

Friday 28th April 2017

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

We are all delighted that our After School Care - ‘Twiglets at Twilight’ is now up and running. The children seem to be thoroughly enjoying after school activities and Mr Knight and Mrs Wilmott are doing an excellent job. If you are interested in after school care please see Mrs Glover in the school office.

I asked parents in my last newsletter not to bring dogs on to the school site. We unfortunately have had an incident where a child was bitten by a dog that was tied up by the gate. I will speak to all the children about not approaching dogs however, if you have a dog who is likely to bite if approached, please can I ask you not to tie it up near where the children are walking. Many thanks.

Mrs Jo Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

1st May	Bank Holiday	7 th June-9 th June	Year 4 Wilderness Residential
12 th May	Plum Class Assembly 2.30pm start	11 th July-13 th July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
19 th May	Oak Class Assembly 2.30pm start	13 th July-14 th July	Year 2 Camp
26 th May	Last day of Term		
5 th June	First Day of Term		

Your vote is needed for our Wildlife Pond

We are very excited to announce that our bid for funding to develop a wildlife pond has been accepted by the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. During May and June you will be able to vote in the Tetbury Tesco store for our project.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local community projects.

Our plan is to create a wildlife pond within the wooded area which we already use for Forest School. This pond will have a pebbled shallow end to encourage wildlife and a platform extending over the deeper end to enable children to pond dip. If we receive sufficient funding the area will also include willow screening, picket fencing and wild grasses and flowers.

This project will create a rich learning resource which will encourage children to spend more time outdoors exploring natural environments. It will not just be used by the pupils of St Mary's but also available to children from the local pre-schools and local Scout and Guide organisations. Please help by voting for this project.

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A huge THANKYOU!

This week we took delivery of 6 fantastic new dining tables which will help us improve our lunchtimes for the children and our team of fantastic Midday Supervisors. We were able to fund two of these tables however it is only thanks to generous donations from **The Feoffees, Tetbury Town Council, Jack Lane Trust and the Rotary** that we could purchase the other four. We are hoping to raise additional funds to purchase another 4 tables as soon as possible.



K'nex Challenge

On Wednesday 25th April, Masha and Anna went to Millbrook Academy of Science and Business to take part in the south Gloucestershire K'nex Challenge Final. We had to build a model out of K'nex (plastic sticks and connectors) that was able to drive around the surface of an unknown planet and collect a mixed variety of samples. It had to be able to store the samples as well. We had lots of fun and a great experience with young engineers.

Thank you to Mr Meadow for taking us there and encouraging us throughout the day. By Anna W and Mash W

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KS1 SATS

Just to let you know KS1 SATS will be taking place over 2 weeks from Monday 8th May until Friday 19th May. There is no expectations for the children to do any extra work but please make sure they get a nourishing breakfast and an early night!

Daily Mile Update

The children have been running a mile every day this week. Altogether they have run 1606 miles this week.

Forest Green Rovers Ambassador

It is coming to that time of year when we are having to recruit a new ambassador for next year. As you know Grace Purnell has been this year's ambassador and has been great at promoting girls football this year.

If you fancy becoming our next forest Green rovers Ambassador and are passionate about football, please prepare a short presentation stating why you should be chosen for the role.

Presentations will take place in The Den on Thursday 18th May between 9.00am and 9.30am and to Grace Purnell, Miss Jackson and Mrs Danton.

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.

Gardening Club

We are desperately seeking compost/soil for our gardening area. If you are able to donate, please let Mr Foster know.

Price increase

Caterlink have informed us that there will be a price increase from 24th 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

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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.



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

Art club

Mrs Bladen from Holly class will be running an Art club after school starting Thursday 11th May. The club is open to years 1,2 & 3 and runs from 3.15 to 4.00pm. The club has limited numbers.

Please complete the attached club slip below and either send it in by email or bring to the school office.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you lively and enthusiastic? Do you want to earn some extra money? Do you have an hour a day to spare?

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to support our children during lunchtimes from 12:15pm to 1:15pm Monday to Friday. This position is term time only with an immediate start if possible. This position will ideally be a 5 days a week position but we can consider fewer days if necessary.

If you would like to be considered please take a look at the [Person Specification](#), [Job Description](#) on our school website www.stmarystetbury.com/vacancies and complete the [GCC Application Form](#).

Please return this application form to us in paper form to the School Office or via email to bursar@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk. It should be accompanied by a covering letter addressed to Mrs Woolley (Headteacher). Application forms must be returned by 4pm on Friday 12th May.

If you do not want a regular position, but are willing to help out on occasional days when staff are absent or ill please let us know by emailing Helen Glover via bursar@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

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Tetbury Under 11s Junior Rugby

A team of Tetbury under 11s junior rugby players travelled to Toulouse in France to play a series of matches with local youth teams.

The children were able to go on the tour after £9,000 was raised by the team, including pupils from St Marys Primary school.

To see the full report in the Wilts and Glos Standard please following the link below:

http://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/15223283.Team_of_Tetbury_under_11s_junior_rugby_players_travel_to_France/?ref=arc#



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.

South West Schools Ski Championships?

Do you ski? Would you like to take part in something exciting? We are hoping to enter our first ever St Mary's skiing team into the South West School Ski Championships to be held at the Gloucester Ski Centre on Sunday 18th June 2017. If so please read the attached entry form notes and return your completed entry form to the school office by Friday 5th May. Places are limited and therefore we are looking to submit our entries by the end of next week. You will need to be able to transport your child to Gloucester and supervise them during the event however we are able to support the children by paying the £15 entry fee. Any child who can perform linked snowplough turns under good control will be able to ski the course.

Cookie Friday & Ice Cream Friday

Ice cream Friday is coming soon but due to the recent chilly weather we will be extending Cookie Friday. Cookies & Cakes available after school on Friday by the main notice board. 50p each.

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Prosecco & Pampering evening, Friday 12th May 8pm – 10pm

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

Stalls include: jewellery, nail & skin care, nutrition, candles, cosmetics, greetings cards, refreshments and much more.



School Disco – summer beach theme. Friday 19th 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.

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.

Parent/Teacher Representative

The parent representative will ensure everyone is fully informed about activities within each class.

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

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Parent Reps by class;

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

CLUB APPLICATION SLIP - One slip per club and child please

CHILD'S NAME **CLASS**

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

I will collect them from school* Emergency telephone no:

They have permission to walk home from school*

(*please delete as necessary)

Signed **Date**