

Friday 22nd November 2019

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Dear Parents,

As you will know from the email sent out yesterday, we were very sad to hear that Gracie Richardson passed away this week after a short illness. Gracie has been working as a Midday Supervisor at St. Mary's for 18 years and she was a very familiar face around school. We held a service as a school this morning when we remembered her and prayed for her family. Her funeral will be on Monday 2nd December at St. Mary's Church and her family has asked for a collection for the school as that would have been what Gracie would have wanted.

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 football team who participated in the Primary Football tournament on Monday. They played 3 group matches and won every game. They are now through to the final of the Cotswold Schools Tournament. Thank you to Mr Knight who took them.

We are extremely proud of Poppy H, Olivia K and Lily G who are taking action to raise awareness about climate change. They will be selling magnets and keyrings outside school on Tuesday 26th November. All the money raised will go towards the Crowd Charity <https://thecrowd.charity/>. Please support them if you feel able.

There are now only four weeks until the end of term and they will be very busy weeks. Children are starting rehearsals for Christmas performances and we have the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November. Thank you, as always, to the PTFA for their hard work in organising this. Please come along and support the school on the night.

The Christmas Lights Switch on this year will be on Friday 6th December. The Lights Committee are organising a lantern parade from St. Mary's Church to the Market House at 5.45pm for the Lights Switch on at 6pm. All children and their families are welcome to join in the parade. Please be at the Market Hall at 5.35pm with your lanterns. Children will be making lanterns in school.

All KS2 (Y3-6) will be participating in a Carol Service at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm with SWR and Avening School. This is a very special evening and I would urge parents to come along with their children.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher



Gold reading tokens



Well done to Tommy from Maple Class who was the first person to put a gold reading star into our house point token box!

We would love to see more children reading so if your child reads twice in a week to an adult at home, they will receive a gold star reading token and a gold stamp in their reading record. Each gold reading token is worth 10 house points. At the end of the week our House Captains will count up all the tokens and see which house has been reading the most at home. The results will be announced in Celebration Worship every Friday. Keep reading everyone!



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Pudsey Makes Surprise Visit to St Mary's



We were all amazed when Pudsey Bear made a surprise visit to St Mary's for Children In Need. The children and staff were amazed and delighted when Pudsey Bear made a surprise visit.

He visited every class, thrilling the children. One child said 'we only see him on TV'.

Today the pupils and staff have spent the day in pyjamas raising over £350 for Children In Need.

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Year 3/4 Footballer Tournament in Cirencester

On Monday a team of year 3/4 footballers went to a tournament in Cirencester. With 3 group games to play before the opportunity of playing in a final the team started brilliantly, winning the first game 6-0 with Riley T scoring a hat trick. In the second game, a great team goal scored by Sam H saw the team win 1-0 and give them a great chance to get to the final with the last game. As with the first game the team won the last group game 6-0 to win the group unbeaten and progress onto the final.

The team took the confidence and scoring habits from the group matches into the final securing an absolutely brilliant 3-0 win with Arlo H scoring a superb hat trick with 2 of the goals involving every player on the team!

A great evening of football and a tremendous result for our super footballers.

Team - Mateo T, Theo S, Jack W, Abel V, Arlo H (Captain), Sam H, Lucas S, Riley T.

Thanks to the parents who took the children and showed great support throughout the evening



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DEFIBRILLATOR

Today the defibrillator has been installed on Beech class wall to the left of the roundabout and is available for the community to use with the guidance of a 999 operator. We are very near the total we needed to raise. If you would like to make a donation and help us reach our target please donate on ParentPay or bring your donation to the school office.

Forest School

This morning at forest school, Pear class investigated plants and what parts make up a plant. We then looked at some plants and identified the parts before planting them around school. We then looked at the trees around forest school and compared their parts to the plants before we identified the trees. We found maple trees, lime trees, apple trees, a willow tree, cherry tree and an oak tree.



Thank you for all your donations for the Poppy appeal this year – we raised a total of £483.01



St Mary's are collecting The Sun Books for Schools tokens. These tokens can be found daily in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday between Saturday November 23 2019 and Saturday 18 January 2020. To claim £600 of free books we will need to collect 3500 tokens. Please bring any tokens into the school office.

