

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016**

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came along to the switching on of the lights last night. It was a lovely atmosphere, the children sang beautifully and Masha did a superb job of turning on the Christmas lights for Tetbury!

We are now into the last two weeks of term and we are looking forward to the KS1 and Reception production on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Reception children will also be putting on a little Christmas tableau for parents at 5pm on Thursday. The PTfA are holding the Christmas Fayre in school on Friday evening. Please come along and join in the fun and buy some Christmas gifts. Thank you to the PTfA for all their hard work in organising this.

It was lovely to see all year 5/6 dressed as Vikings and having a fun filled Viking day – pictures to follow next week.

Mrs J Woolley

**Clubs** **Tag Rugby & Young Voices** have now finished and will restart in the new year  
**Football club** - last session tonight

## School Diary

<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas card collection will begin</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Whole school Christmas lunch</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Afternoon Performance 2pm</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Pantomime</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Evening “ 6.00pm</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of Term</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>EYFS Christmas Performance 5.00pm</b>	<b>2017</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Non School uniform day</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre 5pm – 7pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>School Disco</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>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</b>	<b>20<sup>n</sup> February (1 and a half weeks)</b>	<b>Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)</b>

We need you...

## 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. This can be split to 1, 2 or more days to suit. 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](http://www.stmarystetbury.com/vacancies)

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Thank you to Kings Tree Services for donating the lovely Christmas tree which is now in position in the School Hall ready for decoration by the PTFA.

## Christmas Post for the Scouts

We are now collecting Christmas Post for the Scouts. If you bring your cards into the school office, we will collect them ready for the Scout delivery on 17th & 18th December. Each card will be 30p, if you could have the correct money to hand, this will help us in the office.

## Christmas Tree Festival 2016 (TACT)

The children have been busy sewing 'ties' for our entry into the Christmas Tree Festival at St Saviours Church. The trees will be switched on from Thursday until Saturday. Please do pop along and see if you can spot the one we have decorated!

There will also be a carol service at 530pm which all are welcome to attend.

## Wellie Walk

Thank you to all parents for helping with the Wellie walk this term. This has now finished for this term and will resume in the New Year.

## 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>

## 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.

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## 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

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## Lost and Found

Childs Watch found in KS1 area, if your child has lost a watch with a large face. Please come to the school office.

## Scooter Found at Tesco

A child's scooter possibly KS2 or year 7/8 has been left at Tescos for some weeks. If you think you left or know someone who has lost their scooter, please come in to the school office and let us know.

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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.

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**Mathletics -**  **School Mathlete of the Week: Jamie F**

**Class Mathlete of the Week:**

PEAR	Rhys M
PLUM	James T
HOLLY	Marcie S
JUNIPER	Matilda W
MRS WILSON	Ryan H
MISS STEMP	Jamie F
MRS ROYLE	Chloe S
RC Maths Group	Charlie R
RD/CW Maths Group	Mak S
MM Maths Group	Ella H

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**Christmas Jumper Day – 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Non-uniform day! Please wear your best Christmas themed colours or Christmas jumper on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Rudolfs Nose Bag, Glitter Tattoos and much more! Please come along and have some fun!



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## 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Children's Christingle Service this Sunday.** Join us as we prepare for Christmas by lighting our Christingle candles and thinking about Jesus coming as the Light of the World. And we use the Christingle orange and special decorations to talk about what Christmas means for us all. **Come to St Marys' Church at 4pm on Sunday 4th December.**

**Children needed to help lead St Marys' Church Christmas Eve Crib Service.** We'd love as many children as possible to be involved in our Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We need angels, shepherds and sheep, kings and stars ... and of course Mary and Joseph. Please contact Poppy if your children would like be involved. Rehearsal at 4pm on Tuesday 20th December. Call Poppy on 01666 502 333 or email [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk) THANK YOU!

And for everyone ...

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

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## 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.

## Goods Shed Arts Centre – Your Views.

As you may already be aware, the Goods Shed Arts Centre is due to open in Tetbury in 2017. This offers an exciting opportunity to bring a new range of arts-based events and entertainment to Tetbury. In their preparation for the opening of the Arts Centre, The Trustees of the Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust are very keen to create interest and gather views from parents and anyone caring or responsible for children and young people in the local area. In that respect, they would be most grateful if you could take a few moments to complete their short survey [Goods Shed Arts Centre Survey](#). More information on the TRLRT, including how to become a Friend, how to donate to the Seat Appeal, and upcoming events can be found at: <http://tetburyrailands.com/>

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

**This will give parents the opportunity to do some last minute Christmas shopping!**

Sessions will cover the basics of agility, balance, co-ordination, speed, and spatial awareness using a variety of sports. In addition, it will cover specific skills and techniques, but most of all focusing on FUN!

**The cost is £10.00 per child per day (or £18.00 per child for both days)!**

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To register please fill out the detachable slip below and return with payment:

- Pay by Cash (not cheque) by inserting into an envelope with the detached slip and hand to the School Office to pass on. Please note that we are unable to confirm your child's/children's place until payment is made.

**Deadline for returning slips is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

There are a limited number of places available. If you book after places have been filled, you will be placed on a reserve list and will be informed if a place becomes available.

All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear sports clothing and trainers and provide their own packed lunch with a drink. Warm/wet weather gear as well as a towel is also advised.

For queries please contact Mr James Jarad on:

E-mail: [jaradore@gmail.com](mailto:jaradore@gmail.com)

Tel: 07415293798 or

Mr Stephen Knight on:

E-mail: [stephenknight82@gmail.com](mailto:stephenknight82@gmail.com)

Tel: 07717528378.

### Cancellation policy

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016**, a full refund will be offered.  
Any cancellations made after this date will be non refundable, however a rollover will be offered.

### **St Mary's Primary School Holiday booking form – Christmas Holidays 2016**

Please indicate which day/days your child/children will be attending (circle or tick as appropriate).

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

Childs name:

Emergency Contact No:

Year Group:

Email address:

Medical conditions:

I enclose payment of £\_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian):



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