

**Friday 8th December 2017**

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(Anon)

Dear Parents,

Ho ho ho.....Festive fun and frivolities are in full swing at St. Mary's. The EYFS children staged a wonderful nativity show for the parents this week – they knew all their songs and looked very lovely in their costumes. Thank you to all the EYFS staff for all their hard work.

The KS1 children walked up to St. Mary's Church to experience the magic of the Christmas Story led by members of the Church and we were there in full voice to entertain the town at the switching on of the Christmas lights yesterday. Tonight we are looking forward very much to doing a bit of Christmas shopping at the Christmas Fayre. A massive thank you to the PTfA for all their hard work organising this.



There is a lot planned for next week. Year 1 and 2 children are putting on their performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' We have two performances for parents(ticket only) - one at 2pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and another at 6pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. KS2 children are taking part in the Carol Service on Tuesday evening in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm and we look forward to seeing lots of parents there.

The children are also being entertained by a visiting pantomime on Wednesday morning - thank you once again to the PTfA for supporting this. Then we will all be sitting down to Christmas lunch and then there are Christmas parties and a talent show! Don't forget Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term – we are collecting money for Save the Children and we would appreciate a donation of £1 per child to support vulnerable children in the UK and across the world.

## Reception to yr 4 Flu Nasal Vaccination – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

The Flu Nasal Vaccination will take place on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> – please see information on our web site:

<http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters> If you have not completed the online form, please do so as soon as possible or complete the form available at the school office.

Mrs Woolley  
Head Teacher

## School Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fayre	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	First day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception to yr 4 Flu Nasal Vaccination	10 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Performance 'Lights, Camel, Action 2pm	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> December	SWR & KS2 Carole service at St Marys Church Tetbury KS2 children in school uniform arrive by 6.15pm ready to start at 6.30pm	19 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch		
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Performance 'Lights, Camel, Action 6pm		
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties		
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term		

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## Christingle

## Making



This morning all the children in Years 3 and 4 made Christingles ready for the Christingle service.

'Christingle making was so fun and we learnt about what everything represents. People from St Mary's Church helped us to make them. This is how we made them...

'First we got an orange which represents the world. We then put red tape round it, this represents the blood of Jesus. Then we put four cocktail sticks in the orange to represent the four seasons and the four compass points. We then put sweets and raisins on the cocktail sticks to represent all the good things in life that God gives us. We also put a jelly baby on to represent mankind. Finally we put a candle in the orange to show that Jesus is the light of the world. It was such fun.'

Poppy and Sophie (Maple Class)

So come along to **St Mary's Church this Sunday (10th December) at 4pm** for the **Christingle Service**. It is a service for children where they will receive one of the Christingles made this morning. Carols are sung and the lights are turned off as the Christingles are lit - the perfect service for this time of year.

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## Sports all Athletics

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, a mixed team of 23 Year 5/6 children from St Mary's were victorious in the local sports hall athletics competition at SWR. Events ranged from individual jumping and throwing to team running events and everyone that competed was a credit to the school. Having won the competition, the team will now compete in the next round at Kingshill School in the new year



## St Saviours Church

Please pop along to St Saviours Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. The children from Y1-Y4 have visited the church for inspiration and produced some beautiful decorations!

## Grab a Grown up news/update

**There will be no Grab a Grown up next week**

**In the new year Grab a Grown up will be on a Tuesday** - starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January with KS1

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## Reception Places September 2018

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, please ensure that you submit your application for a place before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Applications should be made to Gloucestershire County Council using the information in the letter which you will have already received from them. Full details on how to apply can be found on our school website <http://www.stmarystetbury.com/new-to-us/apply-for-a-place>. If you have any questions please contact the School Office on 01666 502275.

## Child safety on You Tube: Parent Factsheet

Please take time to read the attached factsheet on Child safety on You tube, which is also available on our web site via the following link: <http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters>

## Clubs

All clubs have now finished

Netball club have a match next week , parents have been notified by Mrs Harper.

## 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. Each card will be 30p, if you could have the correct money to hand, this will help us in the office.

Using Tetbury Scout Christmas post is an excellent way to support your local scout group. For only 30p/card our Beavers and Scouts will go out into the cold weather and deliver your Christmas cards to your friends around the local Tetbury area. The money all goes to Tetbury Scouts and Beavers and is used to support our activities throughout the year. Postboxes are available at the school, Tetbury Hardware, Tenovus, Hampton Street Stores and Scentiments until the 15th December and the cards will be delivered on the 16/17th December.

Thank you for your support.



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## Wreath Making

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Thank you to all of you that supported the Wreath making last Friday.  
A successful night was had by all and we raised £300 for the school.

## Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre this evening.

More tickets will be available at the Fayre. Please see attached raffle flyer for details of all the fabulous prizes!

