

Friday 23rd November 2018

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Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are already thinking about the Christmas Fayre, but it will be happening on Friday next week organised by the wonderful PTfA. Doors open at 5pm until 7pm and there will be lots of things for children to do, a great raffle and a visit from Father Christmas. Please come along and support the school and join in the fun.

Children can come to school wearing Christmas jumpers or Christmas colours on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. We would ask that children bring in something for the tombola if they are doing this. Please see the note from the PTfA below.

### Christmas Lights Switch On

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December the Tetbury Lights will be switched on by a Coronation Street star! This year there have been some changes to the procession. Children are requested to meet at the Council Offices at 5.30pm with their parents if they wish to take part in the procession. Families will process up to the Market Hall for the switch on and there will be lots of stalls and activities including a Christmas trail around the town. The children have not been asked to perform this year.

**Mrs J Woolley**  
Headteacher

### Amazing Egyptians! Exciting Egyptians!



For the children in Year 4, this morning started by singing our **Amazing Egyptians** song to our parents and carers. They then came to our classrooms to see our Egyptian art on papyrus which we made ourselves, using the same technique as the Ancient Egyptians. We have also made shabtis ready to accompany the Pharaoh to the afterlife. In class today, we have designed and made Egyptian necklaces and learnt so much about Egyptian life through playing fantastic games which we made for our homework.


The day has been brilliant and a HUGE thank you to parents and carers for providing wonderful costumes for the children - as you can see, they looked FABULOUS!

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## School Diary

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

### Year 4 Visit to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

A reminder that the children need to be in school for 8.30 am on Wednesday 28th November. This is due to the amount of traffic heading into Oxford and there are also roadworks, causing delays.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we want the children to get the most out of the day. Similarly we may be a little later returning to school – we will keep the office updated on our way back.

Thank you for your support

The Year 4 Team



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## Children in Need

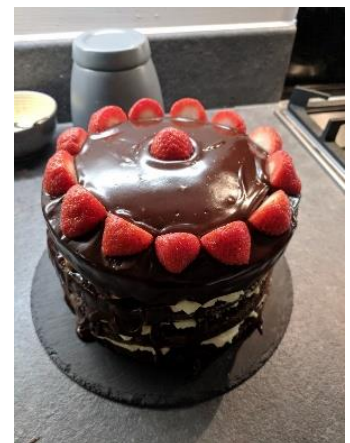


Last Friday the children came into school all dressed in yellow and spots, a huge thank you to all parents who showed their support. The school council worked extremely hard selling cakes during break time and all the pupils had a fantastic day.

Star cake baker was Mrs May who produced a fantastic layered choc cake accompanied with sparklers.



Star Teacher Baker was Mrs May who produced a fantastic layered chocolate cake accompanied with sparklers.



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## Clubs

### Faith Explorers

Next meeting:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November



### Rugby Club

Last session of Rugby club this term will be 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

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

### Cookschool

Bookings now being taken online for January club <http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2806>

The Lunchbowl Network invites you to

## Help fill Santa's Sack!

Many children here in the UK get underwear in their Christmas stockings and this campaign is asking families to buy and donate some for us in the run up to Christmas, to send the children that we support in Kibera, Nairobi

Our children are desperate for new underwear.  
Pants (ages 3 to 16) and  
grey tights and socks (ages 3 to 9)

Please bring your contributions by  
the end of term.

We have a Santa's Sack in the school office, if you would like to bring in your donations of 'new' underwear and grey tights, Anna-Kate our French teacher, will collect Santa's sack and make sure the donations are sent out to children in Kibera, Nairobi.





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## UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

### Rudolfs Raffle

Raffle ticket books will go out in book bags today with the eldest sibling. The books have 5 tickets in each and each ticket is £1.

If you would like to buy tickets, please return money and stubs (with any unsold tickets) to the school office before 3pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre on Friday November the 30<sup>th</sup> which is taking place 5-7pm.

Extra tickets will be available in the school office.



### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November



Non-uniform day! Please wear your best Christmas Jumper or Christmas themed colours on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Christmas Craft: Wreath Making – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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.

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](http://www.classlist.com) (available on the app store). Click 'Join Here' and search for 'St Mary's CE VA Primary School, Tetbury'

EYFS	<b>Cherry:</b> Kate Reeves	<b>Lime:</b> Penny Jones
Yr 1	<b>Pear:</b> Rhian Clapham	
Yr 2	<b>Holly:</b> Rhian Clapham	<b>Juniper:</b> Clare Banbrook
Yr 3	<b>Beech:</b> Natalie Skinner	<b>Willow:</b> Kate Reeves
Yr 4	<b>Maple:</b> Tash Grant	<b>Chestnut:</b> Tash Grant
Yr 5/6	<b>Ash:</b> Tori Packer	<b>Elm:</b> Katie McGrath
		<b>Oak:</b> Daisy Alban-Jones

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## Tetbury Library

Tetbury Fire-fighter Dave will be coming to Tetbury Library to read Michael Rosen's 'We're going on a bear hunt'! This 'CelebraeStory' will be on Saturday 24th November at the later time of 11:15am (perfect to relax in the warm after football!). It's suitable for 4 to 8 year olds and their family and includes a follow-up activity as well as an opportunity to chat with a fire-fighter! Free, just turn up.

# CelebraeStory'



Runner-up for the 2017  
**The David Vaisey Prize**  
An award for outstanding Gloucestershire library initiatives

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Michael Rosen      Helen Oxenbury

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Gloucestershire  
Care Services  
NHS Trust

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> December at Gloucester North Fire Station,  
Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF – 16:30-19:30  
And**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent) and provide consent electronically

Understanding You



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## Collecting your Christmas tree – for charity !

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity. Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day !) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).



## French Christmas clubs

Reserve now!  
[admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com)  
[www.clubs4kids.com](http://www.clubs4kids.com)  
07375306881

Open to all primary school children

Saturday 8 December 2018  
near Sherston - SN16 0JY

Wednesday 2 January 2019  
near Cirencester - GL7 5TL

£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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Dinner money for orphans: ending hunger  
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