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Dear Parents,

### **Covid Update**

We have seen a rise in Covid cases in Year 6 this week, with 7 confirmed cases in one class over the last 2 days. We currently have a few more cases around the school and three staff off with Covid. We continue to follow the control measures and monitor any situations carefully. It seems that children have a variety of symptoms so we would be very grateful if you could test your child if they are unwell.

### **Review of the Behaviour and Anti bullying policy**

This term we are reviewing the whole school behaviour and anti-bullying policies. We are keen to get parents' views on how we manage behaviour at the school so we can take your feedback into consideration when developing the school policy. If you would like to contribute to the review, please complete a short questionnaire which can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QMRDPXQ>.

Further information on the development of these policies will be sent out to parents for consultation in due course.

### **Uniform**

Please can I remind all parents of the school uniform policy. Children should be wearing sensible black school shoes, not trainers and all children from Year 1 up should be wearing winter uniform with white shirts and ties. Children with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back and hair accessories should be limited to hair bands and clips. Please save all the lovely Jo-Jo bows for the weekend! Thank you.

Mrs J Woolley  
Headteacher

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### **House Points**

At St. Mary's school, one of the many ways in which we reward children is the use of house points. On a daily basis, pupils are rewarded across the school with house point tokens when they have been caring, curious or courageous.

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During the school day, children place their house point tokens into a drop box (see picture below), which is located near the school office.

Every Friday the tokens are counted by the House Captain and Vice-Captain. The scores are placed into a PowerPoint presentation and shared with the children in their classes.

Over a half term, the totals for each week will then be counted and we will reveal the overall winning house for each half term.

In order to reward the pupils, we would invite the children of the winning house to wear non-school uniform on the last **Thursday** of each half term. Staff and children can then clearly identify the children in the winning house to celebrate their achievement.

A communication will be sent to parents regarding the winning house team prior to the last week of every half term.

This term the winning house can wear non-school uniform on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**.

Example of a weekly house point presentation.

Helen Sharman	935
Stephen Hawking	1049
Mary Anning	766
Edward Jenner	1260



Edward Jenner



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Walters

Deputy Head

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## House Captains

Last week we held House Captain Elections in year 5 and 6. We were very proud of all the very courageous children who wrote speeches and presented them to their peers. We know it was a very nerve-wracking thing to do but you had all prepared your speeches well and spoke with feeling and confidence. Well done to you all.

After voting, the following children were successful in becoming House and Vice House Captains:

### Y5 Vice- Captains

Edward Jenner – Izzie  
Helen Sharman – Uma  
Mary Anning - Tigan  
Stephen Hawking- Ava

### Y6 House Captains

Edward Jenner – Charlie  
Helen Sharman – Sofia  
Mary Anning -Amelie  
Stephen Hawking- Archie



## CONGRATULATIONS

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## READING GOLD STARS

Apologies! In my Reading Newsletter, I stated that children would receive a gold star every time they read to an adult at home. I am afraid I was being over generous! Children receive a gold star if they read **TWICE** to an adult at home. Therefore, they can earn **THREE** gold stars each week-that's 30 house points!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Cartledge



## Yr 5 Bikeability

Bikeability starts for year 5 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February for two weeks - Please make sure your child's bike is in a roadworthy condition - Information and consent letters will be coming out next week.

## Clubs

Lego Club



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We had some exciting news this week. Mateo, who was last weeks winner, was awarded extra points on the leader board by the Kids with Bricks presenter Fabretta for his fabulous spider build. This now ranks us 20<sup>th</sup>

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out of 213 schools competing! Don't forget to vote for St Marys on [www.kidswithbricks.com](http://www.kidswithbricks.com) each week. You can vote as many times as you like!

Another great week of building with the Lego Club crew! We are still in Borneo looking at the animals that live there. This weeks timed build was to create a bat! Lots of imaginative building took place and, with only a couple of votes in it, the winner was Noah. He had the genius idea of having his bat hanging upsidedown! Well done Noah!

I look forward to welcoming members of the new Monday Lego club next week.

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## Clubs

Thank you to Parents who responded to the study on the parents evening system. We are looking into more clubs and how we can run them for more children.

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## Outdoor after school clubs

Please note, we do not have indoor facilities for the outside clubs if the weather is bad, so please have a back up plan for pick ups, as outdoor clubs can be cancelled at short notice.

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## French Club

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.



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**For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls**  
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## Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Voucher emails will be sent out between **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February**. Please encourage parents to also check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please encourage them to get in contact with us by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

Please pass on this information to relevant parents and encourage them to apply.

### YogaBugs online offer

We have an offer for families who can claim a FREE eCode to access YogaBugs Virtual - Healthy Screen time for the whole family throughout January & February 2022. Please could you pass on these messages to families who you think will benefit from the platform.

What is it?

YogaBugs virtual gives online access to hundreds of yoga & well-being videos for the whole family to take part in from the comfort of your own home! Perfect if people are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID but still want to get some exercise in.

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<https://yogabugs.com/parent-form/> to watch a short video to find out why it's a great option for families!

Why sign up?

It is FREE!

- It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.
- Help families feel calm, increase your child's confidence & help get your family active over the cold winter months.
- Suitable for children with SEN.

How to gain access?

Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/my-account/>

Click on parents, enter the unique eCode **gloucestershire-1361** and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!) Enjoy YogaBugs at home!

If you have any queries regarding this offer please get in contact by emailing [haftickets@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:haftickets@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



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**cost to you!** Please be careful to select: St. Mary's Primary School Parents Teachers and Friends Association (Tetbury)

Family and friends can also support your children by choosing us as their charity.

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<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazon-smile>

## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Mary's 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.

## Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground.



All funds raised directly benefit our children's school experience

Volunteering helps set a great example for our children

All funds raised by St. Mary's PTFA go directly towards benefiting each and every child that attends our school.

Without our efforts, and your continued support, we wouldn't have been able to support or provide:

- Interactive whiteboards
- Educational maths programmes
- Reading books
- Trim Trail

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- PA System
- KS1 corridor decoration etc...

We also pay for many fun experiences to enhance our children's school journey:

- KS1 Play castle
- Children's sandpit
- Christmas pantomime
- Space experience
- Coaches to events etc...

If you have any questions, ideas, or are able to provide any help, please contact us on [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk) or chat to one of us in the playground.

Thank you, St Mary's PTFA



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## Families Magazines

Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Magazine Gloucestershire Magazine](#) for you to share with your parents.



**Families**  
Magazines

More than 4 million parents  
a year rely on us to get the  
best out of local family life!

The advertisement features a collage of four photographs: a young girl in a pink scarf, a man reading to a child, a boy with chocolate on his face, and a family riding bicycles.

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## Tip of the Month

### Turn your online life green

- Switch off your computer when not in use
- Go paperless for your bills
- Cut down your browsing time by an hour a week
- Avoid printing wherever possible

- Search with Ecosia
- Keep your device 3+ years
- Recycle when replacing it



For more ideas, see:

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