

Friday 16th November 2018

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Dear Parents,

Well it's been a busy week at St. Mary's! As you will know we had a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday. Unfortunately, we are unable to communicate the outcome of the inspection until the report has been finalised. As soon as we are able we will inform parents of the details of the inspection.

Other exciting things have been going on this week. On Wednesday we had our first 'Wandering Wednesday' when the children all went on the school field at playtime and played with all the 'loose parts' play equipment that we have been collecting. It was absolutely brilliant and the children had a fantastic time. It is so lovely to see the younger children playing with the older children and the creativity and co-operative play was fabulous to watch.



We have had a great day raising money for Children in Need today. Thank you to all parents who brought in cakes for the cake sale and to the teachers who entered the Bake Off!! We had great fun judging the competition in assembly this afternoon. First count of donations received is over £600, which is amazing, thank you.

Well done to the children in Years 4 and 5 who won the Gloucestershire Wildlife Photography competition. You can enjoy our winning entries by visiting the website <https://www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/news/2018-wildlife-photography-competition-winning-images> and scrolling down to... Winners, Runners Up and Highly Commended. There are some wonderful photos to look at – we clearly have some very talented photographers in our school!

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

Year 4

Friday 23rd November is our Ancient Egyptian WOW Day. Children are invited to dress as Ancient Egyptians for the day and will enjoy some 'Egyptian learning and craft-making.' Parents/Carers are invited to stay at the start of the school day when the children will be performing a song and showing their artwork in the hall. We hope you can join us.
Mrs Royle and Mrs Danton

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School Diary

16 th November	Children in Need	17 th December	Dick Whittington Panto for children (children only)
20 th November	Grab a Grown Up	17 th December	EYFS Dress Christmas performance 1.45pm
23 rd November	Egyptian Wow Day year 4	19 th December	Christmas Lunch
28 th November	Year 4 trip Ashmolean Museum Oxford	20 th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties (pm)
30 th November	Christmas Jumper day at school & Christmas Fayre	21 st December	Talent Show (children only)
4 th December	Grab a Grown up	21 st December	Last day of term
4 th December	Sportshall Athletics @SWR	2019	
6 th December	KS1 Experience Christmas	7 th January	First day of term
7 th December	Tetbury Christmas light switch on PTFA Wreath making 7.30pm – 9.30pm	21 st January	Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6) Birmingham
10 th December	KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal 'Hey Ewe'	8 th February	PTFA school Disco
11 th December	KS1 Christmas performance 'Hey Ewe' 1.45pm	15 th February	Last day of term
12 th December	KS1 Christmas evening performance 'Hey Ewe time to be confirmed'	25 th February	First day of Term
13 th December	Carol Service with SWR at the church 6.30pm	25 th February	Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed)
13 th December	Goods Shed Cinema trip EYFS/KS1 (am) KS2 (pm) details to be confirmed	7 th March	World book day – Scholastics book fair
14 th December	EYFS Dress Christmas performance rehearsal 1.45pm	15 th March	Red Nose Day

Pear Class Forest School

Last week, Pear Class enjoyed their first forest school session of the year. They identified and discussed the rules and risks of forest school and shared ideas to reduce the risks. Following this the children showed our Christian Value of Compassion by producing a poppy made from their hand prints, flour and lots of autumnal leaves.



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The children were then given the opportunity to explore the forest school area in more detail. Some chose to climb trees, some made dens and others used their imagination to use materials as props in their play.

We are looking forward to our future forest school experiences.



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OPAL Update



Our first OPAL day was a terrific success. Children had an amazing time, using their imagination with the huge range of things donated by the school community. If smiles could be measured, we'd have been off the scale on Wednesday! We had children taping off crime scenes, tree climbing, den building... and even a chocolate factory in the middle of the field! Don't forget wellies every Wednesday!



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Award winning photographs from our wonderful school grounds

Earlier this week, the winners of the **Gloucestershire 2018 Wildlife Photography Competition** were announced. We are delighted to announce that **we have won the schools' category!** The photographs we submitted were taken in our wonderful school grounds last year, by children currently in Years 4 and 5, during a workshop with Iain Green, founder of Wildlife Wonder. Our prize is a half-day photography workshop with Iain, a nature photography specialist.

