

Friday 2nd February 2018

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Dear Parents,

I hope all the children enjoy the disco tonight. Thank you to the PTfA and the staff who have given up their time to organise and run the disco. As always we are very grateful to the PTfA for their fundraising efforts.

Mrs Jo Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

2 nd February	PTFA Spring disco	27 th February	Grab a Grown up KS1
6 th February	Grab a Grown up KS2	1 st March	World Book Day
7 th February	Safer Internet Day and Afterschool workshop for parents	2 nd March	Scholastic book Fair 3.15 – 4.00pm school hall
9 th February	Last Day of term	5 th - 6 th March	Scholastic book Fair 3.15 – 4.00pm school hall
19 th February	First Day of term	12 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
19 th February	Bikeability - Yr5 (yr 6 by invitation) for 2 weeks (Bikes Helmet needed in school)	14 March	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
27 th February	Reception Hearing and Vision Screening	29 th March (Thursday)	Last day of term

Internet Safety Meeting

Do you know how to keep your child safe on the internet?

We would like to invite you to an Internet Safety Presentation by our local police on Wednesday 7th February at 3:30pm. It should be finished by 4:30pm. Leah Davis and Sue Fellows will include information on inappropriate content, cyber bullying, online grooming, apps/games used, profiles & age restrictions and parent's checklist. This meeting is for parents/carers only but we will be running a crèche for St Mary's pupils and their younger siblings.

So that we know how many parents will be attending please book a place at this presentation via our parent's evening booking system <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. You can also book places at the free crèche via this website. To logon you will need the email address which you gave to the school and your child's name and date of birth.

If you have any questions please contact the School Office on 01666 502275.

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 overflow 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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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)

Book Review

Charlotte's Recommended Reads!

***The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* by Christopher Edge 9+**



When Albie's Mother passes away, he wants to know where she's gone. Having grown up with parents who were scientists, he's used to them having all the exact answers to his questions: when he asks, his Dad's reply makes him wonder if his Mum could still be alive. Using a high-tech machine and a banana, Albie begins an epic journey through time and space... but will he find his Mum? This book will make you laugh, cry, hook you until the last page and leave some amazing thoughts in your mind. If you loved this book, *The Jamie Drake Equation* also brilliant!

You can purchase *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* in most bookshops and online.

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F.A.M.E at last with the BBC

Join us for your free music lesson

Saturday 17th March 2018

Please see attached leaflet for more details

Thanks to the support of Gloucestershire Music, BBC Radio Gloucestershire and Music for All we are giving 100 people the chance to get creative and get playing at music centres in Gloucester and Stroud.

If you are aged 7+ (including adults) you can be one of a hundred people who are being given their first introduction to playing a musical instrument.

Clubs

Rugby club is now full

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



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. 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.

Support the school via [Easyfundraising.com](http://www.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: Rhiaian Clapham

Holly: Katie McGrath

Cherry & Juniper: Kate Reeves

Lime: Natalie Skinner

Beech & Maple: Natasha Grant

Community

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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Multi Sports Holiday Course

HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSE, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018

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:

Thursday 15th February 2018 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Friday 16th February 2018 – 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 .

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 9th February 2018.

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

Tel: 07415293798 or

Mr Stephen Knight on:

E-mail: stephenknight82@gmail.com

Tel: 07717528378.

Cancellation policy

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Sunday 11th February 2018**, 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 2018

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

Thursday 15th February 2018 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Friday 16th February 2018 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Childs name:

Emergency Contact No:

Year Group:

Email address:

Medical conditions:

I enclose payment of £ _____

Signed (parent/guardian):