

Friday 16th June 2017

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to school on Sunday to clear areas and tidy up. I cannot thank you enough for your goodwill – the Pavilion is a joy to go in and the Year 5/6 playground is twice the size. We are very fortunate to have such proactive and generous parents at our school. Thank you.

Well done to the girls' cricket team who came second in the cricket tournament at Cirencester Primary today!

Mrs Wheeler

Congratulations to Mrs Wheeler (Ash Class teacher) who is expecting her second child in November. We are absolutely delighted for her and her family. Mrs Wheeler will be returning to school after the summer holidays but will be starting her maternity leave towards the end of Term 1 next academic year.

New Classes

In previous years we have asked the children to name three friends they would like to be with in their new classes next year however some parents have communicated that this actually can cause upset with groups of children. This year, therefore, we have decided that we will group the children based on the current teachers' knowledge of the children and their friends. Children will be told which class they are in next year on class swap day which is 11th July.

Woolsack Races

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Woolsack Races at half term. It was fantastic to see Mak, Eleanor M and Grace P making an appearance on Blue Peter last night. What a credit the children are to our school and community. Well done everyone.

Rounders

Congratulations to the Rounders Team who came second in the County Finals today! We are extremely proud of the team – this is a fantastic achievement and a huge thank you to Mrs Danton and Mrs Cartledge for training them and all the parents who went along and supported today!

Mrs Jo Woolley
Headteacher

School Photos – Wednesday 21st June

Year 6 leavers and class group photos will be taken on Wednesday 21st June

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School Diary

16 th June	Father's day Tea (Lime and Cherry 2.30pm)	8 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
16 th June	Elm class assembly 2.30pm	10 th July	Year 5/6 afternoon performance
19 th June	Year 5 Secondary school experience day @ SWR	11 th July	Year 5/6 evening performance
21 st June	Leavers Photos and classgroup photo	11 th July	Year 6 leavers BBQ
23 rd June	Cherry class assembly 2.30pm	11 th July–13 th July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
23 rd June	Leavers Hoodie ordering deadline	11 th July	Class change over day
25 th June	Deadline for ordering school uniform to be delivered to school on 14 th July	11 th July	New reception children taster 10.30 – 12.00
26 th June	Area Sports 9.30am-1.00pm	12 th July	Faith Explorers Collective Worship 2.40pm
27 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic EYFS & Preschools 2pm	13 th July	Prom in the Park yr 5/6 @ SWR 6pm
30 th June	Holly class assembly 2.30pm	13 th July–14 th July	Year 2 Camp
3 rd July	KS2 Sports day 9.30am	14 th July	Beech class assembly 2.30pm
4 th July	Year 6 Malmesbury Induction day	18 th July	Recorder concert children taught by Mrs Nicolas - School hall 2.30pm
4 th July	French club Assembly 2.40pm		
5 th July	Year 6 Malmesbury Induction day	19 th July	Reception Graduation – School Hall TBC
5 th July	KS1 Sports day (AM)	20 th July	Leavers Party at the Town Hall. 7.30-9pm
7 th July	Non school uniform day - Summer holiday theme in exchange for tombola donations for the summer fayre.	21 st July	Last day of Term
7 th July	Marling School Induction day	5 th September	New school year begins
7 th July	Chestnut class assembly 2.30pm		

Y1 Phonics Screening check

This week the Y1 children completed their phonics screening check. They were confident, clear and did us proud!

Parents will be informed how their child has done, as soon as the pass mark is announced by the government.

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Healthy Eating Week



The children have had lots of fun during the week, making lots of healthy snacks. Watch this space for a full write up on our Healthy Eating Week in next weeks newsletter.

Big Garden Clean up

Gardening / Work Day. Sunday 11th June.

Thank you to all of the adults and children who gave their time to help at the gardening/work day on Sunday. Fuelled by cake they achieved a lot;

- an area of the yr 5/6 playground cleared and two friendship benches rediscovered
- a cleared-out pavilion improved visibility/access into the KS1 area
- cleaned entrance canopy tidied up area outside Juniper/Holly
- a front flower bed pruned and tidied.
- low hanging trees on the paths and entrances pruned.

They filled one skip and had to order a second one - many bags of garden waste were also put out on Wednesday evening. Their effort is very much appreciated – they made a big difference for everyone at the school and should feel a great sense of achievement.

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

If you can help the proposed date for next time: Sunday 1st October, 10am-4pm The PTFA, Governors and friends did when they gave up their Sunday last week to help at school.

Stop Press – Chestnut class

Please can you bring in empty Pringle tubes for DT next week. Thank you

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Thank You

Thank you to RWE Supply & Trading GmbH for the donation of furniture following the refitting of their offices. It is very much appreciated in the main school office, Head and Deputy offices, the afterschool club room, the PE and PTFA store and SENCO room.

South West School Ski Championships

Good luck to the 7 skiers taking part in the South West School Ski Championships this Sunday at Gloucester Ski slopes – we look forward to hearing all about it.

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.

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.

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Music Invoices

Please remember to pay for you 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 has now started

Faith Explorers

Please see the following dates:

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



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Ice Cream Friday

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

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, Tombolas, 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.

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The Summer Fayre is the PTFAs 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

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Juniper – Anna King

Elm – Sam Tuley

Lime – Gemma Wood

Plum – Claire Williams

Chestnut – Katie McGrath

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.

Gardening / Work Days. Sunday 11th June.

Thank you to all of you who gave your time to help at the gardening/work day on Sunday, adults and children. We achieved a lot and you have probably noticed some difference around the school. We had 1 very full skip, 1 more skip required and many bags of garden waste

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Community News



Saturday 17th June at 3.30pm.

Much Ado About Puffin at Tetbury Goods Shed.

Join Open Attic company as they traverse stormy seas and reckless tides to bring you this funny tale about a man all alone, a friendly puffin, and a whole lot of fuss over nothing. Using skillful puppetry, beautiful music, and good old fashioned storytelling, Much Ado About Puffin is about old habits, new friendships, and stepping out into the unknown!

Tickets cost £10 each or £36 for a family of four.

Available to buy online at www.shed-arts.co.uk

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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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