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Forest School reminder - Pear class 18th October – 29th November
Willow/Rowan 15th November – 29th November

Please remember your forest school kits!

Flu Spray Vaccination Reception to year 6

There is a problem with the online consent system for booking your child's flu vaccination. Please await further instructions on how to consent to the Flu spray vaccination which will take place in December.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH - Wednesday 18th December

Please book your child's Christmas school lunch on parentpay. Unfortunately we cannot change the menu on the parentpay system for that day, but if you would like your child to have the Roast Turkey book Roast pork for the 18th December and if you would like your child to have the Cheesy Sweet Potato and Parsnip Tart book the Quorn Fillet option on that day. There will be no jacket potatoes on that day. For KS2 children please make sure your account is in credit so the booking isn't lost.



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Christmas Lunch Menu 2019
Wednesday 18th December

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
or
Cheesy Sweet Potato & Parsnip Tart

Herby Roast Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots & Garden Pea Medley

Dessert
Decorated Biscuit

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Christmas

Christmas celebrations are here!!!

Christmas colours.

Children can wear Christmas colours or jumpers on Friday 29th November in exchange for chocolate or wine tombola prizes. They can wear their own clothes but must incorporate

Christmas colours or a Christmas jumper. Please send your child into class with a donation to pass to their class teacher.

Christmas Fayre

PTFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 29th November 5pm – 7pm

Please come along for our Christmas raffle, shopping, children's crafts and games, turkey rolls, hot dogs, prosecco and mulled wine.

We have brilliant raffle prizes up for grabs including a Dyson V8, family or pet photoshoot with Little Bird photography, a couples evening spa, children's and adult disco, Cattle Country admission plus lots more. Tickets will be coming home next week in school bags. They will also be on sell during the fayre.

Mrs Woolley will be announcing Christmas raffle winners and giving out prizes at the end of the fayre. Rumour has it, even the big man himself will be coming....

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out of soft toys or teddies please could you donate to the ptfa ready for our Christmas Fayre. We would like good condition small or medium ones. Please hand into school reception.

If you are able to help at the fayre or during the day to set up, please contact us via email ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk or find us in the playground.

Christmas Wreath – Friday 6th December

We will be hosting our popular Christmas wreath making event on Friday 6th December. It is a lovely evening of creativity and chatter over a drink with friends.

Tickets are £20, which includes a drink, materials and of course a fabulous wreath to take home, tickets are already available on Parentpay.

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PTFA 100 Club winners

Our first draw took place this week, the lucky winners were #45 LAURA W winning £20 and #32 MALGORZATA G winning £7! Please collect your winnings from school reception.

Please remember to like 'St Mary's Primary School Tetbury' Facebook page for School and PTFA updates and event news.

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!

You are invited to iSingPop CELEBRATE. _

This weekend for all the family, iSingPop CELEBRATE meets on Sunday 24th November 2019, 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!

**Our theme this month is Peace
We will explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions, big and little; enjoy time together with crafts, chatting, prayers – and we'll learn iSingPOP songs together.
We finish with teatime for everybody.**

All children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Thank you.



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Join us after the switch-on of
Tetbury's Christmas lights at our
Festive Wreath Making Evening

**st mary's
ptfa**

Friday 6th December 2019
7:30pm to 9:30pm
St Mary's School Hall
Only £20
(Includes first drink, all materials,
full instructions & your very own
handmade wreath to
take home!)

Bar and Refreshments Available

Tickets will be available to purchase via ParentPay nearer the date

Please provide your own gardening gloves and secateurs

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The poster features a festive background with snowflakes, silver baubles, and a string of Christmas stockings. In the top left corner, there is an illustration of Santa Claus carrying a sack of gifts. In the top right corner, the 'st mary's ptfa' logo is displayed. A candy cane is positioned to the right of the main title. At the bottom left, there is a small Christmas tree, and at the bottom right, there is a cartoon reindeer.

