

Friday 31st January 2020

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Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who came to the extremely successful Year 3 reading breakfast last week. It was really lovely to see so many parents reading with their children and enjoying a book. We will be holding further events for other year groups in the coming year. In the meantime please do make sure you keep reading with your children at least three times a week and please write your comments in the reading record book showing us who has heard them read so we can celebrate this with the children.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Key Steps Gymnastics competition on Monday. Our team were awarded third place and Mrs Lee was very proud of all the children.

Our Year 2 children enjoyed meeting some visitors to school this week. We welcomed ZooLab who brought along some furry and not so furry friends! Children enjoyed handling all the animals and learning lots of facts about them.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The children will be participating in activities in school exploring health related themes. We are also holding a Children's Mental Health awareness meeting for parents, carers, grandparent or anyone who works with children. You don't need to have a child at St Mary's to attend the presentation which is in the hall, on Wednesday morning. Please come along to find out more about what you can do to keep your children healthy. There is lots of information on line about helping to keep children healthy both physically and mentally. Below are some links parents may find useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/how-much-sleep-do-kids-need/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-things-parents-should-know-about-screen-time>

Mrs Woolley  
Headteacher

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## University students training to be teachers

We would like to welcome Miss Fitzgibbon to Juniper class and Mr Clarke to Elm class. They are both Gloucestershire university students training to become teachers. They will be with us for the next 6 weeks and will work closely with the current class teacher to plan and teach the children.

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## Sports Hall Athletics



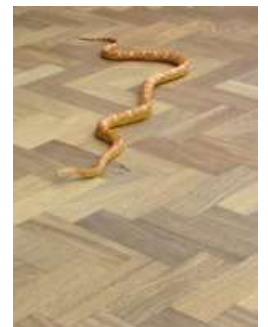
Our year 5 and 6 students had a fabulous experience at the Sports Hall Athletics, held at Cirencester College. Working individually and in teams, our children developed their speed, dexterity, coordination and strategic thinking in a variety of track and field events.

Our athletics team showed plenty of energy and enthusiasm in the competition and gained valuable experience into how to improve their personal performance. This positive approach bodes well for our athletics training and events in the Spring and Summer terms.

## Zoolab visit Year 2

When Zoolab came we saw Abby the corn snake, Sheila the tarantula which could spray hairs at you if you were rude, Dennis the guinea pig who was very soft and Queen the bearded dragon who had really sharp claws for climbing. We let Abby slither on the hall floor and we guessed what habitat each animal lives in in the wild. It was amazing to be able to touch all the animals. Kit &

Dylan S (Holly Class)



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## Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

10 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition held in Cirencester on Monday 27th January.

As there were approximately 15 teams taking part, this competition was staged over 2 weeks . All children performed a floor routine and 2 vaults. After the final competition, all scores were put together and St Mary's A team were awarded a Bronze medal - a fantastic achievement !

Well done to all who competed, you should be very proud of all your performances.



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## ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

### An Introductory Presentation to Children's Mental Health

**St Mary's Primary - Wed 5th & 12th Feb**  
Coffee 9am talk 9.20am

**SWR School - Wed 5th Feb at 5.30pm**

**Dolphin's Hall - Wed 12th Feb**  
at 7.30pm

**What is Mental Health?**

**How is it Different to Physical Health?**

**How can I get involved With TAYCT\***

**How can I Support my Child's mental health?**

**What Opportunities Are there At TAYCT\***

**Tetbury Town Council**  
Supported by Tetbury Town Council

**This is for you if you are any one of the following:**

**If you are interested in what we are trying to achieve for the children & young people of Tetbury over the next few years**

**If you are a parent, carer, grandparent or work with children and want to know more about mental health**

**If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to join our 'Make it happen' group. We're looking for admin support - to form a fundraising group - we're training new mentors and we need IT support- website etc.**

**TAYCT**

\*Tetbury Area Youth & Community Trust

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## School Nursing Hub

17th March 2.00 - 3.00 Healthy Eating

19th May 2.00 - 3.00 Behaviour/anxiety/sleep

## Come and join us at a School Nursing Hub

This is an informal and safe space for you to discuss any issues you may be having with your child, such as:

Healthy lifestyle, diet & exercise

Dental health & hygiene

Sleep

Anxiety

Behaviour, including anger

Self-esteem and building resilience

You will get professional support and signposting as well as the opportunity to meet other parents with similar worries.

You can find details of a School Nursing Hub near you by visiting [www.ghc.nhs.uk/schoolnursinghubs](http://www.ghc.nhs.uk/schoolnursinghubs)

Or just search 'School Nurse Hubs Gloucestershire'!

**NHS**  
Gloucestershire Health and Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

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## Cake sale 4<sup>th</sup> February

Ffion, Emily and Isla in Year 6 are doing a bake sale on Tuesday 4th February after school to raise money for the Nelson Trust, which is a local charity that supports women and children with finding a home and having the essentials they need. Cakes will be £1 each.

