

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

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Dear Parents,

We have had a very fun filled and action packed end to the Autumn Term. Our school seems to have been overrun with naughty elves this year. One of them even wrapped up Mr Knight in wrapping paper. We also had a life size walking, talking elf in school yesterday who brought some Christmas magic to the afternoon.

The festivities have continued this week with the Reception production of 'Wriggly Nativity' which was wonderful. Our youngest children did themselves proud and I think all the family members who came to watch had a lovely time too. Well done to all the Reception staff for their hard work in making this happen.

Children have also enjoyed their Christmas lunch which was extremely tasty and our thanks go to Mrs Drew and all the catering team for such a fabulous feast. We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Drew, the cook, who is taking up a new post. We wish her every success in her new job. Caterlink are currently recruiting for her replacement.

So – it only remains for me to wish everyone a very joyous Christmas. Thank you to all parents who have shown such support for the staff and the school over this term. So many of you have sent kind thoughts during the inspection and have turned up and supported us at all the events. Your encouragement and positive comments really do make a difference. From everyone at St. Mary's we hope you have a brilliant Christmas and a very happy new year. School re-opens for children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Merry Christmas!

**Mrs J Woolley, Headteacher**



### **Tetbury Fiesta Christmas Present.**

We were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £300 from this year's Tetbury Fiesta. Malcolm Philby presented the cheque, a lovely Christmas present, to Mrs Woolley and a group of pupils. Tetbury Fiesta, now operating under the new name of Tetfest, will return in 2019 providing family entertainment and giving local bands and musicians an opportunity to showcase their talents. Tetfest 2019 will take place on Saturday 13th July and tickets will be on sale from January, @tetfest.

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## School Diary

21 <sup>st</sup> December	Talent Show (children only)	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term	25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term
2019 7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed)
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6) Birmingham	7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day – Scholastics book fair
8 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA school Disco	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day

**Newsflash** - The Naughty Elves wrapped up Mr Knight!



Just to confirm Mr Knight has now been unwrapped and is recovering well. The naughty Elves have been asked not to do this again!



## KS1/EYFS Carousel

"Yesterday we had a Carousel. We went to lots of different classes and we did lots of different activities. In Cherry Class we painted stars. In Lime class we could make a snowman, tree or wreath on a paper plate. In Pear we made yummy, scrummy biscuits. In Holly Class we made Christmas hats for Christmas when it will be Christmas lunch and in Juniper Class we made stained glass windows. It was so much fun!" Martha T and John S (Holly Class)

Mrs May would like to thank all of the teachers for their hard work preparing for the activities, and the children for impeccable behaviour all day 😊





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## Panto

"Some of the funny bits were the rat and the man. In the pantomime there was a Queen Rat who tried to make the man not the Mayor. When the man saved some gold he could become Mayor. It was in a brown box, the Queen Rat went to get it and it was gone. She checked in his crook and it was there. The Queen Rat called to police so the man went to jail." Lucas S (Juniper Class)

"We liked the songs and a funny cat called Tommy. There was a man and a Queen Rat. They sailed to Furball island and they were sea sick!" Evaleigh J (Juniper Class)

We would like to thank the PTFA for funding the Pantomime visit again this year - we ALL loved it! Oh yes we did....



## Pear Class

Pear Class had a great time working in house teams with Ash Class while playing human hungry hippos. Mr Godfrey and Mrs Boswell even had a go! The children also enjoyed lots of party food and Christmas music!



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## Church Conservation Trust -St Saviours Church

Marie Sellars, from the Church Conservation Trust, visited the school for the morning. During her visit, she led a whole school assembly where children learnt about the history and architecture of St Saviours church. Each class then had an opportunity to create their own Christmas memory decoration that would be hung on our school tree in St Saviours. Five decorations were randomly chosen from each class and used to decorate the tree earlier this week. Why not take a visit to St Saviours and see if your decoration was chosen. The school tree will be in the church until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



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## School Christmas Lunch

The whole school enjoyed Christmas lunch on Wednesday complete with party hats and crackers! Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for preparing our delicious meals, and to the fantastic MDSAs for all of their hard work.





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## French Epiphany celebrations

On Wednesday Juniper class learnt about how French people celebrate Epiphany. This is usually celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January and is when the 3 wise men came to visit baby Jesus and offer their gifts. We ate 'la galette des rois'. Will and Isabella found the fèves inside and became rois and reine for the day!



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## Reception Places September 2019 –

Closing Date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Just to remind you that if you have a child who is due to start school next September please make sure that you have applied for a primary school place before Tuesday - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This should be done online via the Gloucestershire County Council school admissions website.

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>. All applications received by the closing date will be treated equally. However, those that are received after this date will not be considered by Gloucestershire County Council until all other application forms have been processed.

If you have any questions relating to applying for a place, please call the School Office.

