

Friday 14th February 2022

Our Christian Value for the term: Curiosity

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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed their half term holidays. I am sorry that we had to close the school on Friday 18th February due to the storm. As I am sure you can appreciate, it is never easy to make a decision based on a forecast however with the advice that was being given on the news and through the Local Authority, I, and many of the other heads in the county, decided to err on the side of caution. I hope it wasn't too disruptive for you.

You should have received an email this week to say that I am not on the school site currently as I have contracted Covid but Mr Walters is doing a brilliant job and I hope to be back early next week.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to parents who have completed the parents' evening survey. 70% of those responded said they would rather have face to face parents evening, so that is what we will do. We look forward to welcoming parents back to the school on **Monday 21st March** and **Wednesday 23rd March** when parents can meet teachers in the hall. Parents will also have an opportunity to see children's books. Further information about booking slots will be sent in due course.

War in Ukraine

We have all been shocked and distressed to witness the suffering of the people of Ukraine on news reports. One or two parents have contacted the school asking if we will be talking to the children about the war in Ukraine and whether the school is planning to fundraise. Some of our pupils have already brought the subject up in class and the teachers have had discussions with their pupils. It is not something we can ignore however teachers are professionals and they know how to hold age-appropriate conversations with children about difficult topics whilst offering reassurance. We have had a lot of experience of this during the pandemic. We are planning to do some fund raising for charities specifically supporting people affected by the war in Ukraine. Further details of this will be sent out in due course.

World Book Day

I have seen pictures of the children and staff all dressed up for World Book Day. I think everyone really enjoyed the book focused activities and it was a great day when children talked about and enjoyed stories and poetry across the school.

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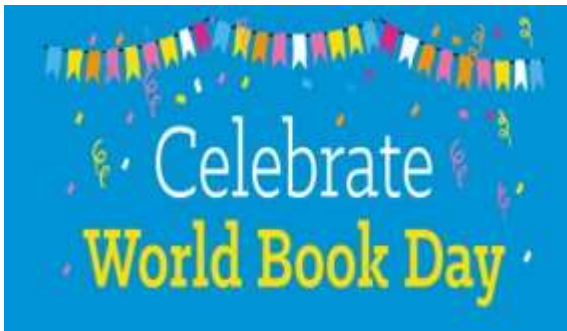
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Red Nose Day

RND this year is on Friday 18th March. We plan to get involved with fund raising and we are asking the children and staff to make a donation and come dressed as Superheroes for the day.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

World Book Day



All the children (and staff) had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day today. We all met in the hall this morning for a World Book day assembly, where we admired each other's costumes and celebrated Leah in Year 6 who has become a reading millionaire! This means Leah has read over a million words- Amazing!



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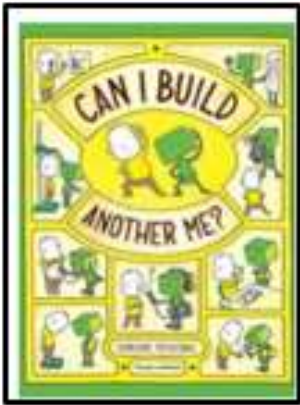
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During the day all the classes read, shared and enjoyed the book 'Can I build another Me?' By Shinsuke Yoshitake. We discussed why we are special and what makes us all unique.



World Book Day Competition Winners

Well done to Emily C in Maple Class and Eliza N in Juniper Class who both win a book voucher from The Yellow Lighted Bookshop. Thank you to all the children who took part.

Thank you to all the children who dressed up and to parents for your support.



Cherry class loved dressing up as our favourite book characters and enjoyed hiding books around Tetbury this morning for other families to enjoy. We then shared stories with children from Willow class.

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Tetbury fire station visit – Cherry and Lime

The children in Cherry and Lime classes enjoyed an afternoon at Tetbury fire station today. They all had a turn at squirting water from the hose, sitting in the fire engine, trying on a fire fighter's helmet and seeing inside the fire station. Huge thanks to fire fighters Andy, Neil and Sasha - we had a great time!



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Yr 5 Bikeability

Elm class have now completed their bikeability training – thank you to parents for bringing in the childrens bikes.

Next week Ash class are starting their training – please make sure the children from Ash class have their bikes in school on Monday morning – Your childs bike needs to be in a roadworthy condition as the instructors do not check the bikes and are expecting the bikes to have been checked over before they come into school. If you can have a little practice over the weekend this will be beneficial.

Clubs

Eco Club hung up the bird feeders we made to encourage birds to visit school in response to the Big School Bird Watch!



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Textile Recycler

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



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

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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
- 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 or chat to one of us in the playground.

Thank you, St Mary's PTFA

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Community

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 banner features four small images: a baby in a pink hat, a man reading to a child, a boy with paint on his face, and a family riding bicycles.



- Plan your meals
- Freeze leftovers
- Use / donate to charity shops
- Only wash with a full load
- Use the library

For more ideas, see:

www.greeningtetbury.org

Tip of the Month



 **Greening Tetbury**

Coming soon: Our new Community Fridge / Freezer

- Located behind the TTC offices
- Open to all to save food waste
- Watch for it on the TTC Facebook page



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A colorful poster for the Junior Bake Off competition. The background is light blue with a sun, clouds, and a white tent in the center. The text is in various colors: red for the title, green for the subtitle, and blue for the website. The overall theme is festive and inviting.

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AGED 9 - 12

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SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022**

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