

Friday 20th January 2017

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Dear Parents,

Please can I remind all parents not to drive in through the gates at dropping off and picking up times. You must find a place to park outside of the school grounds as driving into the school entrance is endangering young children. Thank you.

Mrs J Woolley

School Diary

27 th January	Grab a grown up with KS2	20 th February	First day of term
30 th January	Young Voices Concert	20 ⁿ February (1 & half weeks)	Bikeability - Yr 5 (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

The Rainforest came to Years 3 and 4

Not exactly the Rainforest but one of the next best things. Jonathan from **Jonathan's Jungle** brought several animals that could be found living in the Central American and Amazon Rainforests to help our learning. We were able to feel the legs of a millipede (Maisie) as she crawled across our hands, we watched a tarantula (Elvis) showing off his climbing skills, we felt a gecko's velvet back (Yoda) and most of us held Tango (the tangerine Honduran milk snake) and even had a lick on the hand or nose!



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TEN TICK READERS EYFS+KS1

This week saw the first of our ten tick reader rewards for the infant children. Mrs Sujeewon very kindly offered her services and as always, impressed us with her moves and stamina. The children enjoyed a dance session and were smiling and freestyling throughout. Special mention goes to Mrs Amor for her fantastic bum wiggling!

Thank you very much Mrs Sujeewon. A fab time was had by all the staff and children.



The Yellow Lighted Bookshop - Thank you

We were delighted to receive £200 worth of book vouchers from the Yellow-Lighted Bookshop and their customers this week.

When the latest Harry Potter book came out in 2016 the Yellow-Lighted Bookshop decided to donate half the price of each copy sold to a local school of the customer's choice.

Many of the customers kindly chose our school and this week we were presented with £200 worth of book vouchers.

The School Council will visit the bookshop in the next couple of weeks and choose two books for each class.

Thank you very much to the Yellow-Lighted Bookshop and all the customers who thought of us. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Tea & Toast Morning – Friday 27th Jan



Please come to our first tea and toast morning on Friday 27th January from 9.00am - 10.00am, in the school hall. Everyone welcome, please come and join me (Ginny) and other mums, dads and carers from the school, everyone welcome. I look forward to meeting you.
From Ginny – Community, Communication & Inclusion Governor

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Donations for Early Years

The Early Years Team are hoping to improve the outdoor areas for Cherry and Lime classes and need your help please!

Can you donate any of the following items which you may have lying about at home?

- Fabric (for covering cushions)
- Milk crates
- Sheets for den building
- Outdoor paint (for the playhouse)
- Pipes/funnels (for water play)

If you have any spare time after school and are willing to come and help us paint the play house we would really appreciate it! Please see a member of the EYFS team if you can donate anything or help out!

Calling all Parent/Carers - 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.

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

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Apply online for
FREE SCHOOL MEALS



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.

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Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Active Kids is back. From 25th January you can collect vouchers from Sainsbury's stores or online shop, there will be box in the school office area for you to pop your vouchers in.

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/vacancies

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.

Mathletics - School Mathlete of the Week: Harry M

PEAR	Harry M
PLUM	Caleb S
HOLLY	Jason B
JUNIPER	Preston D
MRS WILSON	Liana H
MISS STEMP	Jo N
MRS ROYLE	Marcus N
RC Maths Group	Kyle T
RD/CW Maths Group	James S
MM Maths Group	Sam N

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Club News

Yoga Club - there will be no yoga club on Monday 30th due Miss Jackson attending the Young Voices concert.

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. If you find the bin is full, please can you let the school office and we can arrange a collection. Many thanks for your help.



“Thank Cookie its Friday” – starting Friday 20th January

We will be selling delicious cookies after school every Friday by the main notice board every week. Just 50p per cookie!

Neon Disco – Friday 3rd February. Disco Tickets £2.50 per child.

KS1 & EYFS: 5.30 – 6.30pm. **KS2** 6.45 – 8pm

The school disco is going Neon. Wear white or Neon colours to shine bright! We will also be selling glow items at both discos (50p/£1)

KS1 tuck shop: Jelly sweets & chocolate buttons will be on sale for 20p each.

KS2 will also have a tuck shop and the popular photo booth is back with a variety of new props. Tuck shop items priced from 10p to 50p. Photo booth is 50p a go.

Please note, the disco is organised and run by the PTFA committee. Teachers and TAs for the relevant KS are present at each disco so that there is at least 1 adult there that your child knows.

Drop off for disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class. Pickup at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground. No mobile phones allowed. The discos are for St Marys students only.

Easyfundraising.com If you are doing any shopping online or booking any holidays, 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. Retailers include Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Tesco, Expedia, Waitrose, flybe and many more.

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Community News Tetbury Library

When parents read for pleasure they inspire their children to do the same. 'Reading Ahead' is a new group at Tetbury Library to help adults rediscover reading. If you, or someone you know, hasn't read for a while and would like some support and encouragement, then you can join the friendly, monthly meet-ups or just pop in to the library and pick up the materials to get started. It starts Saturday 2nd June at 10am and runs until 17th June when (after reading six things of your choice - from a magazine to website to song lyrics) you can enter a national competition for some great prizes! It's all free, but if not already a member of the library then please bring ID to join.

CHANNEL 4 LEGO BUILDING COMPETITION

Dear Parents/Students/Staff,

We have been approached by TV production company Tuesday's Child Television to ask whether anyone may be interested in taking part in a new programme it is producing for Channel 4 - a competition to find Britain's best LEGO builders.

The programme makers, who are working in close conjunction with the LEGO Group, are looking for creative people from all backgrounds and of all ages who either already have a passion for LEGO building or would be interested in turning their skills and talent to the art of LEGO building – basically anyone who can create amazing art out of LEGO bricks.

If you would like to learn more about the programme then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv or visit <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/take-part/articles/all/are-you-a-lego-obsessive/4990> for more details.

French Holiday club: Madame Fuller would like to invite any school aged child to the French holiday club. The February half term theme will be "je suis le musicien" - learning how to say what musical instruments we are learning and the French tradition of the carnival to celebrate Mardi Gras. With cooking, craft, games, singing, drama and of course des crêpes, the day is action packed and your child will be certain to love speaking French for the day. Details are on the flyer or please email admin@clubs4kids.com

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Multi Sports Holiday Course

HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSE, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2017

St Mary's C of E Primary School will be hosting Multi Sports holiday courses for R-Y6 pupils during the February Half term on the following dates:

Tuesday 14th February 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Wednesday 15th February 2017 – 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 (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 10th February 2017.

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 queries please contact Mr James Jarad on:
Mr Stephen Knight on:

E-mail: jaradoref@gmail.com

E-mail: stephenknight82@gmail.com

Tel: 07415293798 or

Tel: 07717528378.

Cancellation policy

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Sunday 12th February 2017**, 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 – February Half Term 2017

Please indicate which day/days your child/children will be attending (circle or tick as appropriate).

Tuesday 14th February 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Wednesday 15th February 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Childs name:

Emergency Contact No:

Year Group:

Email address:

Medical conditions:

I enclose payment of £ _____

Signed (parent/guardian):