## Christmas Fayre – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. 5-7pm

Come and visit the Christmas Fayre. We have lots to see and do including; Tombola, Food, Bar, Bouncy Castle, Crafts, Stalls, Santas Grotto, Lolly Tree, Christmas Photo Booth, Glitter Tattoos and much more! Please come along and have some fun!

We will also draw the raffle with fabulous prizes.

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If you are doing any shopping online, click 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!

## Parent/Teacher Representative

St Marys PTFA have started 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**'

If you would like to be the representative for your class, please register as above and let the PTFA know by emailing [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)



Plum: Clare Banbrook  
McGrath

Pear: Rhiain Clapham

Holly: Katie

Cherry & Juniper: Kate Reeves

Lime: Natalie Skinner

Beech & Maple: Natasha Grant

## Community News

**Carol Service at St Saviour's this Saturday.** Come and enjoy the Christmas Tree Festival and celebrate the coming of Christmas with a simple carol service at **St Saviours Church, 5.30pm, Saturday 9th December.**

**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 10th December.**

**Children's Christmas Eve Crib Service, 4pm on Christmas Eve.** We sing the children's favourite carols as they act out the story of Christmas night. Children are invited to come dressed as sheep, stars, angels - even donkeys, helping to carry Mary to Bethlehem.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Poppy on 01666 502 333 or email [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk) THANK YOU!**

## Tetbury Library - free activities coming up

Hans Christian Anderson's 'Snow Queen' has been spreading snow, sparkle and ice through-out Tetbury Library! From Saturday 2nd December to Tuesday 2nd January there will be free family frosty activities (a different one each week) running throughout the week during library open hours - just drop in! Then on 20th January the fabulous Drag Queen Story Time will present 'The Snow Queen'! ( Free tickets for this event will be available from 2nd January from Eventbrite or Tetbury Library.)

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## Police meeting times in the Town Council

December dates 20<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 3pm





**Carol Service**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30pm  
St Mary's Church, Tetbury

Featuring  
Sir William Romney's, St Mary's  
&  
Avening School Students

Everyone Welcome

**st mary's**  
ptfa



## Fabulous Festive Raffle!



at St Mary's Primary School Christmas Fayre  
Friday, 8th December – 5pm to 7pm

Tickets  
Only £1  
each!

## Top Prize: Dyson V8!

With many more great prizes up for grabs including:

- o Spa Day for 2 at C-Side Spa, Cowley Manor
- o Christmas hampers from Co-Op, Tesco & Perry Bishop
- o Tickets For Cattle Country
- o £50 Voucher for Ryall's Decorating & Building Supplies
- o Tickets for Cotswold Wildlife Park
- o Session with Little Bird Photography
- o £25 Voucher for Trouble House
- o Voucher for Tetbury Hardware
- o Voucher for Priory Gym
- o Month's membership & classes at BPF Fitness



Plus many more prizes generously donated by:

Abi Andrews, Arabella Nails, Bailey Cars, Blue Zucchini, Barton End Equestrian Centre, Boho, Café 53, Corinium Museum, Creative Hairdressing, Eagle Plant, Eight Bells Gallery, Filly's, French Grey, Haine & Smith Halls Bakery, Hobbs House Bakery, Jenny Jackson, Mayners, Mistral, Overider, Skeins of Tetbury, Snooty Fox, Speedy Iron, Sweets & Treats, The Beauty Spot, The Ormond Tetbury, The Royal Oak, Thomas Panton Wine Merchants, Vinotopia, Williams Textiles, Yellow Lighted Bookshop...and lots more!



Tickets also available at the Wreath Making evening and at the Christmas Fayre




**St Mary's School**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – 7pm  
Entry Only £1 (St Mary's Children-Free)



**Tombola, Stalls, Bouncy Castle,**  
**Glitter Tattoos, Bubble Decorating,**  
**Visit Santa, Christmas Lolly Tree,**  
**Snowman's Bean-Bag Toss,**  
**Reindeer Food, Cake Decorating,**  
**Mystery Jaw Jars, Christmas Crowns,**  
**DIY Photo-booth, Soft Toys,**  
**Rudolph's Raffle and Lots More...**



**Bar & Refreshments:**  
**Turkey Rolls, Hot Dogs,**  
**Mulled Wine, Prosecco, Lager**  
**& Soft Drinks**



## THE CHRISTMAS KIDS CLUB

18TH, 19TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND

8AM - 5.30PM



All days include games,  
multi sport, Xmas arts  
and crafts, Christmas  
movie, music and more..

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## *Carols in the Goods Shed*

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
6:30pm*



*Avening Brass Band*



*Nicola Clark &  
Heather Bristow*

*Mulled Wine & Mince Pies  
All welcome*



## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017—FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2018**

**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, NEW CHURCH STREET, TETBURY**



Carol service will be held on Saturday 9th  
December 5.30pm in St Saviour's Church  
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Get in the Festive spirit and visit the Church to see a range of  
beautifully decorated trees representing local organisations,  
schools and clubs.

All donations received will be gifted to the Churches  
Conservation Trust in aid of St Saviours Church.