

Friday 9th June 2017

Our Christian Value for the term: Respect

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(Matthew 7.12)

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting final term with lots of events planned. This week has already seen our rounders team get into the finals of the County Tournament – well done to all the children who played brilliantly and were a real credit to the school. We wish them all the best on Friday next week. Year 4 have been having a fun time on their residential at The Wilderness Centre. The children (and staff) were very excited when they left on Wednesday. We look forward to hearing all their stories when they return today.

Unfortunately I have received another complaint about parking in the vicinity of the schools. Please could parents show consideration to residents when parking and not block people's drives. Thank you.

I have also received an email from a concerned parent about dogs tied up at the gate. Apparently two dogs were fighting outside school yesterday and this frightened some of the younger children. Dogs must be tied up at the school gate and must not be brought onto the school site. Please do not leave your dog unattended if they are likely to be aggressive towards other dogs or people. Thank you.

KS2 Sports Day

Unfortunately our Sports Day clashes with one of the Y6 induction days at a local secondary school. As this would mean a significant number of Y6 children would be unable to participate in their last sports day at the school, we have decided to change KS2 sports day to **Monday 3rd July at 9.30am**. EYFS and KS1 sports day will still go ahead on Wednesday 5th July in the morning as we have already arranged for the pre-school to come on that day.

Mrs Jo Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

9 th June	Juniper class assembly 2.30pm	8 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
16 th June	Father's day Tea (Lime and Cherry 2.30pm)	10 th July	Year 5/6 afternoon performance
16 th June	Elm class assembly 2.30pm	11 th July	Year 5/6 evening performance
19 th June	Year 5 Secondary school experience day @ SWR	11 th July	Year 6 leavers BBQ
21 st June	Leavers Photos and classgroup photo	11 th July–13 th July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
23 rd June	Cherry class assembly 2.30pm	11 th July	Class change over day
23 rd June	Leavers Hoodie ordering deadline	11 th July	New reception children taster 10.30 – 12.00
25 th June	Deadline for ordering school uniform to be delivered to school on 14 th July	12 th July	Faith Explorers Collective Worship 2.40pm

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26 th June	Area Sports 9.30am-1.00pm	13 th July	Prom in the Park yr 5/6 @ SWR 6pm
27 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic EYFS & Preschools 2pm	13 th July-14 th July	Year 2 Camp
30 th June	Holly class assembly 2.30pm	14 th July	Beech class assembly 2.30pm
3 rd July	KS2 Sports day 9.30am	18 th July	Recorder concert children taught by Mrs Nicolas - School hall 2.30pm
4 th July	Year 6 Malmesbury Induction day	19 th July	Reception Graduation – School Hall TBC
4 th July	French club Assembly 2.40pm	20 th July	Leavers Prom at the Town Hall. 7-9pm
5 th July	Year 6 Malmesbury Induction day	21 st July	Last day of Term
5 th July	KS1 Sports day (AM)	5 th September	New school year begins
7 th July	Marling School Induction day		
7 th July	Chestnut class assembly 2.30pm		

Rounders – Gold Medalists!



On Wednesday 7th June the Year 5/6 rounders team went to Kingshill School to compete in a tournament. Our first game was against Chesterton and we won 5 ½ - 1 ½ rounders. Our second game was against St Lawrence, Lechlade and we drew. Our third match was against Fairford and we won 6 – 2. Finally, our last game was against Cirencester Primary and we won 8 ½ - 5 ½. Overall, we had the same number of points as St Lawrence so the decision had to be taken on the total number of rounders scored. We managed to beat St Lawrence by ½ a rounder to come first position in the competition. Well done to everyone!

By Jack W, Kyle O'C and Mak S

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The Wilderness



Year 4 have had a brilliant time at the Wilderness. The weather of the afternoon and evening of our arrival was such that we enjoyed orienteering and problem solving in the sunshine before going on our night walk. Since then we have had some rain - well actually a lot of rain but nothing was going to dampen the spirits of the children as they got involved with bush craft, crate stacking, archery, rock climbing on the indoor wall and 'tunnelling.' We had hot chocolate and a story before settling down each night.

We have enjoyed the company of the children and have been thoroughly impressed with the way they have supported and encouraged each other, working together brilliantly in their groups. We know that all parents will enjoy listening to their child/childrens' stories over the weekend.

The activities and food have been great - It's just been amazing!

It's been the best three days of my life!

