

Friday 15th March 2019

Our Christian Value for the term: Forgiveness

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your donations to Comic Relief. The school has looked very red all day and the children have enjoyed wearing their red noses! We will let you know how much we have raised for Comic Relief next week when all the money has been counted.

The Year 3 children had a very exciting trip to Clearwell Caves this week. Everyone was kitted out with lamps and helmets and they explored the depths of Clearwell learning about rock formation and what it would have been like to be a miner in the past. Children developed huge resilience and team work as they crawled through tunnels and explored the caves and they had a very exciting experience when all the lights were turned out to sense what pitch black is really like! A very memorable day out for everyone. Thank you to the Year 3 staff for organising it and crawling around in the caves in the dark!

Parents' Evenings are being held on Monday and Wednesday next week in the school hall. Please don't forget to sign up for an appointment. See further down for information on how to do this.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

15 th March	Red Noses on sale.	27 th March	Multiskills Year 1 @ SWR 9.15am – 11.30am
18 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm	27 th March	Faith Explorers Collective Worship 2.45pm (parents welcome)
19 th March	Kingshill School Netball final	28 th March	Reception and year 1 Dental Survey
20 th March	Tag Rugby @ Cirencester RFC Year 3/4	1 st April	Swimming Gala
20 th March	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm	3 rd April	Multiskills reception @ SWR 9.30am – 11.00am
20 th March	Multiskills Year 2 @ SWR 9.15am – 11.30am	4 th April	Grab a Grown Up KS1 early years
21 st March	Grab a Grown Up KS1 early years	5 th April	Last day of term
22 nd March	Panathlon @ Cirencester College	23 rd April	First day of term
26 th March	Dance Festival @SWR 1.15pm– 2.45pm years 2, 5 and 6		

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Year 3 Trip to Clearwell Caves

On Tuesday, Year 3 went for a trip to Clearwell Caves as part of their topic 'Rock 'n' Roll'. It involved going down into the depths of an old iron mine and climbing through small holes and crevices. All of the children were amazing and incredibly courageous! It was a fantastic trip which the children will remember for a long time to come.



One Year 3 child said, "I really enjoyed climbing through the small gaps in the cave and rubbing my fingers over the different colour rock."

On Thursday 12th March 2019, the whole of year three went caving at Clearwell Caves in the Forest of Dean. We had a lot of fun. I learnt that 4,000 years ago children from the age of 8 started mining for 10 hours a day and only had a 45 minute break.

They carried a stick in their mouth with a candle on the end. This was called a nelly. A nelly was their only light source because they didn't have any electricity. Never hold the nelly forwards. If you do, you might bump into something and it will go down the back of your neck. Always hold it to the side.

The caving part of the day was the best part because the instructor took us into a deep cavern. He then told everyone to turn off their torches and he lit a small candle. He then blew it out and we all sat in silence in the darkness. Theo S

Parents Evening – Online Booking System

Parents Evening will be held on Monday 18th March and Wednesday 20th March. If you haven't already done so please visit <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. To logon you will need your name, email address and name and date of birth of one of your children. **If you have had structured conversations with your child's class teacher you do not need to make a Parents Evening appointment.** If you do not have internet access please contact Mrs Glover and Mrs Howe in the School Office.

WINNERS of the PTFA 100 Club – £25 each

Congratulations to the winners of the first draw of the PTFA 100 Club. Mrs B Delnevo and Mrs R Grey have won £25 each.

Another draw will take place in April. Thank you to everyone who has joined the club and is helping the school raise additional funds. Good luck for the draw next month.

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Remember...Chatter Matters!

It would be great if you could spend a few minutes talking to your child. Please encourage other family members to join in with the conversation.

It's good to talk ☺

EYFS Chatter matters...

Which Red Nose did you have? Why did we have Red Nose Day?



Clubs

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has returned and we have expanded to include both Y2 and Y3 children, 17 at the last count! Which is why we also welcome Mr Hainsworth and Mrs Bell to Joining Miss Selwood and myself. Over the last 2 sessions we have been taking care of the weeds outside the 'Twiglets' room which we plan to cover with a weed suppressing sheet and bark chip from the far side of the field.



We are also taking care of the planted slope just inside the entrance path to the KS1 playground and freshening up the existing flower beds adjacent to Pear Class. There is a lot to do and the children have done a great job so far. We look forward to keeping you up to date with our progress. **Thank you** to all of the parents that have been donating seeds to our cause, we appreciate your help and will put them to good use. Thank you, Mr Foster



Ukulele Club

There will be no ukulele club on Monday 18th March because of Parent's Evening.

