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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy week at St Mary's. I can't believe we only have four weeks left until the end of term - which means Christmas is almost upon us! The children in reception and KS1 have already started rehearsing their Christmas plays. At the moment we are anticipating that these will be recorded for parents. We would love to hold live events but I am sure you can appreciate having a hall full of parents and children is not something we can safely do due to Covid infections in schools.

Children in Need - amount raised so far £398.93

We have seen lots and lots of wonderful spotty/colourful outfits today, a big thank you to everyone for donating – if you haven't done so already, you can donate via the following link:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5530



Mrs Woolley Head Teacher







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All things Wild - Year 2

On Wednesday year two went on a coach to All Things Wild. It took over an hour to get there. First we went to the Dino Barn. My favourite was the big jaws of the megalodon. After that we went to the café and we were palaeontologists. We got to see fossil poop and a T'Rex tooth and I loved it. I was so much fun. I did not want to leave. Before lunch we went to the park. There were two tunnels and inside there were porcupines. I loved the swirly slide. Finally we went on the dinosaur trail. There was a dinosaur with a hole in its back so we climbed inside to be the dinosaur. Our head looked like it was being eaten. It was such a fun day.

Written by Erica B year 2.











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Football Tournament - Monday 15th November

On Monday after school, St Marys took part in the primary school football tournament at SWR. In a round robin competition, St Marys played two matches in an all action evening that saw some great goals scored and super skills on display.

In the first game St Marys played Rodmarton who played bravely throughout. Goals for Alfie, Reuben and Riley gave St Marys victory that was helped with a great penalty save by Harry and some determined defending from Elsa and Daisy.

In the second game St Marys played against Avening. With confidence high after the first game captain Alfie put in an energetic performance along with Esme and John. Goals from Alfie and Riley made it 2 wins from 2 games for St Marys and another terrific defensive effort from Livy and Natasha helped towards the final score.

The players did themselves and St Marys proud with their fantastic sportsmanship and determination. Well done!











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Football Tournament – Thursday 18th November

On Thursday afternoon St Marys participated in the Cirencester primary football tournament. With 16 schools taking part it was set for a fantastic afternoon of competitive football played in a pool format to start. St Marys played against 7 other schools in the pool stages. In the 7 games the players played magnificently winning 6 games and drawing the last game.

The results were;

1-0, 1-0, 3-0, 2-0, 3-0, 5-0 and 0-0 with the goals coming from 5 different goal scorers!

After the pool games St Marys finished as the number 1 ranked team meaning a semi final against Bourton on the Water. In a close encounter the game finished 0-0 after extra time. Fantastic defending from Jack, Caleb and Theo sent the game into a penalty shootout. Arlo, Sam and Lucas scored superbly taken penalties to win the shootout after some fantastic saves from Abel.

The team moved into the final against Powells and just like the semi-final, a tight encounter unfolded. St Marys had the majority of possession and looked to take the lead but a well taken goal from Powells put them 1-0 in the lead. Almost immediately great composure from the team resulted in a well taken goal for Arlo.

With the game heading for extra time Powells sent the ball up the pitch for one last go and the ball somehow found the back of the net.

After 9 games and conceding the only goals throughout in the final the players not only did themselves proud, but everyone at St Marys is very proud at their super performance.

The team all got a well earned silver medal and were named the team of the tournament for the sportsmanship and commitment shown throughout the afternoon. Well done!









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CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH – Wednesday 15th November - please book asap no later than Thursday 25th November











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Club News



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.



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.









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











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Community News

Holiday Activity And Food Programme

#HAF2021

What?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals.

When?

The programme will be running for 4 days from: 20th - 23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December.

To stay up to date on all things HAF, email us at:

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

to join our newsletter where we will have updates, insights, recipes and crafts from November.

What is available?

We will be offering a variety of face-to-face activities with your local providers:

- exciting activity packs for all ages
- an opportunity to claim your own winter food hamper to enjoy over the holidays
- tickets to local events and more!

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf













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Holiday Activity Programme

What?

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our holiday activity programme for December to all children in Gloucestershire.

Open to children of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally.

When?

The HAP programme will be running for 4 days from 20th -23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December. You will be able to book any activities marked HAP in the title.

What will be available?

- Face to face activities for children to socialise and play
- Ticketed activity schemes to your favourite venues
- A large online video activity library and more!
- A potential free meal at your local activities (Please contact providers directly for more details on this).

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC













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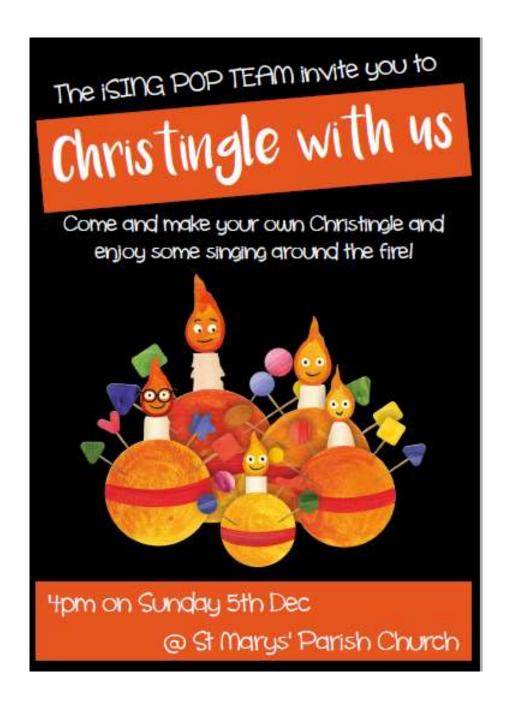






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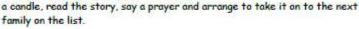
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The Posad

Exciting news!

Mary and Joseph are once again preparing to travel around the Tetbury Benefice this Advent.

This year they will travel from one family to another. When they arrive, you can gather as a family, set up the scene, light



If you would like to take part in this, please send the reply slip below to: office@tetburychurch.co.uk by Wednesday 1st December.

The journey will start from St Marys Church at 10am on Sunday 5th December and finish back at St Mary's church at 10am on Christmas Day. You are welcome to join us for one or both services.

If you would like to receive Mary and Joseph on a particular date do please let us know. No promises but we will do our best, first come first served!

When you receive the Posada, you will be asked to contact the next person on the list and arrange a time to hand over the Posada family to them the next day. Don't forget to sanitise your hands first to keep everyone safe!

Reply slip:

Name:

Phone number:

Preferred date:

I give permission for my Phone number to be shared among the participants during December as the Posada travels round the Tetbury Benefice.

Looking forward to hearing from you Sarah Parton (St Mary's Church)







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