

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Easyfundraising.com If you are doing any Christmas 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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My child _____ (name)/ _____ Class will be singing at the Christmas Lights Switch on.

I understand that I need to collect my child from Mrs Woolley at the Market House immediately after the event.

Signed:

Date: