

Friday 9th December 2016

Our Christian Value for the term: Compassion

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Dear Parents,

Well what a week! The two performances of 'A Midwife Crisis' were brilliant. Well done to all the KS1 children who sang, learnt lines, danced and acted – you were all fantastic and a massive well done to all the Reception children who did two amazing performances of The Counting Tableau yesterday. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work.

Congratulations to Freddie Aplin who was crowned National Scoot Under 8s Champion. What a talented boy! Well done Freddie.

Next week is the last week of term. We will be finishing school at the normal time on Friday and school will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January.

Mrs Wilson has decided that she will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her all the best with the remainder of her pregnancy and we will look forward to meeting her baby when the time comes! Mr Godfrey will be teaching Beech Class at the start of next term. The children are already quite familiar with him as he has been doing a fair amount of supply work at the school. We look forward to welcoming him to St Mary's.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas Fayre tonight. Thank you to Claire and Katie and all of the PTfA for the organising this event. We appreciate the support and the children are very grateful for all the lovely things you buy us as a result of your brilliant fundraising.

We have a very exciting week planned next week – more glitter, more lights and more Christmas songs! The children will have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday, Year 5/6 are singing in the Church with SWR on Tuesday evening and we have a visiting panto in school on Thursday. Thank you to the PTfA for funding this for the children. Could parents of Year 5/6 children please encourage the children to come along to the carol service on Tuesday at 6.30pm at St. Mary's Church. They have been practising the songs in school and it would be lovely for as many children as possible to participate in this community event on Tuesday. Thank you.

Mrs J Woolley

School Diary

9 th December	Non School uniform day	16 th December	Last day of Term
9 th December	Christmas Fayre 5pm – 7pm	2017	
13 th 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	3 rd January	First Day of Term
14 th December	Whole school Christmas lunch	3 rd February	School Disco
15 th December	Christmas Pantomime	20 th February (1 & half weeks)	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)

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As promised yr 5/6 Viking Day photos



We need you...

Middy 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 Middy 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

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.

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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>

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.

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.

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: Kingston R*

Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Edward B
PLUM	Josh E
HOLLY	George M
JUNIPER	Phoebe M
MRS WILSON	Liara H
MISS STEMPE	Kingston R
MRS ROYLE	Connor E
RC Maths Group	Megan B
RD/CW Maths Group	Freddie E
MM Maths Group	Jack W-J

Netball News

On Tuesday, the St. Mary's Lions at last put all their training and friendly match experience into practice, with their first league match of the season against St. Paul's in Yate. The team: Lucy S (captain), Jack W-J, Fergus P-M, Mak S, Grace P, Amelia B and Sophie N were on fine form with every member of the team scoring at least one goal and winning 21-0 in total. Jack was player of the match scoring 8 of the 21 goals. Well done to all for showing good sportsmanship towards the opposition who were inexperienced and new to the rules of netball.

Netball Training is on on Tuesday

And from the team...

“This week we won 21-0 Saint Pauls did their best . Lucy S was the Captain and she did a great job . Grace Lucy, Fergus, Mak, Jack, Amelia and Sophie we all played really well. Every one scored at least one goal and Jack scored 7 goals. It was an amazing start to the season and to the league. Every single player earned their place in the team. The whole team would like to thank Kate Harper for being a great coach.” BY LUCY GRACE MAK

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FGR News

The next Kids go Free match is on the 17th December 2016. There are also half price adult tickets available for this match from the school office. If you are interested in a half price adult ticket please fill out the letter attached and hand into the school Office.



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.

Community News

Carols in the Goods Shed

This will be the first event to be held in the refurbished Goods Shed. This year's Carols will be held on Friday, 23 December from 6pm until around 7pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies available to give seasonal cheer to what is becoming a major social event. Do come along! Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust.

St Marys' Church

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 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 family festive activities are continuing to run every day at Tetbury Library until the end of December - a different craft each week. All welcome, just drop in. In the new year there will be a couple of free clubs just for the grown-ups! On the first Saturday of each month at 10am will be Library Crafters - come along and learn some new and traditional craft techniques. On the third Saturday of each month at 10am will be Reading Ahead - rediscover the benefits and pleasure of reading!

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 20th December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Wednesday 21st 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 16th 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: jaradoref@gmail.com

Tel: 07415293798 or

Mr Stephen Knight on:

E-mail: stephenknight82@gmail.com

Tel: 07717528378.

Cancellation policy

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Sunday 18th 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 20th December 2016 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Wednesday 21st 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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