

Friday 7th December 2018

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Dear Parents,

I hope many of you are able to attend the Christmas Lights Switch on event in the town this evening. Children and parents need to be at the Town Council Offices at 5.30pm to walk up to the Market House with Mrs May and Mrs Cartledge. Please remember that children are their parents' responsibility during the procession and parents must be to hand during the singing so that staff can hand children back to parents afterwards. Thank you.

The children in KS2 have been practising their songs for the SWR Carol Service to be held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening at 6.30pm. They have really enjoyed being taught by the inspirational Mr Dillon from SWR and it would be lovely if as many of them as possible could come along to the Service. I hope parents will also enjoy the event – and support the school and the children. We look forward to seeing you there. Please make sure you have returned the slip to confirm your child's attendance. Thank you.

KS1 are very excited about putting on their performance of 'Hey Ewe!' to the school and parents next week. We look forward to welcoming parents to one of the performances next week. See below school diary for times.

I have received a letter from a local resident asking me to mention parking at dropping off and picking up times. The vast majority of our parents show great consideration to neighbours and ensure all the children's safety by parking safely near school however unfortunately there are a small minority of parents who are still parking across driveways and pavements around school. If you park your car on yellow zig zags or on the pavement you are putting children at risk because you are restricting the view of oncoming traffic, you are forcing people with small children to walk in the road and you are blocking emergency access to the school. Please take the time to park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the way if you can't find a safe place to park outside school. Thank you.

Thank you very much to the Lowsley-Williams family of Chavenage House for the donation of our beautiful Christmas tree this year. Thank you also to Ben King of Kings Tree Care Services Ltd for the collection and delivery of this tree.

Mrs J Woolley, Headteacher



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School Diary

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| 7 th December | Tetbury Christmas light switch on PTFA Wreath making 7.30pm – 9.30pm | 20 th December | EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties (pm) |
| 10 th December | KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal 'Hey Ewe' pupils only | 21 st December | Talent Show (children only) |
| 11 th December | KS1 Christmas performance 'Hey Ewe' 1.45pm | 21 st December | Last day of term |
| 12 th December | KS1 Christmas evening performance 'Hey Ewe' 6.00pm | 2019 7 th January | First day of term |
| 13 th December | Carol Service with SWR at the church 6.30pm | 21 st January | Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6) Birmingham |
| 13 th December | Goods Shed Cinema trip KS2 10am EYFS/KS1 1pm | 8 th February | PTFA school Disco |
| 14 th December | EYFS Dress rehearsal Christmas performance 1.45pm (pupils only) | 15 th February | Last day of term |
| 17 th December | Dick Whittington Panto for children (children only) | 25 th February | First day of Term |
| 17 th December | EYFS Christmas performance 1.45pm | 25 th February | Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed) |
| 19 th December | Christmas Lunch | 7 th March | World book day – Scholastics book fair |
| 19 th December | EYFS Christmas performance 4pm | 15 th March | Red Nose Day |

Christingle service at St. Mary's church this Sunday at 4pm

On Friday morning, Year 3 had a great morning making Christingles and learning about what each part of the Christingle represents.

The Christingle service will be held at St. Mary's Church this Sunday at 4pm, all children attending will be given a Christingle.



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Experience Christmas

Key Stage One had a wonderful time at St. Mary's Church yesterday at Experience Christmas. They spent time at different stations where Church volunteers taught them about different parts of the Christmas story. The children enjoyed completing different activities at the stations, such as drawing a present for Baby Jesus, using characters to act out the journey and decorating fir cones for the advent wreath.



Sportshall Athletics Competition



Well done to all the Year 5/6 children who competed in the Sportshall Athletics competition this week at SWR.

They achieved second place overall and will now represent St Mary's at the Large Schools Network finals in January 2019.

