

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who are coming along to Grab a Grown Up each week. It is lovely to see the children's enjoyment and excitement in sharing their work with you. Please can we remind parents that Grab a Grown Up is not a suitable time to engage the class teacher in conversations about individual children's progress or specific issues. If you do wish to discuss something with the teacher please make an appointment via the school office and the teachers will be happy to meet with you. Thank you.

Mrs J Woolley

## School Diary

30 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert	20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Grab a grown up with KS1	20 <sup>n</sup> February (1 & half weeks)	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	School Disco	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term	24 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term

## Key Steps Gymnastics Competition.



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 12 children from Years 3 and 4 competed in the annual Key Steps Gymnastics Competition. Keeping nerves at bay, they all performed their routines and vaults beautifully, as they competed against 11 other schools. We're very proud of you all.

Mrs Lee and Miss Stemp

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## Google Expeditions

On Thursday St Marys children travelled around the world with Google Expeditions. Year 5 & 6 went into outer space, year 3 & 4 went to the Borneo rainforest and key stage 1 visited Roald Dahls writing hut to see some of the amazing characters he created. Google Expedition uses Google cardboard viewers for a 360 degree virtual reality experience. Huge thanks to Daniel who kindly trained the staff so they could confidently share experiences with the children.

## Young Voices

Mrs Cartledge's Young Voices choir is looking forward to taking part in the concert at Birmingham LG Arena on Monday. They have been practicing hard and we know they will perform brilliantly. The children will leave school at 12:00 and will need a packed lunch and a packed tea. Yet again they will receive fantastic support from parents/family members who are travelling to Birmingham to watch the concert. If you are going to watch you should have already received your tickets and for those of you who are travelling on the coach we have organised please be at school for 4pm for a prompt departure. If you have not yet paid for your coach seats please send the money into the School Office on Monday.

## Labelling Clothes

Please ensure that all clothes are labelled so that any lost items can be returned to you as quickly as possible. One option is Stamptastic - a personalised stamps which can be used on fabric, metal, wood and some plastics. An alternative to name labels, they ink lasts up to 50 washes on most fabrics. The stamps are made in the UK and they do a range of others products too. For every order made, the school will get 30% cash back. Please use the code **GL88BW** at checkout. <http://www.stamptastic.co.uk/>

## 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!

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## Tea & Toast Morning – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan



Thank you to those who came to our first tea and toast morning today, please tell your friends, everyone welcome, please come and join me (Ginny) and other mums, dads and carers from the school. I look forward to seeing you next time. From Ginny – Community, Communication & Inclusion Governor

**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.

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](http://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.

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



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

Active Kids is back. From 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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](http://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: **Tanvir R**

PEAR	Elena B
PLUM	Tanvir R
HOLLY	Paulina S
JUNIPER	Owen H
MR GODFREY	Masie B
MISS STEMPE	Ffion T
MRS ROYLE	Eva W
RC Maths Group	Jamie W
RD/CW Maths Group	Nicole F
MM Maths Group	Page J

## Club News

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

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## Netball update

There were matches this week for both the Tigers and the Lions at St. Mary's in Yate. On Tuesday Lois F (captain), Anna W, Olivia P, Niamh T, Oliver R, Freddie E and Lewis G got off to a nervous start in the first quarter, allowing St. Mary's to get ahead. However once they'd gained confidence and found their rhythm, the Tigers played lovely netball and managed a 8-2 win in their first ever league game. Freddie was awarded the Player of the Match accolade by the opposition.

On Wednesday, Amelia B (captain), Grace P, Lucy S, Sophie N, Mak S, Fergus P-M and Jack W-J won their match 16-0 with a very competent performance. The team expertly kept the ball out of the opposition's shooting area and worked hard at keeping possession. St. Mary's decided that Jack should be the Lions' Player of the Match on this occasion. Well done to both teams!

## Textile Recycler



Thank you to everyone who has been putting their clothes, shoes and textiles in the textile bin. We have already had it emptied twice since we took delivery of it at the end of November and raising over £60 for the school. The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground and all your donations are gratefully received. Please keep filling it up. If it is full when you use it please let us know in the School Office so that we can arrange for it to be emptied.

## Forest Green Rovers

Forest Green Rovers continue to do well and are still hoping to qualify for the playoffs. February 11<sup>th</sup> is a kids go free match and if you would like a half price adult ticket, please collect one from the school office.



### “Thank Cookie its Friday”

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

**Neon Disco – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10am and runs until 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

E-mail: [jaradoref@gmail.com](mailto:jaradoref@gmail.com)

Tel: 07415293798 or

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 **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

Childs name:

Emergency Contact No:

Year Group:

Email address:

Medical conditions:

I enclose payment of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian):