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Dear Parents,

What an amazing week we have had! And aren't we all feeling well as a result!! The children have had a fantastic time –there has been fun, relaxation, spirituality and the most wonderful community atmosphere in every part of the school. A MASSIVE thanks to Miss Jackson for her incredible enthusiasm and organisation this week and a HUGE thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped out. Thank you to Abel and Cole for providing food, The Cook School for teaching cookery, Urban Strides for teaching dance, PC Leah Davies and Sue Fellowes for teaching the children about internet safety, Richard Norris and all the Dads, Uncles and friends who ran football skills on the Rec….I could go on. And thank you to all the staff who have thrown themselves into every activity.

Can I also say a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who ran in the Westonbirt 10K this week to raise money for the school hall refurbishment. You were all brilliant and together you have raised over £1,800 for the school, if you would still like to donate you are still able to using the following link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-marys-school-hall-tetbury to make a donation, it will all go towards refurbishing the school hall. THANK YOU!!!

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

4th June	First day of term	3rd – 4th July	Moving up days Malmesbury School
7th June	Gloucester Cathedral Yr 6 leavers	5th July	KS2 Sports day (am)
8th June	Plum Class Service 2.30pm	6th July	Year 5/6 dress rehearsal (am)
15th June	Year 2 Service 2.30pm	6th July	Moving up day Stroud High School
18th June	School Photos year 6 individual and classes	9th July	Year 5/6 performance (afternoon)
19th June	All Year 5 Secondary School Experience Day @ SWR	10th-12th July	Moving up days year 6 SWR School
22nd June	No Cookschool due to Summer Fayre	10th July	Year 5/6 performance (evening)
22nd June	Summer Fayre 3.30pm – 5.30pm	12th – 13th July	Yr 2 Camp - Under Canvas
26th June	Year 1 We the Curious (@Bristol) trip	18th July	Year 6 Bowood trip
27th – 29th June	Year 4 The Wilderness residential	18th July	Cherry Class Service and Graduation 10-11am
28th June	Year 3 Caerlon Roman Bath Trip	18th July	Lime Class Service and Graduation 2pm-3pm
2nd July	Recorder/Flute concert	19th July	SWR proms in the park
3rd July	KS1 Sports day (AM)	20th July	Year 6 leavers service (info to follow)
3rd July	French Club service 2.40pm	20th July	Last day of term

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Health and Wellbeing Week

Wow! What a jam packed, fun filled active week it has been at St Marys. Monday saw us kick off with an inspirational visit from **Megan Goddard**, who has played rugby for England and The Barbarians. EYFS and KS1 children were treated to some **Tag Rugby** sessions with her that they thoroughly enjoyed. We also had a visit from **Terry Fanolua**, who gave a speech to the Y5/6 children and showed them the haka! **Simon Martin**, a **Rugby** Coach showed the Y3/4 children some superb rugby tactics. Some children experienced **Handball** and **Wheelchair Rugby** too. Whilst most of the KS2 children were at District Sports, the EYFS and KS1 children had great fun learning how to balance feathers and spin plates at their **Circus Skills** workshops. It was great to see so many parents at the after school event too. It's not as easy as it looks! Our very own, **Mrs Sujeewon** taught all of the children a funky **Dance** session (not at the same time!) that included a few specialist moves of the running man and flossing. Juniper class were treated to a visit by **Pippi and Alex's dad** who has recently won a silver medal for **Shooting** at the **Commonwealth Games**. **Mr Godfrey** showed off his skipping skills as he taught the children some serious **Skipping** moves and **Mr Hainsworth** got us all into a **Frisbee** Frenzy! On Wednesday, we all visited the Rec and enjoyed being active in the local area. It was awesome that **TTFC** were able to meet us there and teach us some **Football** skills and we even had worship outside! Then we all went zany for **Zorbing–which was AMAZING! Mr Malpass** taught us how to go crazy for **Cricket** whilst **Simon Martin**, **RFU Community Coach**, just happened to pop by and teach some of us some **Rugby** skills. Then just when you thought we couldn't fit anymore fitness and fun in, **Cook School** and **Able and Cole** came into school and provided the **WHOLE SCHOOL** with fresh ingredients to make a **'Panzanella Salad'**. This was part of the children's learning on **'how to feed the body to nurture the body'.** Lots of **Healthy Cookery** was also happening in classrooms this week too, coconut and date balls and fruit pancakes to name a few recipes! The children also got to try out **Scooting** and **Street Dance** by none other than Fi from **Urban Strides**! All of this plus lots more fun activities that the **teachers** had prepared.Finally, to end the week we received a visit from **Matt Gilbert**, the only **hearing impaired Sportsman** in **England**, who gave us an amazing speech and led some Rugby workshops.

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WHAT A WEEK IT HAS BEEN! We have all been active, looked after our bodies and had a FUN time. It's a good job its half term next week!

A special **THANK-YOU** to everyone who has made the week a **HUGE** success and thank-you to **Mr Knight**, for helping to arrange our visitors in school.

Miss Jackson

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Maple class Watermelon Pizza making

This morning Maple Class made Watermelon Pizzas. *They were really fun to make* (Sophie). We covered the watermelon bases with a sauce of plain yogurt, honey and vanilla extract. Then we topped them with fresh summer fruits before finishing off with a strawberry coulis.

Whoever thought healthy food could be so delicious? (Poppy)
Delicious (Grace)
Best pizza ever! (Connor K)
I didn't know if I would like watermelon but it was delicious! (Nick)

Mountain Biking competition

On Monday, Sophie, Eva, Chloe S, Phoebe, Connor, Callum P, Callum W and James from year 5 participated in a mountain biking competition in Cirencester. The sun was shining, the children were excited and finally it was race time! Each child raced individually to receive their fastest time and then raced as part of a relay team. Resilience and perseverance was key as the course was tricky and the competition was tough. Phoebe displayed fantastic resilience as she fell off her bike but jumped straight back on to join her team mates - excellent to see. A superb team effort but a special mention goes to Eva who was timed as the fastest girl on the day and came away with a gold medal. I was very proud of you all.
Mrs Weston

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Woolsack Races

This year, the Woolsack Races will run slightly differently from previous years: The Woolsack Committee have asked us to select a team of 12 children from Years 4 and 6 , from the hat, to represent our school. You can see our team run the races between 12.30 and 1.00 pm , Bank Holiday Monday 28th May. Good luck to Jack W, Isaac O,Lucy E, Mak S, Oliver R,Poppy H, Lily G, Olivia K, Ffion T, Rory P-M, Lewis B and Isla H and thank you to Mrs Sujeewon for looking after our children at the event.

Ski Championship

On Sunday 20th May, in very hot weather, a team of six children represented St Mary's at the South West Schools Ski Championship at Gloucester Dry Ski Slope. The children taking part were Rory P-M, Matthew M, Tilly B and Lily G in KS2 and Elizabeth M and Max B in KS1. We all managed to qualify for our year groups by completing a challenging slalom course three times. Congratulations to Elizabeth and Max who both won for their age groups. We all had a really fun day. By Rory P-M.

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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

You may be aware that Data Protection laws are changing. St Mary's is committed to the protection of all personal and sensitive data for which it holds responsibility as the Data Controller. Gloucestershire County Council is our appointed Data Protection Officer and information provided to St Mary's will be managed and processed in accordance with the new data protection law and in-line with our schools data protection policy which is available on http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/policies.

Clubs

Gardening Club

Week 5 at Gardening Club (GC). We missed a week due to the Early May Bank Holiday, but things have been progressing well over that time, Especially with all the sunshine we have had over the last 2 weeks. The potatoes have come on well, as have the pot flowers, flower beds and we now have a big green polytunnel with tomatoes on the go. Thank you to the PTFA, parents and Cater Link who have all donated resources to help get this off the ground. The children are loving it! We hope to have enough plants to sell by the time we get to the Summer Fayre at the end of June. **Club starts again on the first Monday back after Half Term.**

Happy Holiday's,

Mr Foster and Miss Selwood.

New Club

Year 5/6 Skipping club starting Monday 11th June – Please book online using the on-line booking system. Please book through the online system by logging on to: https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk and choosing year 5/6 skipping club option.

Construction club for current members has now finished. Mrs Pocket will be opening a new club for new members after half term. Year group for this club is to be confirmed after half term.

Faith Explorers Year 3- Year 6

Reminder of dates

Wednesday 13th June: Preparing for Collective Worship

Wednesday 27th June: Faith Explorers' Collective Worship

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School Uniform for September

If you would like to receive new school uniform before the end of the summer term please make sure you have placed your order with Michael Hope **before Wednesday 27th June**. Orders placed after this date and before 6th August will be delivered to school and can be collected from the School Office **on 4th September (Inset Day).** Michael Hope will not be able to guarantee delivery to the school before the start of term for any orders placed after 6th August.

ParentPay – Secondary Payer Account.

There is now the option in ParentPay for a secondary payer account to be added to a child's ParentPay account. This allows another person (with their own logon details) to pay for items for a child via ParentPay. This secondary payer can either have the ability to just make payments or to make payments and bookings. If this functionality would be of interest to you please contact the School Office on 01666 502275 or via email to admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk.

Free school meals – apply now!

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, our school will received extra funding if your child is eligible.

The new free school meals policy is as follows-

Children might be able to get free school meals if they or their parents get any of the following:

* Income Support
* income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
* income-related Employment and Support Allowance
* support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
* Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
* Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Parents can apply for free school meals via the following link- https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/

We receive extra funding for each eligible child registered. So even if you don't want your child to have school lunches, you still need to apply to make sure our school receives all the government funding to which is it entitled – helping us provide your child with the best education and support. If you need any help please contact the school office .

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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Ice Cream / Cookie Friday

Cookies or Ice-creams will be on sale after school every Friday by the main door. The choice of treat will be weather dependent. Cookies for 50p, Ice-creams for £1.

Summer Disco

Thank you to all the parents and staff that helped on Friday night, we had a great time at both discos and managed to raise a fantastic £900 for the school.

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Summer Fayre - NEW DATE – Friday 22nd June 3.30 – 6pm after school

Refreshments available Including BBQ, bar, ice-cream and sweets.

Meet a Unicorn! ~ Bouncy Castle ~ Mega Slide ~ Go Karts ~ Stalls ~ Tombolas ~ Lucky Dip ~ Glitter Tattoos ~ Face Painting ~ Raffle

And loads more…!

If you have any suggestions for events that you would like, please make suggestions via the suggestion box in reception.

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Support the school via **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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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: Rhiain Clapham

Holly: Katie McGrath

Cherry & Juniper: Kate Reeves

Lime: Natalie Skinner

Beech & Maple: Natasha Grant

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Multi Sports Holiday Club

HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUB, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAY HALF TERM 2018

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

Thursday 31st May 2018 – 08:45am – 15:15pm **Friday 1st June 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 26th May 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. As the summer is fast approaching, we also advise that your child brings sun cream and that all long hair should be tied back!

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 **Monday 28th May 2018**, 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 us on facebook page (**St Mary's School Tetbury Multi Sports Holiday Camps**) and share our posts and updates:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1732899417039647/

St Mary's Primary School Holiday booking form – May Half Term 2018

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

Thursday 31st May 2018 – 08:45am – 15:15pm **Friday 1st June 2018 – 08:45am – 15:15pm**

Childs name: Emergency Contact No:

Year Group:

Email address:

Medical conditions:

I enclose payment of **£**_____ Signed (parent/guardian):