

Friday 20th September 2019

Our Christian Value for the term: Thankfulness

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 have had a fantastic week at **Morfa Bay**. The staff have said that the children have got so much out of it and they couldn't have had better weather. They have been having a brilliant time participating in all sorts of different outdoor activities. It is an amazing opportunity for them and it helps them to really bond as a year group and with the staff at the start of their final year at St. Mary's. Thank you to Mrs Cartledge, Mr Godfrey and Mrs Lee for taking them – they will be looking forward to a quiet weekend!

Our **PTfA** are holding their AGM on Wednesday at 7.15pm in the school hall. They have a new committee and need your support to plan their exciting fundraising ideas. Please go along if you can – many hands make light work and any involvement in the PTfA, no matter how small, will really enrich the opportunities your children have at St. Mary's School. Help us make the school even better!

Many parents and members of the community will have very fond memories of **Gerry Lewis**, former Headteacher at St. Mary's School who sadly passed away last week. Gerry was Headteacher here from 1998 to 2004 and people who knew him always speak very highly of him – commenting on what a lovely man he was. I am unsure of funeral arrangements but I hope to send representation from St. Mary's School.

We are offering a significant number of after **school clubs** at the moment the majority of which are being run by staff. I appreciate that the clubs fill up very quickly and some parents and children have been very disappointed at not being able to secure a place. I know how frustrating it can be if this happens despite your best efforts to get onto the system however I think the problem is more to do with not having enough spaces for the number of children who wish to participate. It is fantastic that so many children want to do clubs after school and I will talk to the staff about how we can make after school activities more accessible to more children. Apologies in the meantime if your child was disappointed. Please note that if your child has secured a place at a club we expect them to attend for the full period that the club is running and we have high expectations of behaviour. This is a lesson in 'stickability' – if you agree to do something you need to follow it through. If children don't turn up for clubs they do risk losing their place.

Some of our children are desperate for an after school **football club**. If anyone feels they could spare the time to run one please let me know.

Miss Snell would also like to have more children in her after school club. If any parents would like to help Miss Snell after the Christmas break every week on Mondays after school, another **netball club** can be run alongside the current club, opening up more spaces.

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**Mrs Bell** is recovering well after her surgery however she will be off for a while yet as her recovery will be slow. If parents would like to make a contribution towards a gift for Mrs Bell, Adelle Mustoe (Connor and Maci's Mum) is arranging a collection. Please email her on [adellemustoe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adellemustoe@yahoo.co.uk), catch her in the playground or if you would rather you can leave a donation in the office that we can pass on.

**Mr Walters** is sadly still unwell and is still in hospital. Mr Garraway will continue to teach the children in Beech Class supported by Mrs Ravenhill. We are in contact with Mr Walters and we are doing our best to cheer him up via messages.

Please could we ask parents to help us keep children off the Year 3 and 4 trim trail before school. The trim trails are designed for older children and children need to be supervised by staff when on them. Thank you.

Thank you to Year 1 and 2 parents who attended the parents information on Wednesday evening. I hope you found it informative. We are holding a similar event for Key Stage 2 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. Please come along – it is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out more about how you can continue to support your children in their learning.

**Mrs J Woolley**  
Headteacher

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- **Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6) information evening will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6pm - 7.15pm**  
there is a drop in creche available, no need to book.

This is an opportunity to come and meet your child's class teacher and to understand a little bit more about what children will be learning about in school, the school routines and expectations for homework. We are not holding an event for parents of Reception children as this was covered in the new parents' evening in the summer.

- **Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6) information evening will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6pm - 7.15pm**

Both events will start in the school hall and then continue in your child's class.

