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Dear Parents,

Internet Safety Meeting

Our local police will be running an internet safety workshop for parents at school at 3.30pm on Wednesday 7th February. The officers will be talking about how to protect children when using the internet and social media. It would be great if as many parents as possible could attend – we are planning to hold a free crèche – please put the date in the diary. Thank you.

Mrs Jo Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

30th January	Grab a Grown up KS1	27th February	Grab a Grown up KS2
2nd February	PTFA Spring disco new times see PTFA details at the end of the newsletter	1st March	World Book Day
7th February	Safer Internet Day and Afterschool workshop for parents	2nd March	Scholastic book Fair
9th February	Last Day of term	5th - 6th March	Scholastic book Fair
19th February	First Day of term	12th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
19th February	Bikeability - Yr5 (yr 6 by invitation) for 2 weeks (Bikes Helmet needed in school)	14 March	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
27th February	Reception Hearing and Vision Screening	29th March (Thursday)	Last day of term

Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2018.

Cheltenham Camera Club is pleased to announce the Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2018.

The GYP is now in its 15th year and showcases pupils' photographic images in Gloucestershire's major photo exhibition. We are delighted that all accepted images will be displayed at the new Chapel Arts, Knapp Road (near St James Square) Cheltenham GL50 3QQ towards the end of April alongside the Annual Exhibition of the Cheltenham Camera Club. Awards for the winning images and best Primary and Secondary School Entries will be presented at the Opening Ceremony. The date of the Exhibition will be announced shortly.

Entry is very simple - A pupil can enter one image up to A4 on any subject. Images do not have to be printed on photographic paper – it is the image that counts. All pictures must be titled and have the pupil's name on the back. First prize for the individual winner is £70.

Entries must be received at Churchdown School by the closing date, 23rd March 2018, so please give your entries to Mr Meadows in Elm class or hand in to the school office by Friday 16th March and we will send all entries off from our school in time for the closing date. Please read the attached rules if you have any questions the children can see Mr Meadows during the school day and he will answer any questions they may have. (See attached leaflet)

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Clubs

Rugby club

Starts on Monday 29th January to current members (there are few more places available**!)**

Please remember no daps but please wear rugby or football boots

If you are able to donate old rugby or football boots we can hold some spares in school.

Forest Green Rovers update

Textile Recycler

Thank you to everyone who has put their unwanted clothes, shoes and textiles in the textile bin. Since last April you have raised over £200 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, and we can arrange for it to be emptied

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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 l website www.stmarystetbury.com/vacancies or contact Helen Glover in the School Office on 01666 502275.

st mary's ptfa

School Disco – Friday 2nd February. Disco £2.50 per child. We will be selling wristbands instead of tickets this year. These will be available to buy from the PTFA at KS1 and KS2 gates after school from Wednesday 31st Jan.

Please note who will be collecting your child from the disco on the wrist band (& tel. number) and ensure your child is wearing it at the disco. No wristband, no entry.

KS1 & EYFS: 5.30 – 6.30pm. **KS2** 6.45 – 7.45pm

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

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

We will also be selling glow items priced at 50p and £1

If you have any questions about the disco, please don't hesitate to ask. The PTFA organise and attend the discos and members of staff will be also present at each disco.
Drop off for disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class. Pickup at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground.
Please note: No mobile phones allowed. The discos are for St Marys students only.

Christmas Fayre – matched funding

We are really pleased to let you know that PTFA member Gemma Wood has been able to obtain Matched funding against the Christmas Fayre through her employer Barclays Bank to the value of £2000!

Thank you Gemma!

If anyone works for a company that is able to donate matched funding to charitable organisations, please get in contact via email on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Support the school via **Easyfundraising.com** It costs you nothing but if you register and click via this website http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/ the retailer pays a percentage of your total to the school without any charge to you. Retailers include Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Tesco, Expedia, Waitrose, flybe and many more. Please sign up today!

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Don't forget that we can also raise money by donating old clothes and shoes via the textile bin which is in the overflow car park. Please let the office know if you notice it is full.

Parent/Teacher Representative

St Marys PTFA have started 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 work commitments.

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**'

If you would like to be the representative for your class, please register as above and let the PTFA know by emailing ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Plum: Clare Banbrook Pear: Rhiain Clapham Holly: Katie McGrath

Cherry & Juniper: Kate Reeves Lime: Natalie Skinner Beech & Maple: Natasha Grant

Community

Coming to the Shed Soon

Hoot Owl Saturday 10th February 2018 at 3pm – tickets from £7.00
Suitable for Ages 4 to 94
Hoot Owl is no ordinary Owl – he is a Master of Disguise but is he a masterful as he thinks? Based on the award winning book by Sean Taylor with original songs, colourful puppets, animation, hilarity and ridiculousness abounding in this wildly inventive Show suitable for all ages from 4 to 94.
Guaranteed to entertain – come and join in the fun. Tickets available online: www.shed-arts.co.uk or Tetbury Visitor Information Centre: 01666 503552

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