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St Mary's School Christmas Fayre

Friday 29th November, 5^{pm} to 7^{pm}
Entry £1
(Free entry for St Mary's children)

Meet Santa, Stalls, Wheel of fortune,
Chocolate & Wine, Tombola, Snowman's
Bean-Bag Toss, Sweets, Christmas Crafts,
Christmas Lolly Tree, Glitter Tattoos,
Wine or Water, Cuddly Toys,
Raffle and lots more...!

Refreshments available including:
Turkey Rolls, Hot Dogs, Mulled Wine,
Prosecco, Lager and Soft Drinks

Volunteers Needed!

If you can help with setting up, running a stall or clearing away afterwards then please contact us at ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk or via our Facebook page.

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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.



Community



French Christmas clubs

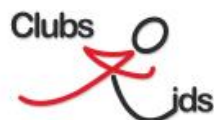
Open to all primary school children

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near Sherston - SN16 0JY
Monday 30 December 2019

near Cirencester - GL7 5TL
Saturday 7 December 2019
Friday 3 January 2020



£38 / day 10am - 3pm

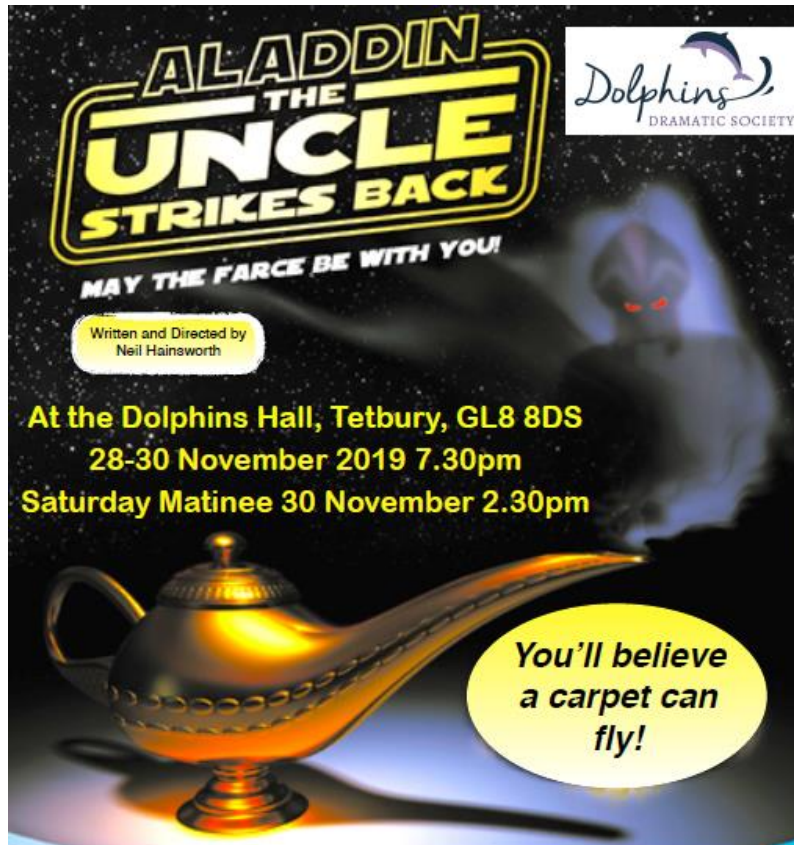
bring a packed lunch and shoe box
to collect your cooking and craft

With stories, puppets, craft, cooking, story-telling, games and role-plays the French language will be brought to life. Your child will have a fabulous time and come away feeling more confident in the spoken language.

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This autumn The Dolphins Dramatic Society is presenting the pantomime 'Aladdin: The Uncle Strikes Back.' Glittering costumes, fabulous dancers from Minety Dance and Theatre School, stunning set, plenty of audience participation and some amazing characters that may possibly be new to you.

The story is one you all know so well but has some twists and turns that you've never seen before!

Tickets online at: dolphinsdramaticsociety.org.uk

or from Tetbury Hardware, London Road, Tetbury

Adult: £9, Concessions: £7,

Child Under 12: £5

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