

Friday 12th January 2018

Our Christian Value for the term: Perseverance

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. We have started off the new year with a musical theme – I know lots of parents really enjoyed the Young Voices event in Birmingham on Wednesday as did all the children and staff who attended. Thank you to everyone who went along to support and a huge thank you to Mrs May for teaching the songs and to all the staff who gave up their time to take the children.



Children in Year 4 have started their Ukulele lessons this week too which they have thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward to seeing how they progress over the term.

At the start of the year, please can I once again remind all parents to park considerately outside school. We ask this so that we can keep the children safe as they come in and out of school. If you park where you are obstructing the view of pedestrians you could be putting a young child at risk. Please also show respect to Mr Minal if he asks you to move on. Thank you

Thank you all so much for completing the parent questionnaires at the parents evening. The Governors have read them and put together an overview of the feedback and hope to work with you and your voice to make the school an even better place! Please see the Governors webpage for further information and to view the feedback

<http://www.stmarystetbury.com/life-at-st-marys/our-governors>

Mrs Jo Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

16 th January	Grab a Grown up KS1	9 th February	Last Day of term
18 th January	School Census meal		
23 rd January	Grab a Grown up KS2	19 th February	First Day of term
2 nd February	PTFA Spring disco	19 th February	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)

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Reception Places September 2018 –

Closing Date 15th January 2018

Just to remind you that if you have a child who is due to start school in September this year please make sure that you have applied for a primary school place before midnight this coming Monday - 15th January 2018. 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 until all other application forms have been processed.

If you have any questions or problems relating to applying for a place please call the School Office after 8am on Monday.

PRIMARY DEBATING COMPETITION -Y6

Due to snow days and general craziness of Christmas, Mrs Danton and I were unable to hear the children's speeches for the debating competition. This has now been rearranged for **Thursday 18th January at 9am in Chestnut Class**.

There is still time to put a speech together and the question is:

What is the most important outcome of physical education in schools today?

Based upon the delivery and content of the speeches, 4 children will then be selected to represent St Mary's in the debating competition in February. Good Luck one and all! Miss]

Forgotten Kit: Year 5 and 6

In an effort to prepare our oldest children for secondary school we will be telling Year 5 and 6 children that they will not be allowed to ring home for kit if they have forgotten it. Hopefully this will encourage children to have the correct kit in school each day.

Ukulele lesson – Year 4

Yesterday was our first ukulele lesson for children in year 4. We are fortunate to be having ten lessons with a music tutor from Gloucester Music Service. We will end our lessons with a performance to the rest of the school and parents.



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Do you have an hour a day to spare? Do you enjoy working with children? We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to support our children during lunchtimes, Monday to Friday. This position is for 1 hour a day, five days a week, term time only, with an immediate start if possible. If this interests you please take a look at the full details on the school website www.stmarystetbury.com/vacancies or contact Helen Glover in the School Office on 01666 502275.

Tetbury Library –

Tetbury Library is delighted to announce that 'Drag Queen Story Time' will be presenting Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Snow Queen'! Suitable for 3 to 8 year olds (who will need to be accompanied by their adult), this will be on Saturday 20th January at 2:30pm and includes a follow-up activity. This spectacular event is free but BY TICKET ONLY via www.eventbrite.co.uk or contact the library. (Tickets are going fast, so please get yours soon to avoid disappointment!)