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**Term 1 CLUBS clubs bookable online** - Parents Evening/Events Booking made via <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. If club is full please contact the school office to go on the waiting list

**Most clubs are now full – still available chess club and cookery club\***

Day	Club	Responsible/location	Key Stage	Time	Start date
<b>Monday</b>	Lego/Knex club Pick up from ¾ playground	Mrs Woolley	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	16/9/2019
	Netball Club Pick up from ¾ playground	Miss Snell	Yr 4 – Yr 6	3.15 – 4.30	23/9/2019
<b>Tuesday</b>	French* (paid for club) contact direct for full cost and details on <a href="mailto:ak@clubs4kids.com">ak@clubs4kids.com</a>	Mrs Fuller please email Mrs Fuller Paid for club invoiced termly	Rec Y1 - 3	3.15 – 4.00pm	17/9/2019
	Hockey Club Pick up from ¾ playground	Mr Hainsworth	Yr3 – Yr4	3.15 – 4.00pm	17/9/2019
<b>Spaces available</b>	Chess Club Pick up from ¾ playground	Mrs Royle	Yr4 - Yr6	3.15 – 4.00pm	24/9/2019
	Rugby club Pick up from 'The pavilion school field'	Mr Knight	KS2	3.15 – 4.00pm	24/7/2019
<b>Wednesday</b> Collective Worship	<b>Faith Explorers Club</b>  (Rowan class) pick up 5/6 playground	Rev Poppy  Collective worship 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2.40 parents welcome	Yrs 3-6	3.15 - 4.25pm	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct, 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct, 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
	<b>Homework</b> open to all KS2 drop in	Mrs Silins	KS2	12.30 – 1.30pm	25 <sup>th</sup> September
	<b>Key Steps Gymnastics</b> Open to children not attending an outside gym club	Mrs Lee Pick up from ¾ playground	Yr 3&Yr 4	3.15 – 4.30pm	25 <sup>th</sup> September

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<b>Thursday</b>	Young Voices Pick up from 3/4 playground	Mrs Pike	Yr 5/6	3.15 – 4.15pm	12 <sup>th</sup> September
	OPAL club Pick up from 5/6 playground	Mr Godfrey & Mrs Cartledge	Yr 2 & KS2	3.15 – 4pm	26 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Friday</b>					
Email direct to <a href="http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2806">http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2806</a> <b>New Club</b>	<b>Cookery School*</b> (paid for club) (Pick up from year 5 / 6 playground)	Mrs Shute Spaces available	Yr3-Yr6	3.15 – 4.30pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>NOT 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>Continued on 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>

## Secondary School Transfer

### Year 6

You should have received a letter last week for all year 6 children regarding the secondary school transfer, please be aware that applications, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **31st October 2019**. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may not be considered until after 2nd March 2020.

Gloucestershire County Council encourages parents to apply on line, as you will receive a confirmation email. If you have not received the letter, please contact the school office.

## Year 3 Swimming Reminder

Please remember to complete and return the swimming letter form, year 3 swimming starts on Thursday

## Forest School - Maple class will start Forest school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Please remember to send your child in with their Forest school kit on Friday.

## ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

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This term we are collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September – 3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into the school and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!



## Music Tuition 2019/2020 – KS2

Places still available for Flute, clarinet and recorder for KS2, please contact the school office if you would like your child to have a taster sessions. Mrs Stephen Hudd will be showing the children her instruments in service next week.

### Flute/Clarinet Tuition

Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach flute/clarinet lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. These lessons are available to children in Year 4, 5 and 6. Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach children in individual, 10 minute, lessons at a cost of £5 per lesson. Therefore, the cost per group of 10 lessons will be £50. If your child doesn't have their own flute/clarinet one can be hired from Gloucestershire County Council at a cost of approximately £28 per term (10 lessons). Please contact the School Office for a hire form.

### Recorder Tuition

Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach recorder lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. These lessons are available to children in Years 3 to 6. Mrs Stephens-Hudd will teach children in individual, 10 minute, lessons at a cost of £5 per lesson. Therefore the cost per group of 10 lessons will be £50. Your child will need their own recorder and a recorder lesson book (which costs around £4.00).