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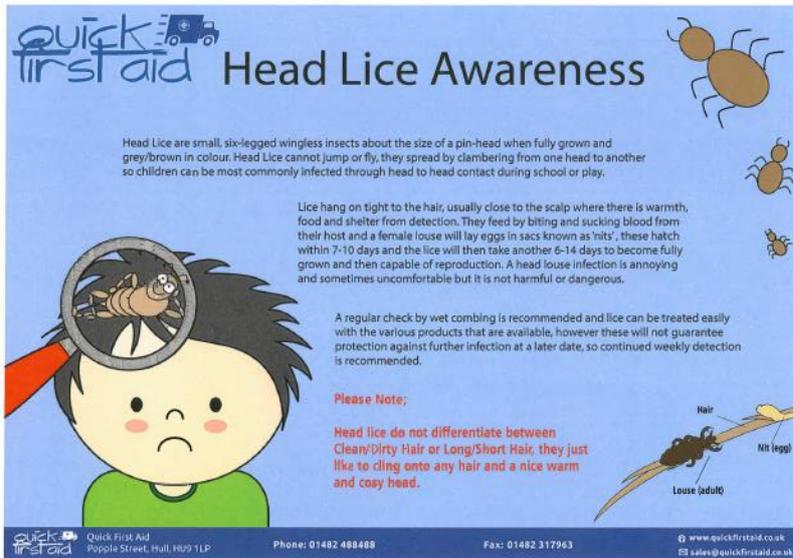
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Textile Recycler



The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground and all your donations are gratefully received. Please keep filling it up. The items are collected every two weeks, but if you find the bin full when you use it please let us know in the School Office so that we can arrange for it to be emptied. The bin is emptied regularly, but please tell us if you find it full.



quick first aid Head Lice Awareness

Head Lice are small, six-legged wingless insects about the size of a pin-head when fully grown and grey/brown in colour. Head Lice cannot jump or fly, they spread by clambering from one head to another so children can be most commonly infected through head to head contact during school or play.

Lice hang on tight to the hair, usually close to the scalp where there is warmth, food and shelter from detection. They feed by biting and sucking blood from their host and a female louse will lay eggs in sacs known as 'nits', these hatch within 7-10 days and the lice will then take another 6-14 days to become fully grown and then capable of reproduction. A head louse infection is annoying and sometimes uncomfortable but it is not harmful or dangerous.

A regular check by wet combing is recommended and lice can be treated easily with the various products that are available, however these will not guarantee protection against further infection at a later date, so continued weekly detection is recommended.

Please Note;
Head lice do not differentiate between Clean/Dirty Hair or Long/Short Hair, they just like to cling onto any hair and a nice warm and cosy head.

www.quickfirstaid.co.uk
sales@quickfirstaid.co.uk

Head Lice combs are available from the school office at a small charge of £1.

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Buy a Heart for £1

and your £1 will feed 3 children

The Lunchbowl Network was set up in 2006 to feed and care for the most vulnerable and destitute children in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya.

It just costs 33p to provide a nutritious meal.
Come and buy a heart for £1

Thank you for all your support to Lunchbowl.
Asante Sana

Hearts available from the school office (reds pink yellow and purple)

The hearts are available from the School office

(correct change would be much appreciated)

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St Mary's Saplings

for babies to pre-schoolers

All welcome

Wednesdays term time 1.45pm – 3.00pm

27th February – Gardening

Plant a bulb to take home and watch it grow

6th March – Pancake Day

Come and enjoy some pancakes

13th March – St. Patricks Day

An Irish themed afternoon

20th March – Nature Walk

Welcome the first day of spring by collecting some natural items to make a collage

27th March – Mothers Day

Themed crafts and afternoon tea

3rd April – Easter is here!

Join us for an egg hunt and easter crafts

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Gloucester City Mission operates all year round and relies on donations of goods.

During these cold months we are appealing for donations of;

Clothing in particular sizes 30, 32 & 34 inch –

Mens Jeans

Mens Jogging bottoms

All items must be in a clean condition.

Please bring your donations to the school office for collection by Gloucester City Mission Volunteers, where the clothing will go directly to those who need them.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

To find out more about the work of Gloucester City Mission please visit our website www.gloscitymission.org.uk
Registered Charity 1115780

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OVER 16 yrs £15 / FAMILY TICKET £25
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