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**CLUBS TERM 3 – clubs bookable online** - Parents Evening/Events Booking system <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. Bookings open at 6pm today 21<sup>st</sup>/12/2018

Day	Club	Responsible/location	Key Stage	Time	Start date
<b>Monday</b> <b>Current Members</b>	<b>Rugby Club</b> (please email the school office to go on the waiting list)	Mr Knight/ Miss Snell	KS2	3.15 – 4.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>New Club</b>	Drama Club Max 16 children	Mr Hainsworth Willow classroom	Yrs 2 & 3	3.15 – 4.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>New Club</b>	<b>Circuit Training</b>	Mr Godfrey In the hall	KS2	3.15 – 4.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Current members</b>	<b>Netball</b>	Mrs Smith Outdoor club	Yr 5/6	3.15 – 4.15pm	15 <sup>th</sup> January
Email direct to ak@clubs4kids.com	<b>French*</b> (paid for club) contact direct for full cost and details on ak@clubs4kids.com	Mrs Fuller please email Mrs Fuller Paid for club invoiced termly	Rec Y1 - 3	3.15 – 4.00pm	15 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>New Club</b>	<b>Science Club</b> Max 8 children	Mrs Wilson	Year 3/4	3.15 – 4.00pm	15 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>New and current members welcome</b>	<b>St Mary's Community Choir</b>	Parents and children welcome £1 per person payable via parentpay	Year 2 to year 6	3.15 – 4.15pm	15 <sup>th</sup> January 5 weeks
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Faith Explorers Club</b>	Rev Poppy	Yrs 3-6	3.15 - 4.20pm	<b>Dates to be confirmed</b>
<b>New Club</b>	IPad Club Max 10 Spaces	Mrs Miller	Year 4	Lunchtime 12.30-1.00pm	9 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Current members</b>	<b>Keysteps Gymnastics</b>	Mrs Lee	Year 3/4	3.15-4.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> February
	<b>Homework</b> open to all KS2 drop in	Mrs Silins	KS2	12.30pm	9 <sup>th</sup> January

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<b>Thursday</b> <b>New Club</b>	<b>Puzzle Club</b> (sudoku, problem solving, jigsaws, anagrams etc)	Mrs Spencer Max 20 children	Y1 and Y2	Lunchtime 12.45pm – 1.15pm	10 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Current members</b>	<b>Young Voices</b>	Mrs May	Yr 5/6	3.15- 4.15pm	10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> January only
<b>Friday</b> <b>New Club</b>	Cross Country	Mrs Danton	Yr3 – Yr 6	Lunchtime 12.40pm – 1.10pm	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Email direct to <a href="http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2806">http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2806</a> <b>New Club</b>	<b>Cookery School*</b> (paid for club)	Mrs Shute Spaces available	Yr3-Yr6	3.15 – 4.30pm	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2019



We are seeking to recruit talented and ambitious individuals to work as a team at St Marys Tetbury School, working term time only.

Current Vacancies  
Catering Supervisor  
30+ hours a week

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Area Supervisor Lorayne McKirdy on 07971953469



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## 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.stmarychurch.co.uk](http://www.stmarychurch.co.uk)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StMarysTetbury](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysTetbury)  
Address: Church Street, Tetbury GL8 8JG



**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

**Christmas Day Camp**  
Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January 2019  
£15 per child, 8am - 5.30pm, pick up before 5.30pm

Activities include:

- Dodgeball
- Bouncy Castle & Soft Play
- Football
- Christmas Scavenger Hunt
- Disco
- Outside and Inside Games
- Team Games and much more

Find us on Facebook for all our latest and information



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



**SWR Leisure**

**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 all 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 and information



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UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

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## Wreath Making

Thank you to all of you that supported the Christmas Wreath Making on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. Your creative efforts have helped raise **£380.25** for the school.

THANK YOU!

Thank you also to those that supplied some of the foliage.

A few examples of the wreaths created....



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## 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!

## 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 other 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'

EYFS	<b>Cherry:</b> Kate Reeves	<b>Lime:</b> Penny Jones
Yr 2	<b>Holly:</b> Rhian Clapham	
Yr 1	<b>Pear:</b> Rhian Clapham	<b>Juniper:</b> Clare Banbrook
Yr 3	<b>Beech:</b> Natalie Skinner	<b>Willow:</b> Kate Reeves
Yr 4	<b>Maple:</b> Tash Grant	<b>Chestnut:</b> Tash Grant
Yr 5/6	<b>Ash:</b> Tori Packer	<b>Elm:</b> Katie McGrath <b>Oak:</b> Daisy Alban-Jones

## Community

### Tetbury Library

#### Free activities at Tetbury Library



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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stephenknight82@gmail.com)

Tel: 07717528378.

#### Cancellation policy

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Child's name:

Emergency Contact No:

Year Group:

Email address:

Medical conditions:

I enclose payment of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian):

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## 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 –

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	16:00-18:45
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	16:00-19:30
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	North Cotswold Hospital, Outpatients Department, Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0DS	09:30-13:45
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Lydney Hospital, Outpatients Department, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JE	09:30-13:45
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Cirencester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1YL	16:00-18:45
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	16:00-19:00
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Gloucester North Fire Station, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF	16:00-19:00
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Cheltenham East Fire Station, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY	16:00-19:00
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Gloucester South Fire Station, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0AS (Not Shepherd Rd)	16:00-19:00

Call 0300 421 8140 to book  
an appointment

To provide consent for the vaccination you can attend the appointment with your child or visit [www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent](http://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent) and provide consent electronically



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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 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00.pm on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC 6:30

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

ALL WELCOME