

Friday 15th October 2021

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Dear Parents,

Covid Update

As you will be aware, we have seen a lot of confirmed cases of Covid-19 cases in school over this term however we haven't had a confirmed case for a week now, so we are crossing our fingers that numbers might be starting to come down.

We are continuing to put in the protective measures in school to prevent the spread of Covid as much as possible. This includes asking parents to get children PCR tested if they have symptoms or someone in the household has tested positive for Covid.

You may have heard in the news that there are concerns about the number of positive LFD tests that are subsequently testing negative on PCR. The UK Health Security Agency have released the following statement:

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have been made aware of some areas reporting positive LFD test results with subsequent negative PCR tests and are currently looking into the cause. Whilst the UKHSA investigation is underway, we advise that if a pupil or staff member has been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member) or has displayed Covid-19 symptoms and has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently tested negative on a PCR), they are treated as potentially infectious. We recommend they isolate and remain out of the setting, for 10 days."

The guidelines are a bit confusing for everyone but if you are in any doubt please ring the school office and we will do our best to advise you.

We have received a statement today from Sarah Scott, Executive Director for Adult Social care and Public Health about the recent reports in the news around the incorrect PCR test results coming from a test lab in Wolverhampton. Please see the information below:

The NHS Test and Trace Service has suspended testing operations provided by Immensa Health Clinic Ltd at its laboratory in Wolverhampton, following an investigation into reports of people receiving negative PCR test results after they have previously tested positive on a Lateral Flow Device. Investigations continue into the precise cause but NHS Test and Trace estimate that around 400,000 samples have been processed through the lab, the vast majority of which will have been negative results, but an estimated 43,000 people may have been given incorrect negative PCR test results between 8 September and 12 October, mostly in the South West of England, including Gloucestershire.

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UKHSA has stated that this is an isolated incident linked to one laboratory and that there is no evidence of any faults with LFD or PCR test kits themselves and the public should remain confident in using them and in other laboratory services currently provided - all samples are now being redirected to other laboratories.

Test and Trace is in the process of contacting the people that could still be infectious to advise them to take another test. Close contacts who are symptomatic will also be advised to take a test in line with normal practice. We would advise anyone who had a negative PCR test result between 5th and 12th October from any of the DHSC run testing facilities in the county to book a new test as a precaution.

If you get a positive LFD test, it's important to make sure that you then get a follow up PCR test to confirm you have COVID-19. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, self-isolate and take a PCR test

Information on how you can get a [PCR test](#) is available on our website. The Government's website provides further information and advice on [how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of covid-19](#)

Sarah Scott

Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Staff

We have had a number of staff testing positive or with symptoms over the term which has resulted in staff absences. As a result, we have had to move staff around to cover essential teaching and support so your child may come home and say they have been taught by a different adult. We will do our absolute best to reduce disruption to the children where staff are unable to come to work.

You may be aware that Sandra Avis has been absent from school for a number of weeks. Mrs Avis works in KS1 and in before and after school clubs. She has unfortunately been hospitalised with Covid-19 and has been very poorly for the last few weeks. She is still in hospital and is making a slow recovery. She is very much in our thoughts and we look forward to seeing her soon.

Mr Towers

Mrs Page (formerly Miss Snell) will be returning to school after her maternity leave on a part time basis after half term. She will be teaching in Juniper class with Mrs Metcalf who will be joining the school. Mr Towers has a new post in Wiltshire and we would like to thank him for all his has done for the children at St. Mary's and wish him every success in his new role.

Liz Maisey

Liz Maisey has completed 8 years (2 terms) as a Governor, 6 years of which as Chair of Governors at St Mary's. Governors, particularly Chairs of Governors, often do not get enough recognition for the work they do behind the

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scenes and Liz is no exception. She has been a great support to me and the staff and her commitment to the school has been tremendous. She has certainly left the governing body on a high after completing the entire Thames Path Walk with Mrs Higgs raising money for our school over the summer. We will really miss her contributions in meetings and I will miss her weekly catch ups with me. I would like to extend my huge thanks to her and hope she can enjoy just being a parent rather than a governor for her last year at the school.