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Welly Wednesdays



Our amazing Welly Wednesdays are proving very popular with children across the whole school. They are having a lot of fun with the loose parts, making dens, playing creatively with each other. This week, the weather was pretty dire and I know they got a bit of a soaking. We had some understandable feedback from some parents. Deciding whether to cancel outdoor break and lunch is never an easy thing to do, as we have to consider the need for children to burn off some steam and get some fresh air, in order that they can learn well into the afternoon. To their credit, the vast majority of children embraced their time outdoors on Wednesday, but we do appreciate the impact such weather can have. We will continue to get children outside as much as we can, but we will be mindful of extreme wet days as we move forward. Thank you for your support with this initiative. We believe it will make a hugely positive impact on the school in the long run.

Mr Godfrey

EYFS/KS1/KS2 – Cinema Treat at the Good Shed

As a Christmas treat, Tetbury Goods Shed Art Centre will be screening two films for the children of St Mary's School.

This will take place on Thursday 13th December.

KS2 children will watch The Muppet Christmas Carol at 10am.

EYFS and KS1 children will watch Arthur Christmas at 1pm (The children will be back by the end of the school day)

To cover the costs of Tetbury Goods Shed Arts Centre showing these films we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child. Please can children bring this £1 in on the day of the trip.

KS2 Christmas Concert St Mary's Church

This year, children in KS2 have once again been invited to participate in the SWR Carol Service, which will take place on **Thursday 13th December, at 6.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Tetbury.

The children have been working hard with Mr Dillon, Head of Music at SWR, to learn songs for the service and they will sing alongside older students from SWR and pupils from Avening School. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year and an evening event, but we would like as many of our KS2 pupils to attend as possible, as this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to perform and come together as a community to begin our Christmas celebrations.

This is a free event, open to family, friends and members of the community. **No tickets are required.**

We look forward to sharing this festive evening with you.

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Clubs

Faith Explorers - The club has now finished

Rugby Club - The club has now finished

Cookschool

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

The last session for Cookschool this term is Friday 14th December



St Mary's Church – Christmas Services

Specially for children

Christmas at St Mary the Virgin & St Mary Magdalen, Tetbury
Sunday 9th 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 talk about what Christmas means for us all.

Christmas Eve, 4pm - CRIB SERVICE
We sing the children's favourite carols as they act out the story of Christmas night. Come dressed as sheep, stars, angels - even donkeys helping to carry Mary to Bethlehem.

Come and join the fun!

Christmas at St Mary the Virgin & St Mary Magdalen, Tetbury

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Sunday 9th December 4.00pm Children's Christingle
- Sunday 16th December 6.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve 4.00pm Children's Crib Service
- Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day 10.00am Family Holy Communion

Find us:
Website: www.tetburychurch.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMarysTetbury
Address: Church Street, Tetbury, GL8 8JG

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

Thank you to everyone that supported the raffle and visited the fayre on Friday. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle, gin calendar and the Reindeer Treasure Hunt

With your help, we raised a spectacular **£3000** for the school! Thank you so much for your support.

ENORMOUS THANKS to...



- the PTFA members that organised the fayre
- local businesses that donated a raffle prize
- the school kitchen for cooking our Christmas turkeys and hotdogs
- Tetbury Fire Service for bringing Father Christmas along
- parents, governors and staff for helping before, during and after the fayre.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Cards

Thank you to all of you that bought the Christmas Cards designed by your children. A small contribution from each pack is donated to the school and as a result, you have helped raise **£325.50** for the school.

THANK YOU!

Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any Christmas 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!

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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 (available on the app store). Click 'Join Here' and search for 'St Mary's CE VA Primary School, Tetbury'

EYFS/Yr1 **Cherry:** Kate Reeves

Lime: Penny Jones

Yr 1 **Pear:** Rhian Clapham

Yr 2 **Holly:** Rhian Clapham

Juniper: Clare Banbrook

Yr 3 **Beech:** Natalie Skinner

Willow: Kate Reeves

Yr 4 **Maple:** Tash Grant

Chestnut: Tash Grant

Yr 5/6 **Ash:** Tori Packer

Elm: Katie McGrath

Oak: Daisy Alban-Jones

Community

Tetbury Library

Free activities at Tetbury Library



On Saturday 8th December at 10am Mrs Claus herself will be visiting the library and reading Dr Seuss's 'How the Grinch stole Christmas!' Suitable for 3 to 8 year olds and their family and it includes a follow-up activity. Just turn up.