An email from Anne Carpenter, Communications and Events Administrator for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, informed us of our success adding... ***Congratulations and we hope the children of St Mary's continue to enjoy capturing the natural world on camera.***

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Clubs

Faith Explorers



Next meeting:

Wednesday 21st November Faith Explorers Collective Worship 2.40pm – parents welcome

Additional session after school on Wednesday 28th November

Gym Club

There will be no Gym club next week. Gym club will continue the following week.

Rugby Club

Last session of Rugby club this term will be 3rd December.

Now its getting very cold, please remember to bring warm clothes for rugby club.

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Tetbury Minibus Autumn/Winter Day Trips

- Cadbury World trip from Tetbury 26 October
Full day. Adult £20 Child/OAP £15
- Bicester Shopping Trip 17 November from Tetbury
Full day. Adult £20 Child/OAP £15.
Bucks Fizz & pastries included.
- Burford Winter Market 1 December from Tetbury
4 hours £13 Adult £10 Child/OAP



For a quotation please call 07939 890891 or visit www.tetburyminibus.co.uk

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Tetbury Library

Tetbury Fire-fighter Dave will be coming to Tetbury Library to read Michael Rosen's 'We're going on a bear hunt'! This 'CelebraeStory' will be on Saturday 24th November at the later time of 11:15am (perfect to relax in the warm after football!). It's suitable for 4 to 8 year olds and their family and includes a follow-up activity as well as an opportunity to chat with a fire-fighter! Free, just turn up.

CelebraeStory'



Gloucestershire
Fire & Rescue Service
Working together for a safer Gloucestershire

Runner-up for the 2017
The David Vaisey Prize
An award for outstanding Gloucestershire library initiatives

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Michael Rosen

Helen Oxenbury

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NHS
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Flu Immunisation: Catch-Up Clinics for 2018/19

Please book a session below if your child missed their school flu clinic or if you'd like your child vaccinated sooner than their planned school session –

Wed 7 Nov	Edward Jenner Court, 1010 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, GL3 4AW	16:30-18:45
Thu 15 Nov	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	16:00-18:45
Wed 21 Nov	Cirencester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1YL	16:00-18:45
Thu 13 Dec	Stroud Fire Station, Paganhill Lane, Stroud, GL5 4JT	16:00-18:45
Thu 3 Jan	North Cotswolds Hospital, Outpatients Department, Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0DS	09:30-13:45
Fri 4 Jan	Lydney Hospital, Outpatients Department, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JE	09:30-13:45
Wed 9 Jan	Cirencester Fire Station, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1YL	16:00-18:45

New dates added not on original catch up letter –

**Tuesday 11th December at Gloucester North Fire Station,
Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF – 16:30-19:30
And**

**Monday 17th December at Cheltenham East Fire Station,
Keynsham Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7PY – 16:00-19:30**

Call 0300 421 8140 to book

Booking line is open 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday

To provide consent for the vaccination you can attend the appointment with your child or visit www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent and provide consent electronically

Understanding You

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Collecting your Christmas tree – for charity !

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity. Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10th and 13th and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6th and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day !) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).



French Christmas clubs

Reserve now!
admin@clubs4kids.com
www.clubs4kids.com
07375306881

Open to all primary school children

Saturday 8 December 2018
near Sherston - SN16 0JY

Wednesday 2 January 2019
near Cirencester - GL7 5TL

£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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The Lunchbowl Network invites you to

Help fill Santa's Sack!

Many children here in the UK get underwear in their Christmas stockings and this campaign is asking families to buy and donate some for us in the run up to Christmas, to send the children that we support in Kibera, Nairobi

Our children are desperate for new underwear.

Pants (ages 3 to 16) and
grey tights and socks (ages 3 to 9)

Please bring your contributions by
the end of term.

Thank you!




The Lunchbowl Network
Dinner money for orphans: ending hunger
www.lunchbowl.org

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