

Friday 25th November 2016

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Dear Parents,

This year the Tetbury Christmas Committee did not set a competition to find a winner to switch on the Christmas Lights. They asked us to choose a child to take on this role. As you can imagine it is quite difficult to select one child out of the 309 amazing children we have in our school so after thinking very hard and mulling over this predicament in great detailwe have decided to pull the name of the lucky child out of the hat in assembly! We will let the parents of the winning child know. Thank you.

Thank you to all those parents who have sent in slips saying children will be singing at the switching on of the lights. We will meet the children in the church at 5.10pm. They need to be in school uniform. Thank you.



Please can I remind parents not to reverse into residents’ drives when parking or turning near school. We have had another complaint from a neighbour about this. Many thanks.

Mrs J Woolley

School Diary

1st December	Switching on Christmas lights	14th December	Whole school Christmas lunch
5th December	Christmas card collection will begin*	15th December	Christmas Pantomime
6th December	KS1 Afternoon Performance 2pm	16th December	Last day of Term
7th December	KS1 Evening “ 6.00pm		
8th December	EYFS Christmas Performance 5.00pm	2017	
9th December	Non School uniform day	3rd January	First Day of Term
9th December	Christmas Fayre 5pm – 7pm	3rd February	School Disco
13th December	Year 5 and 6 are joining Year 7 from SWR for a Christmas concert in the church from 6.30 pm– 7.30pm. detailed letter to follow	20ⁿ February (1 and a half weeks)	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)

* Please note children can bring in Christmas cards for delivery around the school from Monday 5th December, post boxes will be in KS1 and KS2 areas, please do not bring cards in before this date as they will not be distributed until the first round of deliveries.

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Homework Questionnaire

The recent homework and handwriting presentation is still available on our school letter pages <http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters> if you would like to read it. There is also a link to a homework questionnaire and we would be very grateful if parents could complete it, if they haven't already, as part of our consultation on homework. The questionnaire can also be accessed from the letters page or directly by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCK239F>

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all the Children and Adults who donated towards the Poppy Appeal, we raised a fantastic £413.59 increase of nearly £200.00 more than last year! Well done to everyone and the year 6's for taking the time to sell them.



Children in Need



Again the children have shown a lot of compassion by raising an amazing £455.57 for Children In Need last week through cake sales, wearing spotty clothes and sale of bands

Sports Hall Athletics Stars!

On Tuesday the 22nd of November Miss Jackson and Mrs Danton took 23 Y5/6 children to SWR to compete in the Sports hall Athletics competition. Some of the activities were obstacle relay, 1 by 1 lap relay, 6 lap paarlauf, chest push, standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, soft javelin and speed bounce. Everyone did amazingly well and we came joint 1st with Leighterton, with Avening coming 10 points behind - this was the closest the scores have ever been. We all look forward to competing in the next level competition after Christmas.

A BIG WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!!!!!!

By EVIE and LUCY



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Hot School Lunches

Caterlink are the providers of hot school lunches at our school and many other primary schools in Gloucestershire. As part of their efforts to continually review and improve they are asking parents of these schools, their views, to help them understand what they are doing right and what they could improve. If you are interested in taking part please complete their online survey for Gloucestershire County Council Schools, via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/92JYYWG>

Thank you Tesco

A big thankyou to Lesley J who ran a tombola in Tescos raising £70 to go towards our bring back to life the school pond project and Penny S, so from Tescos, who spent a day in the cold, and often rain, helping us make a start on rejuvenating the garden outside the Den. Tesco staff will continue to help us with both these projects over the next month or so.

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.

Forest School classes and times – November and December - Fridays

Pear class morning session

Plum class morning session

Beech class afternoon session

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

... and a big thankyou to Timberpride Ltd for donating the firewood.

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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.

Textile Recycler



Our latest, easy way to help raise important funds for the school has arrived! We now have a textiles recycling bank, supplied by Bristol Textile Recyclers, situated in the car park by the Y3/4 playground. Any donations of clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys can be placed in the bank and we will receive funds for every kilo.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for someone who is lively and enthusiastic, with a caring nature and who enjoys working with children to join our team of Midday Supervisors. This role is for 1 hour a day from 12:15pm to 1:15pm. If you are interested please take a look at our vacancies page on the school website for full details on how to apply

www.stmarystetbury.com/vacancies

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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: Jake M

Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Esme I
PLUM	Jake M
HOLLY	Mollie M
JUNIPER	Chloe K
MRS WILSON	Logan W
MISS STEMPE	Emily W
MRS ROYLE	Lily M
RC Maths Group	Oscar E
RD/CW Maths Group	Lewis B
MM Maths Group	William S

Club News

GYM

Gym club has now finished. The club will restart on 5th January for current members only.



Faith Explorers has now finished for this term

Tag Rugby

The club will run for the next two weeks, last session on 8th December.

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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.



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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Community News

Special Church Services for children – from Poppy

- **Sunday 4th December, 4pm - CHRISTINGLE.** The children prepare for Christmas as we light the Christingle candles and think about Jesus coming as the Light of the World. And we use the special decorations on the Christingle oranges to think about what Christmas means for us all.
- **Christmas Eve, 4pm - CRIB SERVICE.** The children themselves tell the story of Christmas night. They are invited to dress up as sheep, stars, angels - even donkeys helping to carry Mary to Bethlehem. And all the children join the Nativity scene as we finish by singing "O come, all ye faithful"
- **Sunday 27th November, Sunday 11th December, Sunday 18th December, 9.30am.** At our 9.30am services through Advent, our Little Fishes Sunday School will be preparing for Christmas, helping to make a special decoration for our church on Christmas Day.

And for everyone ...

- **Sunday 27th November, 6pm - ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**
- **Sunday 18th December, 6pm - CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**
- **Christmas Eve, 11.30pm - MIDNIGHT MASS**
- **Christmas Day, 9.30am - OUR SPECIAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Free activities coming up at Tetbury Library.

Free festive family activities are running daily at Tetbury Library from 26th November to 31st December. Taking inspiration from Clement C. Moore's poem 'Twas the night before Christmas', there will be a different craft to enjoy each week. Also, if you come in to the library over the next week or so, you can help to decorate it! Everyone welcome - just drop in.


Please see attached flyer

Multi Sports Holiday Course

HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSE, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2016

Season's Greetings to you all. St Mary's C of E Primary School will be hosting Multi Sports holiday courses for R-Y6 pupils during the Christmas Holidays on the following dates:

Tuesday 20th December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm
Wednesday 21st December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm
ST Mary's Road, Tetbury, Gloucs GL8 8BW
Tel: 01666 502 275 Office 9am - 3.30pm

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