

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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Dear Parents,

Christmas is definitely upon us. Reception and Year 1 put on a delightful nativity play this week and next week we are looking forward to watching the Year 2 play. KS2 will be singing at the Carol Service at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's Church. Please bring your children along in school uniform. We expect that as many children will be there as possible. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Christmas Fayre last week. It was a really successful evening and it was lovely to see so many people there. A huge thank you to the PTfA for all their hard work – we managed to raise a whopping £3,150!! Well done everyone.

Don't forget the Tetbury Lights Switch on is tonight. Congratulations to Isla H and Archie B who won the drawing competition and will be joining the Mayor on the steps to turn on the lights. Children need to be at the church at 5.35pm with their lanterns if they would like to take part in the parade. Please remember that parents must take responsibility for their children as this is not a school event. Thank you to Darby Law and Mrs Glover who have very kindly offered to run a craft stall in the Market House. Please go upstairs and see them and make a Christmas Tree decoration.

The Christmas Choir children performed beautifully this week at The Greyhound Pub for some of the older residents of Tetbury who were having their Christmas Lunch and also at Pegasus retirement village.

**Mrs J Woolley**  
**Headteacher**

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## KS2 Christmas Concert St Mary's Church

This year, children in KS2 have once again been invited to participate in the SWR Carol Service, which will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Tetbury.

The children have been working hard with Mr Dillon, Head of Music at SWR, to learn songs for the service and they will sing alongside older students from SWR and pupils from Avening, Nailsworth and Horsely Schools. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year and an evening event, but we would like as many of our KS2 pupils to attend as possible, as this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to perform and come together as a community to begin our Christmas celebrations.

This is a free event, open to family, friends and members of the community. **No tickets are required.** We look forward to sharing this festive evening with you.

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## Year 6 visit to the Goods Shed

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, year 6 visited the Goods Shed to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the first steam train to travel on the Tetbury branch line. Tetbury Model Railway Society had made a model of the original site so we could understand what the station used to look like. We were fascinated by the trains



which puffed up and down the track and amazed at the level of detail in the models. As well as this, the History of Tetbury Society put on a display of old photos and archive material for us to study. Finally, we had to run around the site, reading information signs to find answers to quiz questions which was great fun. All of year 6 enjoyed the afternoon learning about the history of the Tetbury railway and we would like to say a huge thank you to all those involved in making it such a fascinating experience.

## Experience Christmas

Year 2 visited St Marys church on Wednesday this week to "experience Christmas". The children moved round 6 different stations which took on a different part of the Christmas Story. The children thought about what presents they would take to baby Jesus and drew them onto paper and the final station the children gave their gifts to the baby Jesus. Thank you to all the people at the church who made this such a magical experience.

Chloe & Noah





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## Christmas Books!



Dare I mention it, but Christmas is just around the corner, so if you are looking for some present ideas, here are some books that your children might enjoy! Please visit <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk> for more book ideas, reviews and extracts.

Happy reading!

Mrs Cartledge



EYFS			
Year 1			
Year 2			

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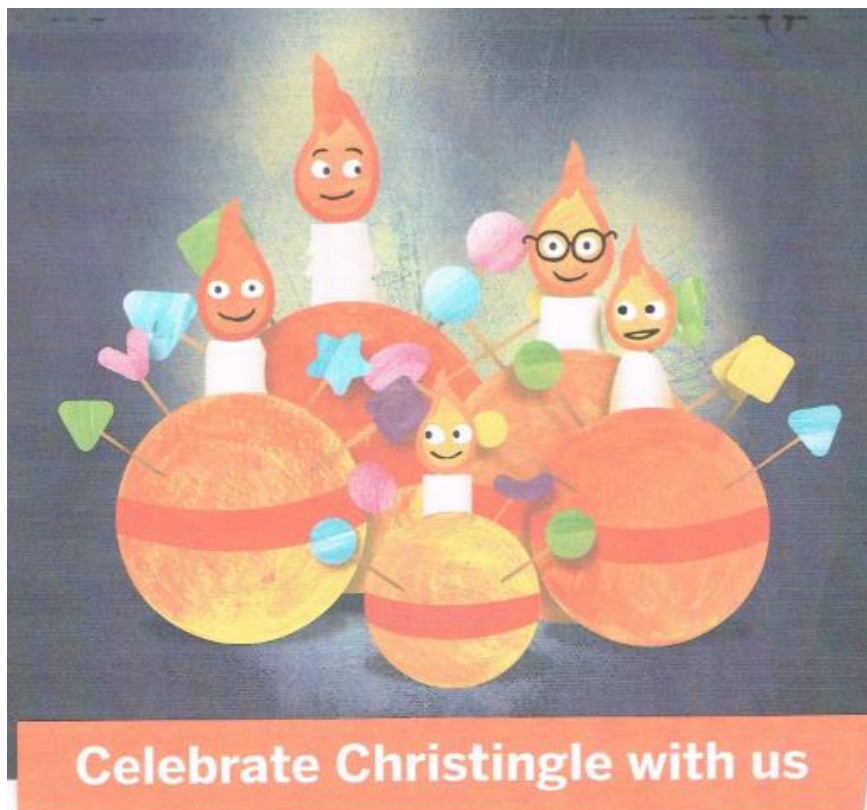
Year 3			
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Year 6			



