



Our Christian Value for the term: Courage

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas break. The children have been full of excitement about Christmas and eager to tell us all about their holidays. We are looking forward to another action packed term.

Dropping off and picking up

I appreciate everyone is very busy and in a rush in the mornings but nothing is worth putting a child's safety at risk. We are unfortunately still having problems with traffic outside school in the mornings and at 3.15pm. Please can I remind all parents and grandparents not to drive in through the main gates at these times. There are too many young children about and it makes it very dangerous. It is absolutely essential that parents park considerately and safely outside the school gates and then walk to school to collect or drop off your children. In the mornings please pull in to the bus layby to drop off your child but please do not leave your car in the layby and then come into school as this blocks the layby up. Please could we ask parents not to reverse into people's driveways or block residents' drives as we are still receiving complaints from local residents. Please help us keep your children safe. We have liaised with the Road Safety Partnership and unfortunately for various reasons we do not qualify for a School Crossing Patrol ('lollipop' lady/man). Therefore we would like to employ a member of staff to help children and parents cross safely and open and close gates before and after school. Please see Mrs Glover in the school office if you are interested. Thank you.

Signing out book

We have a new book at the office window for signing out children after 3.15pm. If you are late picking up your child for whatever reason you will need to come and get them from the office where they will be waiting for you on the sofa. There is always an adult supervising however we have recently had some confusion about which family member has picked up. Before you leave can you please sign the book so we are absolutely clear who has picked up. Thank you.

Mrs J Woolley			

School Diary

3 rd January	First day of Term	20 th February	First day of term
19 th January	Census Day – change of lunch menu		
30 th January	Young Voices Concert	20" February (1	Bikeability - Yr 5
		& half weeks)	(Bikes and Helmet needed in school)
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









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Clubs Term 3



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Day	Club	Person Responsible	Key Stage	Time	Start date		
Monday	Young Voices Current Members only	Mrs Cartledge/ Mrs May	Yr4 - Yr6	3.15 – 4.00pm	9th,16th,23th January		
	Yoga stars Current Members only	Miss Jackson	all	3.15– 4.00pm	9 th January No Club on 30 th Jan		
Tuesday	Netball	Mrs Harper/Mrs Smith	Yr 4/5/6	3.15 – 4.15pm	10 th January		
Wednesday	Faith Explorers Club (20 places)	Rev Poppy	Yrs 2-6	3.15 - 4.20pm	18th/25th January, 1st,8th & 22nd February, 8th March		
Thursday	Gymnastics Open to members not attending an outside gym club Current Members only	Mrs Lee/Miss Stemp	Yr 3/4	3.15 – 4.30pm	Wed 4 ^{th,} Thurs 5 ^{th,} Wed 11 th Jan Thurs 12 th Comp. date. Further dates to be confirmed		
	Tag Rugby Current and new members	Steven Knight	Y4/5/6	3.15- 4.15pm	12 th January		
Friday	Homework/Mathletics	Mrs Silins	KS2	12.15pm	6 th January		
Current and new members	Football Club Football boots & shin pads required	Mrs Woolley/ Mr Jackson	KS2	3.20- 4.15pm	13 th January		
	Cross Country	Mr & Mrs Purnell	KS2	Lunchtime	6 th January		
Change of day	French (paid for club) contact direct for full cost and details on ak@clubs4kids.com	Mrs Fuller Current and new members	Rec Y1/2	Lunchtime 12.30 – 1pm	13 th January		









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If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.

So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Access to Learning
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.



<u>Calling all Parent/Carers</u> For those who have not yet applied, even those in reception and KS1, please, please apply for Free School Meals, its very quick and easy to do now and you will get an instant answer. Free school meal funding unlocks extra funds not only for school meals, but helps towards school trips, clubs and music lessons.

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







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School Census Meal 19th January 2017



Please see above the menu which will replace the menu for Thursday 19th January our census day, The soup will be vegetable soup and the option of Tuna or Cheese jacket potato is available.

To book on-line...

We are unable to change the options online from the normal menu, but please book online for the 19th, choosing Lasagna option which will give you **Sausage and Mash** or Veg Goulash for the **Veg Soup** option and if you require a jacket please book as normal.

We encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal on this day as depending on how many meals taken will determine extra funding for our school.









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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.

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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Happy New Year from the PTFA

CLUB APPLICATION SLIP - One slip per club and child please									
CHILD'S NAME	CLASS								
I give permission for my child to attend the	club								
I will collect them from school* Emergency tele They have permission to walk home from school* (*please delete as necessary)	ephone no:								
Signed	Date								









Friday 6th January 2017

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Term Time Holidays Bank Holiday Inset Day Term 1: Mon 4th Sept - Fri 20th Oct 2017 35 days **Term 2**: Mon 30th Oct - Fri 15th Dec 2017 35 days Term 3: Tues 2nd Jan - Fri 9th Feb 2018

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Term 4: Mon 19th Feb - Fri 29th Mar 2018

Term 5: Mon 16th Apr - Fri 25th May 2018

Term 6: Mon 4th Jun - Wed 25th Jul 2018

STotal 195 days* Tetbury, Gloucs GL8

195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2017/18 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

25th December 2017 26th December 2017 Christmas Bank Holidays New Year Bank Holiday 1st January 2018

30th March 2018 Good Friday

Easter Monday 2nd April 2018

7th May 2018 Early May Bank Holiday Spring Bank Holiday 28th May 2018

Summer Bank Holiday 27th August 2018