

Friday 23rd June 2017

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 (Matthew 7.12)

Dear Parents,

We have all enjoyed the sunshine this week but I am sure we are all more comfortable now it is cooler. If the weather warms up again please ensure children are sent to school with hats, sun-cream and water bottles. We have tried to provide as much shade as possible on the field but hats are always a good idea in this hot weather.

Congratulations to the St. Mary's ski team!! We are very grateful to Mr Pollock-Morris who took a group of children to Gloucester Ski Centre last weekend.

We have put some stakes in the grass at the main school gates. Please use these stakes to tie up any dogs whilst you drop off/pick up your children from school rather than tying the dogs to fences and gates. Hopefully this will reduce the likelihood of dogs upsetting the children or children upsetting the dogs or dogs upsetting each other! Please make sure any dog mess around the school site is removed. Thank you

Mrs Jo Woolley
 Headteacher

School Diary

23 rd June	Cherry class assembly 2.30pm	10 th July	Year 5/6 afternoon performance
23 rd June	Leavers Hoodie ordering deadline	11 th July	Year 5/6 evening performance
25 th June	Deadline for ordering school uniform to be delivered to school on 14 th July	11 th July	Year 6 leavers BBQ
26 th June	Area Sports 9.30am-1.00pm	11 th July-13 th July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
27 th June	Weston-Super-Mare Trip Yr 3 / 4	11 th July	Class change over day
27 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic EYFS & Preschools 2pm	11 th July	New reception children taster 10.30-12.00
30 th June	Holly class assembly 2.30pm	12 th July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
3 rd July	KS2 Sports day 9.30am	12 th July	Faith Explorers Collective Worship 2.40pm
4 th July	Year 6 Malmesbury Induction day	13 th July	Year 6 SWR Induction Day
4 th July	French club Assembly 2.40pm	13 th July	Prom in the Park yr 5/6 @ SWR 6pm
5 th July	Year 6 Malmesbury Induction day	13 th July-14 th July	Year 2 Camp
5 th July	KS1 Sports day (AM)	14 th July	Beech class assembly 2.30pm
6 th July	Computing day @SWR Yr 4/5 packed lunch required	18 th July	Recorder concert children taught by Mrs Nicolas - School hall 2.30pm
7 th July	Non school uniform day - Summer holiday theme in exchange for tombola donations for the summer fayre.	18 th July	Recorder concert children taught by Mrs Nicolas - School hall 2.30pm
7 th July	Non school uniform day - Summer holiday theme in exchange for tombola donations for the summer fayre.	20 th July	Leavers Party at the Town Hall. 7.30-9.00pm
7 th July	Marling School Induction day	21 st July	Last day of Term

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7 th July	Chestnut class assembly 2.30pm		
8 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre	5 th September	New school year begins

St Mary's rounders team do it again – County Final Silver Medalists!



The team: Mak, Kyle, Lois, Lucy S, Eleanor M, Grace, Masha, Josh, Freddie, Fergus and Jack W
On Friday 16th June the Rounders team went to Hartpury College near Gloucester to take part in the County final. In our pool we had to play 4 matches: we won 2 and lost 2. This meant that we did not think that we were going to make it through to the semi-finals. However, we were amazed when we were told that we were the runners up in our pool. We played Robinswood School in the semi-final and won the match by half a rounder to go through to the final against Upton St Leonard's. In the final we were beaten 5 ½ rounders to 4. We were awarded a silver school games medal that we are all very proud of – as are Mrs Danton and Mrs Cartledge. We had a great day and enjoyed our experience.

By Lucy S and Lois F

Wanted

Please could we request to Parents to send in sports t-shirts (cleaned) that the children have had for various sporting events - Woolsack, Cricket, Rounders. There are a lot of our t-shirts missing at present.

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Healthy Eating Week

Beech Class discussed the importance of a healthy breakfast to kickstart the day. We talked about what we currently have and it was good to hear that many children enjoy a good breakfast, with cereals and toast being very popular. We then talked about alternatives...and tried some really tasty yoghurt with a choice of fruits added in for that extra vitamin boost. We tried kiwi fruit, raspberries, blueberries and satsumas. It all went down really well.



Juniper Class



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Secondary School Experience day

On Monday 19th June, the year 5s went to SWR for a taster day. There were three groups: The Blues; The Greens and The Reds. Each group had a go at science, maths and art. In science, with Dr. Pullin, we first looked at indicators of different colourless kitchen liquids, such as vinegar and kettle de-scaler. We tried two different indicators: red cabbage and ethanol and the Universal indicator. We also burnt different metals over the Bunsen burners. In art, with Mr. Davies, we looked at art from Jon Burgerman and made our own comical creatures and drew them on bookmarks. Some of us even wrote our names in bubble writing through the middle.

After lunch in the cafeteria, we headed to maths with Mr Blackwood. First, he gave us a challenge as to decide who would win in a fight; $2x$ or $3y$. Some of us came up with crazy ideas like the points/arms of x were daggers and that y was a sling-shot! After that, the main activity was number pyramids. At first, it looked like a fraction wall but then we found out what it actually was. We even tried it with the letters O, L, I, V, E!

All of us would like to thank Mrs. Brown and everyone at SWR for organising this amazing day. We all thoroughly enjoyed it!

By Lucy C and Olivia P

PROMS IN THE PARK – Thursday 13th July

On Thursday 13th July, SWR will be hosting their music department's summer event, 'Proms in the Park'. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the school's musical achievements and come together as a community. Children from Key Stage 2 will join other children from SWR, Avening and Minchinhampton Schools, to sing Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory in the finale of the concert. Tickets application forms are now available from the school office.

We hope that you will be able to join us in this wonderful event.

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

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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.

Music Invoices

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

Club News

Yoga Club will be run by Miss Gibbons on Monday 26th June

Basket Ball Year 5/6 basketball continues

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



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).

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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.

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
Pear – Caroline Swinburne
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.

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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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