

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another term – we wish you all a very happy Easter holiday. I hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of chocolate and you find time to rest and relax with family and friends so that everyone will return to school recharged ready for a busy summer term!

Well done to the Lions netball team who played magnificently at the County netball finals on Wednesday. They fought hard but unfortunately this year didn't make it through to the semi-finals. As always, we were very proud of their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

School reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and children are permitted to wear summer uniform from this date. Please check the school website <http://www.stmarystetbury.com/new-to-us/uniform> for information about summer uniform. Can I remind parents if you are buying new school shoes over the holiday that children should be wearing black sensible shoes or sandals. We recommend that children do not have open toed sandals at school as they do not provide much protection.

As holiday season approaches I must also remind parents who are thinking of booking a holiday that you are required to take holidays during school holidays and not in term time. I am unable to authorise any holidays in term time and parents who persistently take children out of school will be at risk of incurring fines.

Please can I ask parents who come to school with dogs if they could leave dogs tied up on the grassy area by the main gate and not bring dogs into the school site. This is to keep the children safe (and the dog!!). Thank you.

### **Staff changes**

We have said goodbye to Mrs Miller today as she will be temporarily leaving us to take her adoption Leave. We wish her every happiness with her new family and we look forward to meeting her daughter soon!

Miss Gibbons will be teaching Juniper Class next term replacing Mrs Miller.

Miss Stemp will be leaving St. Mary's at the end of the summer term as she is relocating with her partner and his job. We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Stemp at the end of the year. The Governors and I have already started recruiting for her replacement.

### **Twiglets at Twilight, will start on 24<sup>th</sup> April**

We are pleased to announce that our new after school provision, Twiglets at Twilight, will start on 24<sup>th</sup> April, our first Monday back. Twiglets will be run by Mr Knight and Mrs Wilmott from 3:15pm to 6pm each school day. No doubt Mr Knight will make use of the outdoor learning environment whether this is through sports and fitness activities or in the Forest School area. There will also be the opportunity for children to complete any homework that has been set in a quiet space and there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to be creative. The cost of the provision will be £8 for the session, regardless of whether your child/children attend an after school activity first or whether they will be collected early, and will include a healthy afternoon tea. The afternoon tea will comprise of sandwiches, fruit/vegetables, a drink and a slice of tray bake, all provided by Caterlink.

You will have already received an email with full details on how to book a place for your child at Twiglets however if you have any questions please contact Helen Glover in the School Office.

J Woolley, Headteacher

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## School Diary

7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term
24 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term – Summer Uniform	5 <sup>th</sup> June	First Day of Term
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday	7 <sup>th</sup> June–9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Wilderness Residential
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Plum Class Assembly 2.30pm start	11 <sup>th</sup> July–13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak Class Assembly 2.30pm start	13 <sup>th</sup> July–14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Camp

## Experience Easter

Years 3 and 4 had a fascinating morning in church this week, learning all about the Easter Story. We developed our understanding of various aspects, including the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Volunteers from the church spent many hours preparing for and leading the activities and we are very grateful to them all.

## County Netball Final

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April the Lions netball team went to Cheltenham College for the netball county finals. Our team were: Freddie, Jack, Mak, Lois, Olivia, Grace and Lucy. Our first game was against Upton and we lost 7-3; this game was the strongest team in our pool. The second game was against Micheldean and we won 13-0, which was the best game we played in the tournament. Our third game was against St John Moore and we drew 3-3; we should have won this game but they scored the last shot of the game. The fourth game we played was against Cam Everland and we drew 6-6, which was not enough for us to get through to the semi-final. In the medal ceremony Grace got the passion award.

Thank you to Claire and Kate for taking us and training us so we could get to county. Well done to the whole team for participating in the tournament.

Freddie and Mak



## EYFS and KS1 Fashion Show



On Thursday EYFS and KS1 children held a fashion show for the parents. The children strutted their stuff down the catwalk, as they modelled their creations from around the world. Everyone had great fun and we are very proud of our children.

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## A-Cross the world, A-Cross our school

We have been exploring the meaning and importance of the cross at this special time of year. Classes have looked at how its meaning has been understood in different countries and communities across the world. We have made our own interpretations of those crosses and you will be able to see them displayed in St Marys' Church over the Easter holiday. The children will be very keen to show you their work. The church will be open every day so do pop in and have a look.

## Safeguarding session for all Volunteer helpers

Mrs Silins and Miss Jackson will be holding a Safeguarding session for ALL volunteers on Wednesday 26th April at 2.30. All Volunteers should attend this session. If you have any queries please contact the school office.



**EYFS** would really appreciate donations of any soft toys from 'under the sea' please! Thank you

## School lunch news.

The new school lunch menu is now available on line. As all EYFS and KS1 children receive Universal Free School Meals - **Could all EYFS and KS1 parent/carers** select their child's lunch choice on parentpay right up to the end of the summer term. This really helps the teachers and reduces time going through the lunch choices with the children.

