

**Friday 10th February 2017**

Our Christian Value for the term: **Courage**

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday with your families. The children return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at the normal time for the start of Term 4.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day – please put the date in your diaries as children will be coming to school dressed as book characters so you can get creative over the half term holiday! We also have parents’ evenings on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March – appointment booking details will be sent by email, after half term. Grab a Grown Up will continue as it is next term – alternate Fridays with KS1 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a good break,  
Mrs Jo Woolley

## School Diary

|   |  |   |                                 |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February                           | Last day of Term                                       | 13 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Parents evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> February                           | First day of term                                      | 15 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm |
| 20 <sup>n</sup> February (1 & half weeks)           | Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school) | 24 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Red Nose Day                    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February                           | Grab a grown up with KS1                               | 7 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Last day of Term                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                               | World Book day   | 24 <sup>th</sup> April                    | First day of term               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> | Scholastic Book Fair                                   | 7 <sup>th</sup> June-9 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 4 Wilderness Residential   |

## Thank You

Last week the School Council visited The Yellow Lighted Bookshop in Tetbury. The children each chose some new book for their class. A HUGE thank you to Hereward and Sarah for hosting us and an ENORMOUS thank you to those members of the community who nominated our school to receive a voucher. We are very grateful.

Happy Reading



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## Donations

Thank you to Tetbury Tesco for raising £100 for St Marys in an instore raffle, this will help towards the projects we have at school and for also for donating biscuits for our forest school.



Year 1- Yr 6, please see our website for helpful hints on downloading and logging into my maths. This can be found via the following link:

<http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters>

## Bug Busting Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Please can all parent/carers check their child's hair on that evening and treat where necessary. Please see the NHS Choices web site for more information. Combs are available from the school office at the small cost of £1.

## How to spot head lice

Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected.

They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed.



The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb. This is called [detection combing](#).

[Head lice and nits - NHS Choices](#)

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

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## 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 Stampstastic - 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.stampstastic.co.uk/>

**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

Gloucestershire  
COUNTY COUNCIL

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.

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

Active Kids is back. You can now 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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## 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.

## Club News

### CLUBS

## New Cub for year 5/6

From 2<sup>nd</sup> March a new gym club will start for the year 5/6. Please complete the club slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office. Open to all year 5/6 (those in other gym clubs welcome)

## New KS1 Rugby club

NEW KS1 Rugby club starting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March run by Mr Knight

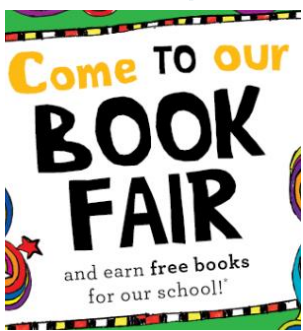
From 3.15 – 4.00pm - collect from KS1 Playground

Kit:

- Outdoor Sports Clothes
- Trainers or football/rugby boots
- water bottle

KS2 Rugby will continue after half term

## Watch this space for :-



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017



24 March  
2017

## Textile Recycler



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.

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## 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.

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## "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

Thank you to all that supported the disco last Friday. We raised a fantastic £616.10  
The next disco will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## Trim Trail

The second phase of the trim trail for the Year 3/4 playground has now been ordered and it is scheduled to be installed after half term.



**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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## Parent/Teacher Representative

The PTFA have been asked to organise a parent representative for each class to ensure everyone is fully informed about activities within each class.

After some research we have set up St Mary's School in an app called Classlist. Parents can register by following this link [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)

Click 'Join Here' and search for 'St Mary's CE VA Primary School, Tetbury'

Once registered, go to your profile and adjust your personal settings to change what all parents can see as all contact info is set to public by default.

The benefit of using this app, is that all contact information can be private but you can still be included in the communications.

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](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)



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## Community News

### Tetbury Library

Free family half-term activity at Tetbury Library - Bug Bunting! Running all week, so just drop in and make a colourful row of mini-beasts to take home and decorate your room. All welcome.

Tetbury Library can't wait to celebrate World Book Day! So join us on Saturday 25th February at 10.30am to listen to our wonderful Story Teller as she tells stories by World Book Day authors. Suitable for 4 - 7 year olds and their families with free follow-up craft afterwards. Just turn up!

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**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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Please see flyer for SWR Leisure Kids Camp

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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:  
Mr Stephen Knight on:

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

E-mail: [stephenknight82@gmail.com](mailto:stephenknight82@gmail.com)

Tel: 07415293798 or

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):

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**CHILD'S NAME** ..... **CLASS** .....

I give permission for my child to attend the ..... club

I will collect them from school\*                      Emergency telephone no:  
They have permission to walk home from school\*  
(\*please delete as necessary)

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

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