Could you also support us by bringing in donations of hats, gloves, scarfs, children's clothes, books in a good condition, baby items, shampoo, conditioner, sanitary wear, deodorant, shower gel and bubble bath. Empty shoe boxes would also be helpful to make up the care packages.

The closing date is Friday 14th February, the last day of term.

Donations can be left at the office and will be then be taken to the Nelson's Trust Women's centre in Gloucester.

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## Old Pens and Toothpaste recycling

In the foyer/entrance hall you will find 2 new recycling bins. These have been purchased to enable us to recycle toothpaste packaging, toothbrushes and floss containers as well as pens and correction fluid pots. Please see the pictures for accepted waste.



When they are full we will be sending them to local collection points where they will be taken for recycling by Colgate or Bic.

These bins are a fantastic way to reduce the amount of single use plastic we throw away. Please use them and talk about the recycling with your children.

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## TETBURY

### 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 17th - Friday 21st February

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

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING TIME OVER  
THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, **FROM ONLY £22 PER DAY!**

**WEBSITE** [atlascamps.co.uk](http://atlascamps.co.uk)

**EMAIL** [info@atlascamps.co.uk](mailto:info@atlascamps.co.uk)

**PHONE** 0800 772 0743



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## **New Junior Handball Training**

**Where: Kingshill School**

**When: Thursday's**

**Yrs 5-6 @ 4.45-5.45pm**

**Yrs 8-10 @ 5:45-6:45pm**

**Starting January**

**For more information contact Matt Durber  
gloshandball@gmail.com**



**ENGLAND  
HANDBALL**



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**You are invited to iSingPop CELEBRATE:**

on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for all the family, 4.00-5.30pm

in St Mary's School Hall.

Everyone is welcome – come with children,  
mums, dads, aunts and uncles, nanny, grampy, friends and neighbours!

Our theme this month is Love

We will explore best-loved Bible stories and  
ask questions, big and little; enjoy time together

with crafts, chatting, prayers –

and we'll learn iSingPOP songs together.

We finish with teatime for everybody.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Thank you.

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# Disco

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Years 1, 2 & 3  
5pm – 6pm

Years 4, 5 & 6  
6.15 – 7.15pm

Face painting £1 & Hot Dogs 50p

Tuck Shop (Various Prices From 10p – 50p)

Glow Sticks Also Available

**Entrance £2.50**

Tickets Must Be Purchased Before 3pm on 7<sup>th</sup> February

Please Ensure Prompt Collection Via Y3/4 Double Doors

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Thanks to your support last term, we were able to fund the following to benefit our children:

- 2 Alpha touchscreens
- 12 Descriptosaurus books
- Knex Challenge in school sessions
- 2 CD Listening centres
- CD stories and songs
- Visiting Christmas pantomime

We are already looking forward to upcoming fundraisers and events. First up, is our spring disco, an event for all the children to enjoy. We will keep updating you with how much we raise and how it is spent.

Thank you, St. Mary's PTFA

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## Spring Disco – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

- Reception classes will host their own disco in school time arranged by Mrs Pike. She will be in touch with parents directly with all details.

- Years 1, 2 & 3 (including mixed year ones) will be 5.00 - 6.00pm.

- Years 4, 5 & 6 will be 6.15 - 7.15pm.

We will be selling Frankfurters at 50p, Neon facepaint for £1, Glow sticks are 50p or £1 (depending on size) as well as the usual tuck shop.

Tickets are already available to purchase on ParentPay for £2.50.

### ESSENTIAL BOOKING INFO:

- Please provide the name and number of the collecting adult. This is for us to use in emergencies.
- Please state all allergies and illness (asthma etc) so we can provide the best care for your child.
- Drop off for the disco is in the Year 3/4 Playground near Beech Class.
- Pickup at the double doors in Year 3/4 playground.

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The PTFA organise and attend the discos along with members of staff. Parents will not be able to stay unless they are on the pre-arranged list of helpers. If you would like to stay and help, or have any further questions, please contact the PTFA on [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk) or find us in the playground.

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## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online throughout, click via [Easyfundraising.com](http://www.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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## Community

### Tetbury Library

Tetbury Library are having their monthly story and craft session on Saturday 8th February at 10.30 and are reading "Owl Babies". This is a drop-in session, so there is no need to book. Simply turn up. It is aimed at 3 - 7 years, but open to anyone (of any age) who would like a story. Under 8s need to be accompanied by an adult.

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February is Children's Mental Health Week so we will have a selection of books and activities for children to dip into. If you would like to take any books home with you, you do need to be a library member. If you are not a member already, we will need to see some ID and we can then join you up straight away. Enjoy your week.