We are delighted that Liz Durning, one of our Foundation Governors, has been elected as Chair replacing Liz Maisey. Liz Durning is a retired early years teacher with experience working in primary schools and has been a member of St. Mary's governors for a few years now. Liz is not a parent at the school but she is an active member of the Tetbury community. We are extremely grateful to her for stepping into this role. I hope parents will get an opportunity to meet her soon.

We have almost reached the end of Term 1. School will close for the half term break on Friday 22nd October and will reopen for children on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Woolley
Headteacher

Sports Leaders

We are very excited to announce our new Sports Leaders which is a new opportunity for children in Year 5. Miss Browning and Mr Knight were overwhelmed with the fantastic letters written by each of the children. A huge congratulations to all of our new leaders!



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Cherry and Lime - visit to St Marys Church

During our RE lessons we have been learning about belonging. Poppy talked to us about belonging to lots of families; Our home family, our school family, Tetbury family and God's family. We know that some Christians choose to baptise their children to welcome them in to God's family. Poppy showed us what happens during a baptism by using a doll. We had lots of 'Wow' moments when we saw how tall the church spire is and went inside the church - it was so big! Thank you, Poppy, for welcoming us to your beautiful church.



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Celebrate Harvest
At St Marys' Church
Sunday 17th October
10 am

Please bring a donation for the Tetbury Food bank
e.g.
TINNED FISH
LONG-LIFE SPONGE PUDDING
TINNED SOUP
TINNED MEAT PIES
LONG-LIFE JUICE
INSTANT MASH/TINNED POTATOES
TINNED MEAT
LONG-LIFE MILK
LUNCHBOX SNACKS / CHOCOLATE TREATS FOR CHILDREN
TINNED FRUIT

Family friendly service for all ages – bring a friend!

Daily Mile Competition

Lots of the children enjoy taking part in the 'Daily Run' at St Mary's. The Daily Mile initiative have announced an exciting competition with Start-Rite where you could be in with a chance of winning free Start-Rite school shoes for a year! To enter, use the Badge Template at the end of the newsletter and design your very own Daily Mile Challenge Badge.

Please email your design to admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk by the 5th November 2021.

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Atlas Camps – October Half term

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN ACTION-PACKED
HALF-TERM, FROM ONLY £24 A DAY

atlas camps
OCTOBER 2021

BOOK NOW 
atascamps.co.uk
info@atascamps.co.uk
0800 772 0743

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Club News

Chess club, Eco club or Young Voices will not run next week due to parents evenings - these will continue after half term.

Mr Knights clubs will continue next week and after half term

Netball club with Mr Towers has now finished

FRENCH CLUBS
learn a language
whilst having fun!

**FRENCH CLUBS TO INSPIRE
CHILDREN'S LOVE OF LANGUAGES
AND BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE
THROUGH STORY-TELLING, GAMES,
SONGS, COOKING, CRAFT &
FUN ACTIVITIES**

ST MARYS 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**

Term time school clubs - packed full of fun activities!

Club de Cuisine - learn to cook real French dishes - weekly zoom lessons

Holiday Clubs - spend the day immersed in French with cooking, craft, sport & drama

Zoom French clubs - for those who prefer to continue learning from home

KS1 (Yr1/2) - French club continues next week and after half term 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.

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School Photos

As you are aware we have not yet received the proofs for the school photos taken a few weeks ago – The school office have chased these and they should be with us very soon. – if you did not receive a card when your child's photo was taken, please contact the school office for your registration code. The cards, which included a code relating to your child's photos, enables you to register with colorfoto and an email will be sent to you when you are able to order on-line.



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 remember to book your child's lunch on Parentpay before 7.55am on the day the lunch is taken.

		Autumn Menu 2021					Added Plant Power Vegan Wholesome	
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Week 1 30/08/2021 20/09/2021 11/10/2021 08/11/2021 29/11/2021	Option 1	Vegetable Bolognese with Rice	Sausage roll with 1/2 baked potato	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce	Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised) - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.
	Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato, Lentil pasta bake	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable sausage hotdog with Potato Wedges	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips		
	Option 3	Jacket Potatoes with beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese		
	Vegetables	Green Beans, Carrots	Peas, Sweetcorn	Carrots, Broccoli	Green Beans, Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Garden Peas		
	Dessert	Sticky Toffee Apple Cumble with Custard	Daily Cookie	Mandarin, Jelly	Pineapple Sponge	Apple, Cheese and Biscuits		
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week 2 27/09/2021 18/10/2021 15/11/2021 04/12/2021	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Sausage & Mash	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mediterranean Chicken with Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce		
	Option 2	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice	Roasted Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Party with Chips		
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese		
	Vegetables	Peas, Sweetcorn	Carrots, Green beans	Broccoli, Carrots	Sweetcorn, Green Beans	Baked Beans, Garden Peas		
	Dessert	Fruit Cumble with Custard	Lemon Dizzle Cake	Chocolate Shortbread	Peach Pudding with Custard	Apple Flapjack		
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week 3 13/09/2021 04/10/2021 01/11/2021 22/11/2021 13/12/2021	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Beef burger with 1/2 baked potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken, Pie with Mashed Potatoes	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce		
	Option 2	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Shepherd's Pie	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Pasta Bake	BQ Quorn with Chips		
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese	Jacket Potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket Potato with beans or cheese		
	Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Garden Peas, Carrots	Swede, Broccoli	Green Beans, Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Garden Peas		
	Dessert	Eves Pudding with Custard	Vanilla sponge with chocolate sauce	Fruity Shortbread	Pear and Chocolate cumble and Custard	Iced Sponge		
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						

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700 Trees and 7000 Bulbs

Join us to plant Snowdrops and wild garlic at Old Folly Wood. All welcome. Bring a trowel, if you have one.
Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th October 10.00 am - 4pm.

Directions: take Silver Street out of Tetbury (towards Long Newnton). After Wiltshire Bridge, take the track on the right down to the Tanyard and follow the event signs.



HELP US PLANT
700 **7000**
TREES BULBS

23RD & 24TH // 31ST OCTOBER 2021
10AM - 4PM

ALONG TETBURY PUBLIC FOOTPATH,
FROM THE OLD FOLLYWOOD / TANYARD TO BATH BRIDGE

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

 FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/
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Design Competition

