

Friday 11th January 2019

Our Christian Value for the term: **Courage**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday for the start of the new term.

Mrs May (Lime Class) has started the New Year with a new name as she had a Christmas wedding and has returned to school as Mrs Pike. It will take a little while but I am sure we will all get used to calling her this over the next few months.

As I mentioned in the newsletter at the end of last term, Mrs Drew, our cook, will be leaving us today to start her new post. We wish her every success. She is being replaced by Mrs Wear who will be cooking for the children from next week. Mrs Wear is an experienced school cook.

We are delighted that we will be participating once again in the 'iSingPOP' event on the 31st January. Our thanks go to St. Mary's Church for helping us to fund this. A letter is being sent out today to give parents all the details, this is also available on our website in the 'letters' section.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

15 th January	Height and Weight Measuring Year 6	15 th February	Last day of term
16 th January	Wellie Wednesday (OPAL) whole school	25 th February	First day of Term
17 th January	Grab a Grown up starts KS1 every other week	25 th February	Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed) year 6
18 th January	Gymnastic (Key Steps) @ SWR	7 th March	World book day – Scholastics book fair
21 st January	Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6) Birmingham	15 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd January	World Cup Cricket Challenge (KS1)	18 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
28 th - 31 st	iSingPOP rehearsals	20 th March	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
31 st January	2.00pm iSingPOP Concert Parents welcome 6.00pm iSingPOP Concert Parents welcome		
8 th February	PTFA school Disco	26 th March	Dance Festival @SWR 1.15pm–2.45pm years 2, 5 and 6

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Reception Places September 2019 –

Closing Date 15th 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 - 15th 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.

Forest School

Cherry and Lime had their first forest school session of the school year this morning.

The sun shone through the trees as forest school filled with lots of excited little feet.

Firstly, we all practiced the rules and spoke about what they mean and then we played a fire safety game to remember to stay outside of the fire pit area!

We then explored and investigated what we can do at forest school. We decided you can climb trees, make mud pies, look at wildlife, be a race car driver, make fairy wands, play hide and seek - forest school can be anything children want it to be with an imagination!

The children were amazing, showing an abundance of courage while climbing trees, swinging, investigating mini beasts and making race cars!

We look forward to having Cherry and Lime parents along to a special forest school grab a grown up later in the term.

Mr Knight



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TETBURY GOODS SHED ARTS CENTRE



On Saturday 5th January the Lions committee generously paid for Y5/6 to attend The Goods Shed to watch the film 'Early Man'.

We thoroughly enjoyed this film it was about football and very funny. We would **definitely** recommend it to anyone.

Thank you so much Tetbury Lions for organising and paying for it.

Classlist

UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA



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.

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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	Cherry: Kate Reeves	Lime: Penny Jones
Yr 1	Pear: Rhiain Clapham	
Yr 2	Holly: Rhiain 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

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.