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Dear Parents,



May you know the light of Jesus' love and life this Christmas

We have had a brilliant last week at school. Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre last week and well done once again to the wonderful PTfA for organising such a great evening. The atmosphere was so lovely and it was fantastic to enjoy a festive evening with so many members of our school community.

Year 5 and 6 children participated in the SWR Carol Service at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday evening. The children were an absolute credit to the school and they performed beautifully. We were very proud of them. Thank you to all the staff who attended and to the music department at SWR who did such an amazing job.

It was lovely to welcome members of the Church into school on Tuesday for 'Experience Christmas'. The children learnt about all the aspects of the Christmas Story told by different members of the Church. Thank you to all of you for giving up your time.

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas lunch on Wednesday – thank you to all the governors who came along and helped and a huge thank you to Mrs Drew and the kitchen staff who produced such a fantastic meal and the wonderful Midday Supervisors who kept everything going.

Yesterday we all thoroughly enjoyed a performance of 'Scroogical' in the hall from a visiting theatre group. Thank you to Miss Jackson for organising this and to the PTfA for funding it. The children were enthralled from start to finish.

We have also had Christmas parties galore and many of our children performed in the talent show, We have had a lot of joy in school this week and now all that remains is to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mrs J Woolley









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Our Christmas Lunch....





















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School Diary

16 th December	Last day of Term	20 th February	First day of term
2017		20 ⁿ February (1	Bikeability - Yr 5
		& halfweeks)	(Bikes and Helmet needed in school)
3 rd January	First day of Term		
3 rd February	School Disco	7 th April	Last day of Term
10 th February	Last day of Term	24 th April	First day of term

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.

We were able to donate the lovely Christmas tree from the school hall to the Goods Shed. Thank you to Mr King (Kings Tree Services) for his original donation of the tree and who has kindly offered to remove it from the Goods Shed after all the festivities are over.

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/vacancices

Textile Recycler



Please remember 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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Lost and Found

Childs Christmas Jumper left behind in KS1 last Friday. If its yours please come to the school office.

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.

Friday 16/12/2016

Mathletics - School Mathlete of the Week: Harry M

Class Mathlete of the Week:

PEAR	Harry M
PLUM	Josh E
HOLLY	Grace L
JUNIPER	Honey H
MRS WILSON	Megan M
MISS STEMP	Matthew M
MRS ROYLE	Alfi W
RC Maths Group	Jack W
RD/CW Maths Group	Lexie S
MM Maths Group	Kira M









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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.

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

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!









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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://tetburyraillands.com/

st mary's ptfa Thank you all for supporting the Christmas Fayre on Friday. We made a whopping £2175! This money will go towards paying for the new canopies in KS1 to allow the children to have some more outdoor play space.

We also wanted to mention that with your support, the PTFA were also able pay for the Pantomime company to came to school on Thursday and entertained the children with a Christmas Pantomime.

Some thank yous...

Thank you to all the parents & PTFA members that helped with preparations for the Fayre and helped on the evening. The econtrivening was a great success due to your hard work.

Thank you to Ben King of Kings Tree Services for organising and setting up the enormous Christmas Tree in the hall. Thanks also to Chavenage for donating the tree.

Thank you to Alison Grierson-Brooks for organizing the potted Christmas tree in reception which can be used every year. Thank you to Tim Cordell Plants in Tetbury Market Place for donating the tree.

Merry Christmas from the PTFA!









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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 2015 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

This will give parents the oppotunity 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)!

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.

Mr Stephen Knight on:

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 gueries please contact Mr James Jarad on:

E-mail: jaradoref@gmail.com Tel: 07415293798 or 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.

Multi Sports Holiday Course

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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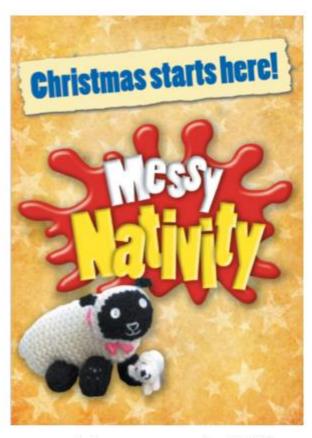






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Come and join us for our Messy Church Nativity 4:00pm, Sunday 18th December

At Christ Church, Tetbury

Dress up as your favourite nativity character or borrow our dressing up clothes on the day! Carols, informal nativity play with a part for everyone, and Christmas tea. All welcome. A fun family nativity in Messy Church Style!