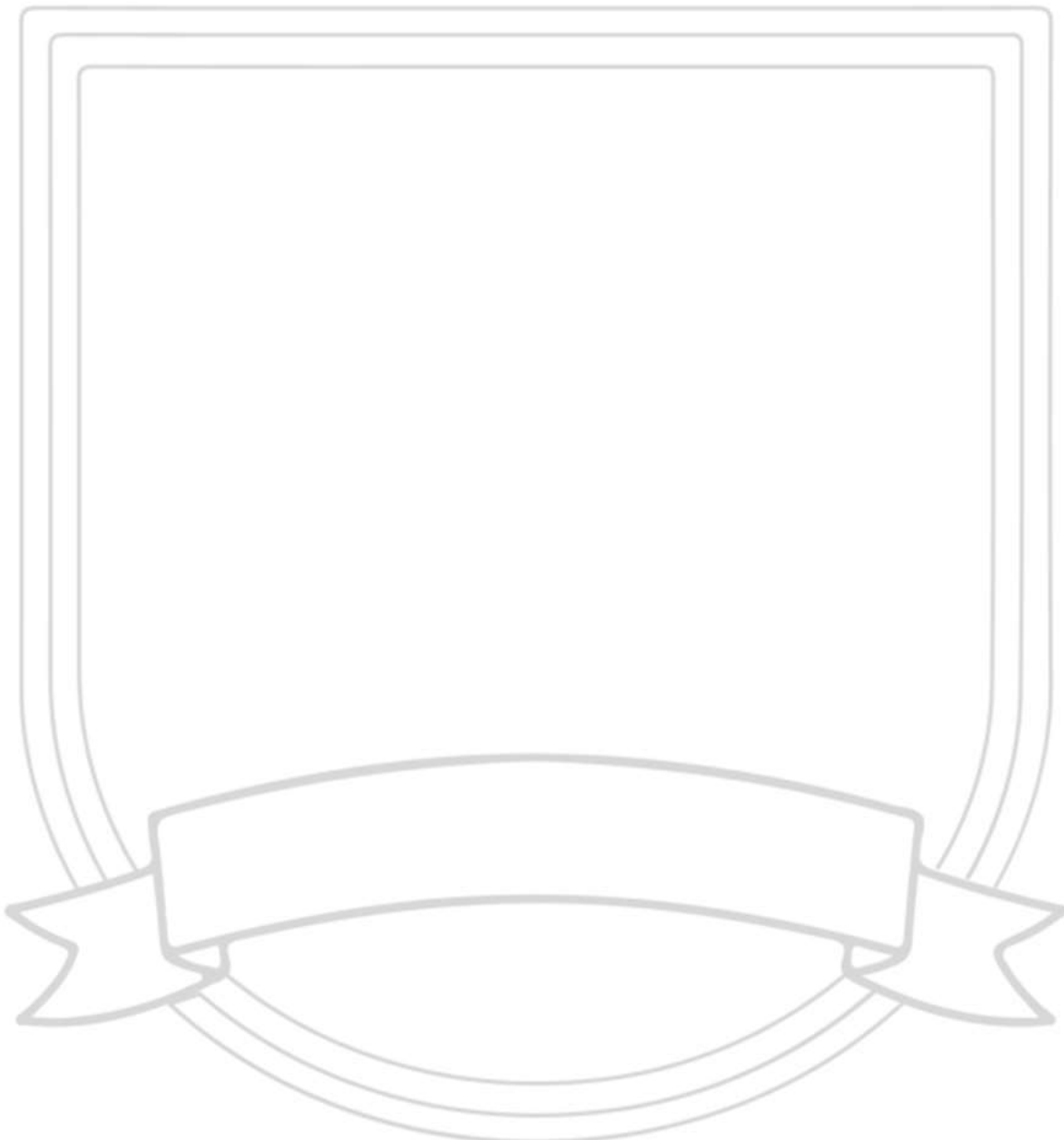
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Design your own The Daily Mile Challenge Badge in the space below.

Be as creative as you can, remember you can Run, jog, wheel or walk anywhere in the world.

When you have finished, hand it to the teacher for your chance to WIN STAR-RITE SCHOOL SHOES FOR A YEAR!



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**St Martin's Voices
in Concert**

St Mary's Church, Tetbury

Friday 29th
October 2021
7 - 8pm

Tickets: £10
www.smitf.org/tour

The professional singers from **St Martin-in-the-Fields** present an hour-long concert that reflects on themes of love, hope, joy and peace.

Includes choral masterpieces by Thomas Tallis, Hubert Parry, John Stainer, Amy Beach, Ola Gjeilo and James MacMillan.

St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 4JH
020 7766 1100, www.smitf.org

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Families Digital Magazine Sep/Oct 2021

Families Digital Magazine is here, please follow the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Sep/Oct 2021](#) for your school to share with parents.

Local family events and activities are finally back! Our **What's On Guide** and **Activities and Days Out** have loads of options for families wanting to get out and about in September and October.

For those staying close to home we have activities including **Autumn Crafts**, **Growing oak trees from acorns**, **DIY Halloween costumes**, **Halloween decorations** and **Black History Month 'Who's Who' Quiz**.

The magazine is also full of great advice and tips for parents including **Tips for a positive parents' evening**, **Dealing with back to school anxiety**, **Ride to school safely** and **Teacher Talk**.