We've learnt so much about team work 😊

Thank you Year 4 - You've been super!

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Tetbury Woolsack Races

Well done to all the children who ran in the woolsack races this year. Blue Peter has contacted the school and the children's races will be broadcasted on the CBBC channel on Thursday 15th June (also available after this date on iPlayer).



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Healthy Eating Week

Next week is 'Healthy Eating Week' in school. Children in KS1 will be learning about healthy food in general, while KS2 will be focusing on healthy lunchboxes. It would be great if you could support this by making an effort to fill your child's lunchbox with nutritious, healthy foods and packing fewer sweet treats! Watch this space for news about the activities the children engage in next week 😊



Pick up your blue token and vote for our Wildlife Pond at Tetbury Tesco

Please remember your blue token when you shop at Tesco. From now until the end of June you will be able to vote with your blue tokens at 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 with your blue token.

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Daily Mile Update The children have been continuing to walk a mile every day.

Breakfast club

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

Music Invoices

Please remember to pay for your music invoices which are now available to pay on parentpay.

Guitar Lessons - There will be no guitar lessons on Tuesday 20th June

Club News

Basket Ball Year 5/6 basketball will start on 15th June

Faith Explorers

Faith Explorers will meet again on 14th June, Please see the following dates:

- Wednesday 14th June
- Wednesday 28th June
- Wednesday 5th July
- Family and friends are invited to our Faith Explorers Collective Worship on Wednesday 12th July at 2.40pm



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Don't forget to order your 2017 leavers hoodie from www.michaelhope.co.uk (use search term 'stmar'). Last day for placing orders is Friday 23rd June.

Ice Cream Friday

Ice cream Friday every week after school by the main notice board. 50p/£1 each.

Gardening / Work Days. Sunday 11th June. Proposed time 10am-4pm

The Governors and PTFA will be having a gardening/work day on Sunday 11th June to help tidy up areas of the school. E.g. spruce up the garden areas, re-organise the sports equipment pavilion.

If you can spare some time please let us know by emailing ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk or come along from 10am on Sunday.

A BIG thank you to Valley Trading for kindly providing the skip FREE OF CHARGE! www.valleytrading.co.uk

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Thank you also to those that have already volunteered, see you on Sunday!

NB Children are welcome but are the responsibility of their adult. Childcare cannot be provided.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 7th July

Non-uniform day! As we will soon be thinking about our summer holiday, please wear your brightest Summer Holiday themed clothes on Friday 7th July, in exchange we would welcome **donations for the tombola** at the Summer Fayre: Box of Chocolates or a Bottle please (or similar).

Date for your diary. The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 8th July 11am – 2pm.

Stalls, Entertainment, BBQ, Bar, Tombola's, Lucky Dip, Bouncy Castles and the spectacular summer raffle with fabulous prizes.

Wanted...

If you work for or are associated with an organisation that could support the school with a **raffle prize**, please could you let the PTFA know. We are grateful for any donation, large or small!

Please send in **donations of toys and books** in good condition on the week commencing 3rd July.

The Summer Fayre is the PTFA's biggest fund raising event of the year and we are in desperate need of **volunteers** to help on the day. If you can spare an hour or so to set up, help at the event or clear up afterwards on Saturday 8th, please let us know.

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

Parent Reps by class;

Cherry – Caroline Swinburne
Pear – Caroline Swinburne
Juniper – Anna King
Elm – Sam Tuley

Lime – Gemma Wood
Plum – Claire Williams
Chestnut – Katie McGrath

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Community News

Message from Gloucestershire County Council

30 hours free childcare parental survey - please complete!

Dear Parents

We'd like to make you aware of an online survey that has been launched by Gloucestershire County Council to understand likely demand for the increased free childcare entitlement of 30 hours for 3 & 4 year olds from September 2017. The survey can be accessed here<gloucestershire.gov.uk/ChildcareSurvey> and will be open for 3 weeks until the end of June.

Please could you take 5 minutes to complete the survey and share the link with your friends and family! You may also see some communications from the Council promoting the survey. Responses will help both XXX (name of provider) and the Council understand likely demand for the increasing offer for eligible, working parents from September 2017.

Details of all free childcare entitlements, including the 30 hours, can be found at the Childcare Choices<<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>> website. If providers or parents have any queries about the online survey, please contact the Family Information Service on 01452 427362 or email familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto:familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk>>

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