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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. We are looking forward to lots of exciting events this term particularly as we seem to be returning to normal and parents will be able to come and join in with activities. We are planning a **Platinum Jubilee Picnic** on **Friday 27th May** at **12.30pm** to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of service to the country. Children should come to school dressed in red, white and blue and parents are invited to bring a picnic to share with their family (more information to follow). Parents will be able to take their children home immediately after the picnic. Children will have a focus on the Jubilee during the week in school.

As we are in the summer term, children can now wear summer uniform. The uniform requirements can be found on our website at: <u>https://www.stmarystetbury.com/new-to-us/uniform</u>. Please can you also make sure that children are wearing school shoes not trainers to school. Children who have hair below shoulder length should also have it tied back neatly with no elaborate bows or headbands please. We have a number of children in school at the moment who have hair falling in their eyes when working and loose long hair is a very easy way to spread headlice amongst pupils.

One of our families has alerted us to an **incident** that took place yesterday in Conygar Road when a man driving a black Ford van appeared to turn and follow a pupil along the road. The child in question ran to a friend's house and the person in the van did not try to talk to him. Although this may not have been a malicious incident, it is appropriate that we inform our community.

We have welcomed several new members of staff this week - Lucy Offord and Rhiain Clapham have both started work as teaching assistants for individual pupils and Sarah Taylor, who you will know as our road crossing patrol, is also doing First Aid cover at lunchtimes and assisting with the Finance in the office. Mrs Miller has also started working in the office on a Monday to cover Mrs Howe who has reduced her hours.

Mrs Kalinowski, who has been working part time in the office has sadly left this week to spend more time in her other job.

The school will be having a **SIAMS inspection** (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) on Wednesday 4th May. The inspector will be in school for one day and will be talking to governors, school leaders, staff, pupils and parents about how effective St. Mary's is as a church school. He will then write a report which will be shared with parents. The inspector will be around and about at the start of the day to say hello to parents. Please feel free to introduce yourself to him.

Mrs J Woolley, Headteacher



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A-CROSS OUR SCHOOL, A-CROSS THE WORLD

For many Christians, the cross is possibly *the most important symbol of all* because of what it says about Jesus and the Easter story. In the final week of last term, we explored crosses and their meanings from countries around the world.

The crosses have been on display in St Marys' Church over the Easter break for all visitors to the church to see. We hope that you have managed to go and see them. If not, here are some photographs of the display enjoy.

Many thanks to Poppy and everyone at St Marys' Church for letting us

share them.









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Cherry and Lime trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

Cherry and Lime classes had a wonderful trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. We had lots of "WOW" moments, especially when we saw the elephants and giraffe. They were huge!













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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 <u>ptfa@st-marys-</u> <u>tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk</u> or chat to one of us in the playground.

Thank you, St Mary's PTFA









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Tetbury Library

Tetbury library are pleased to offer a selection of MICRO:BIT WORKSHOPS.

("Micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors and many input/output features that, when programmed, let it interact with you and your world." Taken from <u>https://microbit.org/get-started/first-</u> <u>steps/introduction/</u>)

Learn how to use a micro:bit and have a go at completing your own interactive projects & mini games. Ages 7-11

Tuesdays 4 - 4.45pm

May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 24th, May 31st, June 7th



Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment (via the library catalogue under events, or through us - email <u>tetburylibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk<mailto:tetburylibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk</u>> telephone 01666 502258)









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TETBURY JUNIOR LAWN BOWLS Sunday 1st May anytime between 10am - 2pm Ages 9 to 18 FREE taster session ear flat sole shoes **Bring an adult!** Where? Become one **New Church Street** of the team Tetbury, GL8 8DS (behind the Dolphins Hall) **Questions?** e: tetburybowis@gmail.com w: tetburybowisclub.co.uk m: 07414 274375 OUR JUNIOR SECTION MEETS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



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Sunday 5th June 2022 2pm - 6pm

A family day filled with local community groups, entertainment & an afternoon tea Tickets just £2 or £5 for families (up to 4 people) Email hello@tetburycc.co.uk for more information and to book your tickets

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