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Join us and help give young  
people a brighter future

8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER @ 4.00pm  
St Marys Church.

This morning children in Year 3 helped by members of the church, enjoyed making Christingles ready for the service in St Marys' this Sunday 8th December. Afterwards, in class, they learnt about the meaning of the Christingle and why it is an important part of the church year. Everyone is welcome to the service which starts at 4pm where the children will receive a Christingle to take home.

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## DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is located 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. Many thanks to those who have donated we have reached our target £2000.00

## Message from EYFS/KS1

Your child should be bringing a book bag to school rather than a back pack. Book bags can be stored in classrooms to create more room in the cloakrooms. **Back packs are intended for use in KS2 only.** If your child has a backpack, a St Mary's one or otherwise, please keep it for Y3 and return to using a book bag.

Book bags can be purchased from Michael Hope [www.michaelhope.co.uk](http://www.michaelhope.co.uk) if replacements are required. **All** Reception and KS1 children should be using bookbags.

## Flu Spray Vaccination Reception to year 6

Please remember to send in your flu spray vaccination consent forms as soon as possible. Vaccinations take place on Thursday and Friday next week. It is very important you send in your forms indicating whether you do or do not consent.

## CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – LAST CHANCE TO BOOK THIS WEEKEND!

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. If you are unable to book please email the school office with your child's name class and choice.



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## Clubs

**French club-** Open to Year's 1,2,3

Would your child like to come to our weekly French club on Tuesdays from 3.15 - 4pm? We learn through games, songs, rhymes and role-play having fun with the language and building our confidence in the spoken language. We have a couple of places available from January. The cost is £6 per session. Please [email admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) if you'd like to book in to try the first lesson in Term 3. A bientôt!

## Term 2 CLUBS - End dates this term

Day	Club	Responsible/location	Key Stage	Time	Last date
<b>Monday</b>	Lego/Knex club	Mrs Glover	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	09/12/2019
	Netball Club	Miss Snell	Yr 4 – Yr 6	3.15 – 4.30	Now finished
<b>Tuesday</b>	French* (paid for club) ak@clubs4kids.com	Mrs Fuller please email Mrs Fuller	Rec Y1 - 3	3.15 – 4.00pm	To be confirmed with Mrs Fuller
	Water Colour painting	Mr Hainsworth	Yr3 – Yr4	Lunchtimes	
	Chess Club	Mrs Royle	Yr4 - Yr6	3.15 – 4.00	Now finished
	Rugby club	Mr Knight	KS2	3.15 – 4.00	3/12/2019
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Faith Explorers Club</b>	Rev Poppy	Yrs 3-6	3.15 - 4.25	Now finished
	<b>Homework</b> open to all KS2 drop in	Mrs Silins	KS2	12.30 – 1.30	
	<b>Key Steps Gymnastics</b>	Mrs Lee	Yr 3&Yr 4	3.15 – 4.30	18/12/2019
	<b>Football Club</b>	Mr Knight	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	04/12/2019
<b>Thursday</b>	Young Voices	Mrs Pike	Yr 5/6	3.15 – 4.15	12/12/2019
	OPAL club	Mr Godfrey & Mrs Cartledge	Yr 2 & KS2	3.15 – 4.00	Now finished
<b>Friday</b>					
Email direct to <a href="http://dashboard.clubsforprimaryschools.org/clubs/2806">http://dashboard.clubsforprimaryschools.org/clubs/2806</a> <b>New Club</b>	<b>Cookery School*</b> (paid for club) (Pick up from year 5 / 6 playground)	Mrs Shute	Yr3-Yr6	3.15 – 4.15pm	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>



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<https://www.sas.org.uk/news/sas-news/plastic-free-festive-hacks-yule-love/>



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## Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to announce we made **£3,150.49** at Fridays Christmas Fayre!!!!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our raffle and visiting the fayre on Friday. It was a fun evening and lovely to see so many of you there.

Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle and the gin advent calendar.

ENORMOUS THANKS to...

- ☐ the PTFA members that organised the fayre
- ☐ local businesses that donated a raffle prize
- ☐ the school kitchen for cooking our Christmas turkeys
- ☐ parents, governors and staff for helping before, during and after the fayre.

Merry Christmas!

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## Christmas Cards

Thank you to all of you that bought the Christmas Cards designed by your children.

A small contribution from each pack is donated to the school and as a result, you have helped raise **£364.00**.

THANK YOU!

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## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any Christmas shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com to 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.

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## 100 Club

We will be holding a double draw next week - two prizes of £20 and two of £7.

Good luck everyone!

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## PTFA Facebook

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

Thank you, St Mary's PTFA

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## Lunch bowl Appeal at the Christmas Fayre

A huge thankyou as a whopping £141.50 was made at the school Fayre on the Lunchbowl Network stall which means **423** meals have been provided for the most vulnerable children in the Kibera Slum. If anyone would like to see what this money is going towards, please do click on this <https://www.lunchbowl.org/what-we-do.html> to see some recent videos of developments. Thanks to St Marys Tetbury and other schools, as well as our Angel Kindergarten we have now been able to open our Good Samaritan Primary School - these precious children are now being given a fabulous education as well as breakfast, lunch and snacks. It is literally life changing and it really is thanks to you and other children who have bought a heart or keyring. Every 33p feeds one child. With Christmas coming up, if you are looking for an original present, we do have some [gift vouchers](#).

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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.





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## Community



### French Christmas clubs

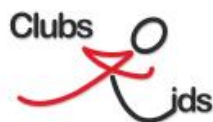
Open to all primary school children

Reserve now!

[admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com)  
[www.clubs4kids.com](http://www.clubs4kids.com)

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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## GAMES & ACTIVITIES:

- ★ Arts & Crafts ★ Face Painting ★ Dodgeball ★ Talent Shows
- ★ Ultimate Frisbee ★ Football ★ Nerf Wars ★ Musical Bumps
- ★ Cricket ★ ★ ★ There's something for everyone! ★ ★ ★

 St Mary's Primary School, Tetbury, GL8 8BW

 Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January



 9.00am - 4.00pm (8.00am - 5.00pm extra)

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## Tetbury Library



Tetbury Library would like to invite you to a Christmas story and craft session on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December at 10.30. Everyone is welcome but under 8's need to be accompanied by an adult. Christmas costumes are welcome!

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*Are you worried about your energy bills? Would you like to check if there's a better deal available but don't know how? Are you struggling to pay your gas or electricity bills?*

Now that the weather has turned colder, many people have turned their heating on and are concerned about their energy usage and bills.

Here at Cotswold Citizens Advice, our advisers are available to provide free, private one to one appointments on matters such as:

- Checking you are on the best energy tariff for your circumstances and helping you to switch to a more suitable tariff.
- Explaining your energy bills and how to read your meter.
- Helping you to sort out problems and complaints with your energy supplier.
- Identifying financial support and grants which you may be eligible to receive for fuel bills.
- A benefit to check to make sure that you are getting all the benefits and any further assistance with your energy bills that they entitle you to.

Please phone us to make an appointment. Our service is confidential, impartial and independent. Your gas, electricity and water bills do not have to be worrying issues. Call 0808 800 0511 and ask for an energy appointment.



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## Reverse Advent Calendar

Christmas should be a special time of year - but for many families it can be extremely difficult. This Reverse Advent Calendar is a way for us to collect food and special items for families living here in Tetbury in poverty and give them a treat at Christmas! There are lots of practical things and a few treats too.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Wk of: 11th Nov	Wk of: 18th Nov	Wk of: 25th Nov	Wk of: 2nd Dec
 Chocolate	 Crisps	 Tinned Soup	 Fruit Cordial
 Tinned Pie or Meat	 Hot Chocolate	 Tinned Ham or meat	 Long Life Milk
 Jam or Honey	 Packet of Biscuits	 Tinned Veg	 Tooth brush & Paste
 Pasta Sauce	 Christmas Pudding	 Pasta	 Tea and Coffee
 Shower gel or Shampoo	 Custard	 Long life Juice	 Tinned Fruit
 Christmas Cake	 Toilet Rolls	 Steamed Pudding	 Box of Biscuits or Chocolates



Please can you drop off at the Food Bank station in Tesco's, Tetbury or at St Marys Church, Tetbury

If you put it all in one box/bag and label it 'Reverse Advent Calendar' it will be given to families & individuals in Tetbury.

Please drop off by Saturday 7th Dec 2019