There are drop-in Grinchy activities running from 1st December to 5th January during library open hours - different activities each week, running for the whole week or until materials last.

A winter themed Silk Painting Workshop for 5 to 8 year olds is on Saturday 15th December 10:30 - 12:30. Places are limited, so please book your place via Eventbrite or the library (ph. 01666 502258).

A weekly Italian story-time for 3 to 6 year olds will be starting on Saturday 12th January - a great opportunity to learn a little of this beautiful language and includes a follow-up activity. Just turn up.

Everyone very welcome.

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Multi Sports Holiday Course

HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUB, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, JANUARY 2019

St Mary's C of E Primary School will be hosting Multi Sports holiday club at for R-Y6 pupils during January on the following dates:

Thursday 3th January 2019 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Friday 4th January 2019 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

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!

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 Wednesday 19th December 2018.

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. All long hair should be tied back.

For queries please contact:

Mr Stephen Knight on:

E-mail: stephenknight82@gmail.com

Tel: 07717528378.

Cancellation policy

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Friday 21st December 2018**, 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 – January 2019

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

Thursday 3th January 2019 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Friday 4th January 2019 – 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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SWR Sir William Romney's School

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER

7.30PM SCHOOL HALL (over 18s!)

BRING FRIENDS TO MAKE A TEAM OR JOIN OTHERS ON THE NIGHT

£5 per person includes
cheesy chips, mince pies and 1st drink
there will be a bar & prizes



Tickets available NOW from:

Sir William Romney School Office
Tetbury Hardware, London Road
Leopard Press, Tetbury Market Place
Keogh's Books, Market Street, Nailsworth

SOCIAL SPACES
SOCIAL SPACES PROJECT AT SWR

All funds raised will be used to improve the canteen, garden and outside areas

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SWR Leisure



Join us for our Family Christmas Party & Bazaar
Friday 21st December
5pm - 7.30pm
£5 per child, under 2's go FREE!
Activities include: Unlimited Bouncy Castle, Christmas Disco, Santa's Grotto, Tuck Shop, Hot Drinks, Mince Pies, Christmas Crafts & Games
Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 1st December

Join the Gym in January for just £15!
If you join as a member afterwards, there will be no joining fee*

Benefits include:

- Free gym induction
- Free nutrition advice
- Free entry to ALL standard fitness classes
- Membership rate for Spin & Yoga
- Membership rate for hall bookings
- Unlimited use of the gym with a personalised programme



Join in with our gym challenge for the chance to WIN 3 personal training sessions

*must join within a month of your £15 one month expiring

Find us on Facebook for all our latest offers and information



Lowfield Road, Tetbury, Glos, GL8 8AE
T: (01666) 501086 E: leisure@swr.gloucs.sch.uk
Facebook: SWR Leisure Centre

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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 10th and 13th and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00.pm on Sunday January 6th 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).

CAROLS IN THE GOODS SHED



FRIDAY 21ST DEC 6:30

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

ALL WELCOME

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NHS
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 –

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| 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 11th December at Gloucester North Fire Station,
Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF – 16:30-19:30**

And

**Monday 17th 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 and provide consent electronically

Understanding You

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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.

Thank you!




The Lunchbowl Network
Dinner money for orphans: ending hunger
www.lunchbowl.org

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Advice from Cotswold District Citizens Advice

Save on Energy Costs

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At the end of 2017 according to Ofgem, the energy regulator, 57% of customers with the 10 largest energy suppliers (around 13 million people) were on a non price-protected Standard tariff and were paying up to £300 per year more than the cheapest on the market.

If you are an energy customer on a Standard tariff, Citizens Advice can help you check if there is a better energy deal. Freephone 0808 800 0511

Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts provides advice about a range of problems. The most common enquiry areas are housing, money, welfare benefit, family and employment problems. If you need confidential advice you can ring, email or visit us.

Freephone 0808 800 0511

Opening hours and details can be found at

www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk