

Friday 14th January 2022

Our Christian Value for the term: Curiosity

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas breaks. It was lovely to welcome all the children back into school last week.

Covid update

We currently have 10 members of the school community who have tested positive for Covid. The majority of cases are in Year 1 and Year 4. I will keep parents informed if numbers start to creep up.

For further information about the management of coronavirus in school please visit our website: <https://www.stmarystetbury.com/covid-19-home-learning>

Parents evenings

Parents' evenings this term will be held on 21st and 23rd March. We will inform parents nearer the time as to whether they will be face to face or through our parents' evening platform.

Communications

The teachers have put lots of information on the school website about what the children will be learning in their classes this term. Please use the links below to get an overview of learning for your child for the Spring Term.

<https://www.stmarystetbury.com/life-at-st-marys/foundation-stage>

<https://www.stmarystetbury.com/life-at-st-marys/key-stage-1>

<https://www.stmarystetbury.com/life-at-st-marys/key-stage-2>

There is also a virtual library on the website if you are looking for books to share with your children and further information on how to help your child with maths and reading is available in the KS2 area under 'Life at St. Mary's'.

Parking

I am aware that many parents are finding positive ways to reduce the amount of traffic around the school site - which is brilliant for our children's health and the environment. Thank you to everyone who is making a concerted effort to walk, cycle or park further away and walk the last bit of the journey to school. Unfortunately, the school and the council have received complaints about cars parking on the grass areas around St. Mary's Road which is making a mess of the grass and in front of people's drives. Please do not park on the grass, block residents driveways or the main school gates and continue to be mindful of children's safety at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

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Clubs

Lego club



Wow! What an amazing start to Lego Club! This term we are exploring the rainforest. Our first build took us to Borneo where we found the wild habitat of orangutans! The children then had their first quick build of an orangutan. We discussed what we liked about each other's work and voted on a winner. This weeks winner was Jack W! He masterminded a build with moving arms! Well done Jack!

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New year 5/6 Netball club

Year 5/6 netball club - Miss Browning will go live on Monday at 7pm - Please book on-line via the parentsevening website <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Mr Knights sports clubs start next week as follows:

Football Club	Mr Knight	Yr1/Yr2	3.15 - 4.00	Starting 17 th January (club full)
Netball Club	Mr Knight	Yr3/Yr4	3.15 - 4.00	Starting 18th January (2 spaces available to book)
Dodgeball Club	Mr Knight	Yr5/Yr6	3.15 - 4.00	Starting 19 th January (club Full)

Please note, we do not have indoor facilities for the outside clubs if the weather is bad, so please have a back up plan for pick ups, as outdoor clubs can be cancelled at short notice.

French Club

KS1 (Yr1/2) - French Club with Madame Fuller (this club has a weekly charge please see details) there are still places available – please contact Anna-Kate direct and she will be happy to give you more information about her French club. French club starts Thursday 20th January.

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ST MARY'S FRENCH CLUB
Thursday after lunch at school for yrs 1 & 2
Wednesdays on Zoom years 1-3 at 4.15pm years 4-6 at 5pm

Book a taster session or for more information contact Anna-Kate on 07375306881 admin@clubs4kids.com

Learn French Clubs - for those who prefer to continue learning from home

Netball Club - spend the afternoon catching up with friends, staff, girls & boys

Club de Cuisine - create your own recipes with friends & family

You're Home School Clubs - discover how to use your school resources

Clubs 4 Kids

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Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground.



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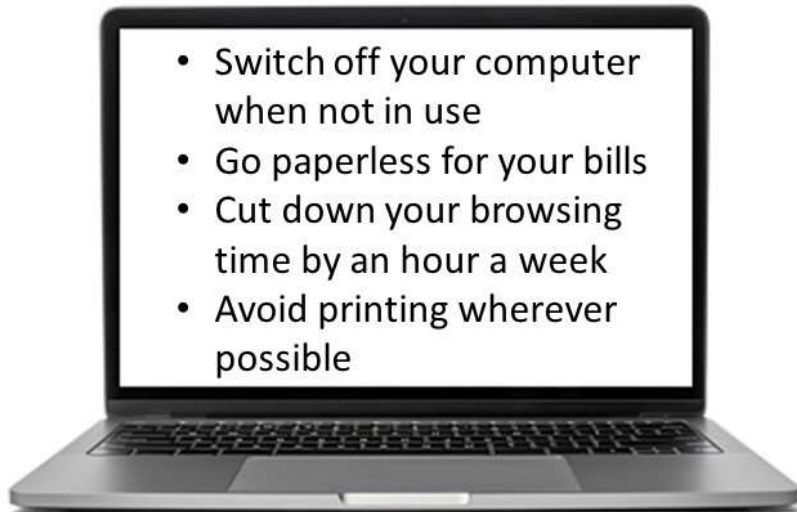
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Community

Tip of the Month

Turn your online life green

- Switch off your computer when not in use
- Go paperless for your bills
- Cut down your browsing time by an hour a week
- Avoid printing wherever possible



For more ideas, see:

www.greeningtetbury.org

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