## Milk

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Reception Children whose parents/carers have registered them for Free school milk (under 5's), are receiving milk in class at the moment, it is not an automatic registration. If you would like to take advantage of the free school milk scheme, please register your child at [www.CoolMilk.co.uk](http://www.CoolMilk.co.uk).

As your children turn five this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk.

If you do not want your child to receive milk in school, the parent/carer will need to cancel it. This should be done via Coolmilk. We are unable to do this in the school office. For further information please look at the coolmilk website or contact the school office.

## Free school meals – apply now

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

The 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 it is entitled – helping us provide your child with the best education and support. If you need any help please contact the school office.

## Club News



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)  
You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.  
Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

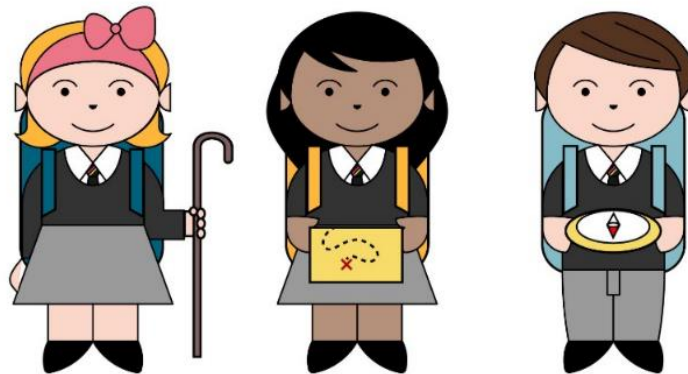
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COURTESY COUNCIL

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## Faith Explorers for KS2 Children



This term, we explore the big question "What do we believe?" with stories, crafts and chatting. Please contact Poppy for more details: 01666 502 333 or [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk)

- ~~Session 1 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Introducing Faith Explorers~~
  - **Session 2 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** We get to know the Bible, our guide in all we believe
  - **Session 3 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** Starting at the beginning ... God, creator of the world
  - **Session 4 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Meeting Jesus, son of God
  - **Session 5 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit
  - **Session 6 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Being Church, being God's family
- BREAK: No FE - half term 28 October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November, no FE Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- **Session 7 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Preparing Collective Worship
  - **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2.40pm: FAITH EXPLORERS' COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

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## Cookery Club - Aut 2019

COOK SCHOOL amanda grant is running a club at St Mary's Church of England VA Primary School.

This is a great opportunity for the children to receive expert instruction and learn new skills. Cookery provides the children with confidence in preparing meals and teaches children about how good nutritional habits can lead to a healthier body. It also encourages self-discipline, team work and many of the essential life skills to succeed as an individual! All the ingredients, Cookware and Aprons for the children to wear during the sessions are included and the children get some lovely recipe cards to take home and keep!

**£21.00 - Book online NOW!**

<http://dashboard.clubbly.co.uk/clubs/4938>

**Please book ASAP -  
places limited to 14**

## COOK SCHOOL AMANDA GRANT

Venue: St Mary's Church of England VA Primary School

Day: Friday

From: Fri 04 Oct 2019

To: Fri 25 Oct 2019

Except:  
Fri 18 Oct 2019

Age group: Yr3 - Yr6

Time: 03:15PM - 04:15PM

Cost: £21.00 for 3 sessions!

Bookings are made online, just follow the link on this page

Bookings are made on a 'first come, first served' basis

We recommend you use our free online booking service. (There is a telephone booking fee of £0.00 per order.)

Tel: 07973133738



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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 week, 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.

Please do not leave bags of clothes outside the bin, if they get wet the recycling company will not take them. If the bin is full and the school is open, please drop the bags into the school office.



Our AGM is on Wednesday 25th September. Please come along to learn more about the ptfa, how we support and provide for our school, how you can support us and get involved. Don't worry, you don't have to sign up to anything, just come along and have your say.

We are currently updating classlist. If you haven't already, it's worth signing up to the app, it's a great way to receive class communications.

## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any Christmas shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com. You can support St Marys school without it costing you a penny. Do your online shopping via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/> and 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. Sign up today!



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## Community



[You are invited to iSingPop CELEBRATE.](#) iSingPOP CELEBRATE is back on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00-5.30pm in St Mary's School Hall. Everyone is welcome – come with children, mums, dads, aunties and uncles, nanny, grampy, friends and neighbours! The theme this month is TRANSFORMATION. In our Bible story we hear about Zacchaeus, who met Jesus and his life was changed forever. We'll be asking questions, big and little; enjoying time together with crafts, chatting, prayers – and of course singing iSingPOP together. We finish with teatime for everybody. We then meet Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Contact Poppy for more information on 01666 502 333 / [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk) or just come along and join in. **All children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

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## Enjoy an evening of music and support your local Citizens Advice

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Clare Hammond will be giving a fundraising recital in aid of **Cotswold Citizens Advice**, in Cirencester Parish Church on Saturday 19 October 2019 at 7.30pm. Clare, a pianist of "amazing power and panache" (The Telegraph) has developed a "reputation for brilliantly imaginative concert programmes" (BBC Music Magazine). She will be performing an inspiring programme of music by Bach, Mendelssohn and Rachmaninov and will be supported by the Corinium Players Guitar Ensemble.

Cotswold Citizens Advice is a local charity which relies on funding from CDC, grants and donations from the local community. Its team of highly trained, mainly volunteer, advisers helped over 2,600 people last year - many with very complex problems.

Refreshments are included in the ticket price, kindly supplied by Soroptimist International of Cirencester. Please also see <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/> for details.

### **Tickets priced £15 or £8 if under 16yrs are available from:**

- Coventry Building Society, 19 The Market Place, Cirencester, Cotswold District,
- Citizens Advice, 2-3 The Mews, Cricklade Street, Cirencester.
- Friends of Cotswold District Citizens Advice, telephone 07881 511820,
- Cirencester Town Council, Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester.

<http://thefeoffeesoftetbury.co.uk/news>

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## Help us create a Bluebell Trail

Community Planting Day – 10am to 12noon, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Tetbury Town Council and the Tetbury Feoffees are partnering the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in its 'Wild Towns' scheme across eight towns in Gloucestershire. In Tetbury the scheme will be focussed on the Rail Lands, to improve the stream bed, waterflows, biodiversity and public access. The scheme is valued at £40,000 – comprising £20K European money, £10K from the Town Council and £10K from the Feoffees. The Wildlife Trust will provide a Project Manager because it has the economies of scale to do so across the county; meaning that the Tetbury Council Taxpayer will pay only a quarter of the project cost to benefit from £40,000 of improvement work, delivered by professionals.

Part of the overall project in Tetbury is the creation of a Bluebell Trail along the old rail track.

### What can you do to be part of this?

- On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September we want volunteers (local families and their children, and local groups) to plant thousands of bluebell bulbs along the Rail Lands.
- Volunteers should come dressed for gardening and equipped with their own garden trowels
- In advance of the day, we will put in some numbered stakes and map them.
- Arriving at any time from 10am to 12noon, each group will be given: (a) a map or plan showing all the stakes/planting locations; (b) their own stake number; and (c) a bag or boxful of bluebell bulbs.
- Our volunteers then go off to find their allocated stake and plant their bulbs in the immediate area.
- We then wait for April-May 2020 to enjoy the spectacle of our new Bluebell Trail.

There's no need to formally register, but it would like you to tell us that you intend to join in, so please call the Town Council on 01666-504670 or email [townclerk@tetbury.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@tetbury.gov.uk)

Stephen Holley  
Town Clerk

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## Tetbury RFC

### Girls Open Morning

With guest coaches and players



Sunday 13th October 10:30-12

At the Recreation Ground

Email [stephenknight82@gmail.com](mailto:stephenknight82@gmail.com) for more info