## Price increase

Caterlink have informed us that there will be a price increase from 24<sup>th</sup> April from £2.20 to £2.28. This is the first price increase since 2013. The increasing costs have been absorbed over the last few years, but unfortunately Caterlink have to pass on the cost on this occasion. Caterlink will continue to provide fresh, home cooked nutritious school lunches to the Food for Life Gold standard and look forward to continuing providing fantastic meals for your child/ren

## Wilderness & Yr 2 Camp

Please remember to return the permission slip for your child to take part in the Wilderness or Yr 2 Camp as soon as possible so that we know how many children will be taking part. Copies of the letters can be found on the Letters page of our school website <http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters> or obtained from the School Office.

## Breakfast club

Please remember to pre-book your place in breakfast club. Please call the school office.

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

Keep bringing in your Vouchers to school. We are busy counting them each week. You can collect vouchers from Sainsbury's stores or online shop, there is a box in the school office area for you to pop your vouchers in.

## New Clubs for after Easter

Most clubs are now full. There are still places available in the following clubs:

**Computing Club/Basketball club** – Due to these clubs being popular they have been split into two groups. The first group will start term 5 and the next group will start term 6. Please check your emails as confirmation has been sent out. There are still a couple of spaces in the term 6 clubs if you would like to attend please send in a club slip.

## Faith Explorers – now full



### 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. The bin is emptied regularly, but please tell us when it becomes full again.

## Community News

### St Marys' Church

**You are invited to St Marys' Church for our services in Holy Week and Easter.** Do contact Poppy on 01666 502 333 or [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

**Join the Palm Sunday crowds!** Palm Sunday is when we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, as the crowds shouted "hosanna!" On Sunday 2nd April at 10.30am people from all the churches in Tetbury will gather in the Market Place to act out that procession. Do join us! From the Market Place we process to St Marys' Church for our Palm Sunday service, and children join our Little Fishes Sunday School for Bible stories and crafts.

**Join the Easter celebrations!** On Easter morning we celebrate Jesus rising again at 9.30am at St Marys' Church, with an Easter egg hunt for the children. All are welcome.

**THE TETBURY WOOLSACK RACES NEED YOU!** If you are interested in running in the races or being involved in the organisation of the races please get in touch by emailing [tetburywoolsack@gmail.com](mailto:tetburywoolsack@gmail.com) or via the Woolsack Facebook page. Put the date in your diaries! May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

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## Tetbury Library

Tetbury Library has some free activities running from 8th to 22nd April (excluding Friday 14th to Monday 17th). Discover which creatures laid which eggs in the Egg Hunt around the library! Drop in and make a pom-pom (or make some at home and bring in - all sizes up to about as big as a lemon) as we'll need lots of them for a special event later in the year! (Donations of wool much appreciated - thank you.) On Tuesday 11th April at 11am come and listen to Paula Metcalf's witty story 'Rabbits don't lay eggs' with a follow up activity (suitable for 3-7 yr olds and their families). Everyone welcome - just turn up!



## Cookie Friday & Ice Cream Friday

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April will be the last Cookie Friday. After the Easter Holidays, we will be selling ice creams after school every Friday by the main notice board every week. Ice creams priced at 50p or £1.

## Prosecco & Pampering evening, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 8pm – 10pm

Join us for an evening of prosecco and pampering on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Mini treatments and various stall available. Free entry!

Pre-booking for mini treatments is essential. More details to follow after the Easter Holidays.

## School Disco – summer beach theme. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Disco Tickets £2.50 per child.

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

The school disco is embracing summer. Wear your best and brightest summer clothes/beach wear!

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. Surf shop themed photo booth is 50p a go.

We will also be selling glow items at both discos (50p/£1)

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.

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**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 an app called Classlist. Parents can register by following this link [www.classlist.com](http://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](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Parent Reps by class;

Cherry – Caroline Swinburne  
Lime – Gemma Wood  
Pear – Caroline Swinburne  
Juniper – Anna King  
Chestnut – Katie McGrath  
Elm – Sam Tuley

## Multi Sports Holiday Course

### HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSE, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, EASTER HOLIDAYS 2017

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - 08:45am – 15:15pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAYS TO WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY!

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 £35 per child for all 4 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 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 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, a full refund will be offered. Any cancellations made after this date will be non refundable, however a rollover will be offered.

#### Facebook page

Please like our new facebook page ([St Mary's School Tetbury Multi Sports Holiday Camps](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1732899417039647/)) and share our posts and updates:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1732899417039647/>

#### St Mary's Primary School Holiday booking form – Easter Holidays 2017

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

Wednesday 12th April 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm Thursday 13th April 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Wednesday 19th April 2017 - 08:45am – 15:15pm Thursday 20th April 2017 – 08:45am – 15:15pm

Child's name: Emergency Contact No: .....

Year Group: .....

Email address: .....

Medical conditions: .....

I enclose payment of £\_\_\_\_\_ Signed (parent/guardian):.....

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**CLUB APPLICATION SLIP - One slip per club and child please**

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

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