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Dear Parents and Carers,

SIAMS inspection

As many of you will know, we had a church school inspection last week. As a church school, we are inspected by both Ofsted inspectors and SIAMS inspectors. The SIAMS inspection is a rigorous and comprehensive process over a day and involves interviews with staff, pupils, parents and governor as well as the school's leadership team. The inspector also looks at pupils' books and observes teaching and playtimes.

I am delighted to share the report with you - it can be found on our school website at the following link: Inspection Reports (stmarystetbury.com)

The inspection report states that 'St Mary's Primary School is one where all flourish because all are cared for.' The inspector concluded that St. Mary's is a **good church school** highlighting the 'rich experiences' children are given and how teachers encourage children to be curious in their thinking and have the courage to explore different ideas in their learning. The behaviour of children was praised as were relationships between staff and pupils.

I am extremely proud of our fantastic church school ethos created by the whole school community and this report absolutely celebrates what we shine at.

Mrs Metcalf who teaches in Juniper class will be starting her maternity leave at half term. We wish her every joy with her new baby and will be sorry to say goodbye. Mrs Bish will be teaching Juniper class on Mondays and Tuesdays after half term with Mrs Page continuing to teach Wednesday to Friday.

Mrs Calabria will also be starting her maternity leave at half term. We will be covering Mrs Calabria's role internally for the time being and I will contact parents shortly with details of how to access pastoral support.

Mr and Mrs Hainsworth had a beautiful baby girl at the start of the week. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations. Mr Hainsworth will be on paternity leave until the 23rd May.

Our **Jubilee Picnic will be held on Friday 27**th **May**. All families are invited to come and have a picnic with the children on the school field at 12.30. We will be planting a tree and pupils are planning a little bit of entertainment so please do try and come and join us. Parents are free to take their children home after the picnic. We are also selling Jubilee bookmarks during the next week, more info to follow.



Mrs J Woolley Headteacher



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SATs Breakfast





This week, children in Year 6 have enjoyed a fantastic breakfast all together before completing their SATs tests. They feasted on croissants, brioche, toast and jam before polishing off huge amounts of oranges, pineapple and banana! We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing teaching assistants Mrs Weston, Mrs Eke, Mrs Walton and Mrs Lee who all came into school extra early to help set up and run the club. We couldn't have done this without you-thank you.

Mrs Cartledge and Mr Godfrey

Breakfast With a Book – Yr 3

We are delighted that we are now able to resume 'Breakfast with a Book' this term (an initiative to encourage children to read for pleasure that we enjoyed pre-covid). The first session on Wednesday 8th June is for parents of children in year 3. Please see the letter below for more details.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to help promote opportunities for our children to read for pleasure at St Mary's, we are delighted to invite you to a **Reading Breakfast** which will take place on <u>Wednesday 8th June</u> in the hall from <u>9am - 9.30am</u>. Please come and join us for some refreshments and spend some enjoyable time sharing books and reading with your child.

The reading session will start with Mrs Woolley giving a short presentation about reading at home. Then you will be joined by your child, who will have already chosen a book that they would like to share with you. A selection of books from our library and a recommended reading list will also be available for you to read but if you also have a favourite book that you would like to share, then please bring it along.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to continue our Reading for Pleasure journey with you.

Thank you for your support Mrs Cartledge and the Year 3 team.





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May half term, Gloucestershire County Council- Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) Voucher scheme

This May 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 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 May 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.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please ask them to contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the May half term period is now open until the 24th May. Voucher emails will be sent out between 25th and 26th May. 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

<u>childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk</u>> with the following details:

- * Their full name
- * If they have received any vouchers for the holiday and if so, how much.
- * When they originally signed up for the scheme
- * The email that they signed up to the scheme with
- * Their eligible child(ren)'s
 - * Name
 - * School year they are in
 - * School they attend.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on<<u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046</u>> our website.

Alternative link: <u>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/?msclkid=192e0c5acf9b11eca8734a25a47c2046</u>









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Places still available For further information, please watch his video

https://atlascamps.co.uk/promo/generic-<u>16x9.mp4</u>.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at <u>www.atlascamps.co.uk</u> to book.



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Please consider choosing us as your chosen Amazon Smile charity. If you select your St. Mary's Primary School as your chosen charity **Amazon will donate 0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases at **no 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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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 <u>http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/</u> 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 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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Community

Here is the **link** to the next issue of <u>Families</u> <u>Gloucestershire Magazine</u> for you to share with your parents.

This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including starting school resources, times tables resources, Father's Day gift ideas, adventures at home and much more.

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



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-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

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The Library

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Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

Our school is working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can spare an afternoon or two a week to come in

to school. As a reading helper you would hold reading sessions with some of our children on a one-to-one basis, giving those that need it extra support to practise reading skills outside of the classroom.

For more information or if you want to apply online, visit the website at <u>www.corambeanstalk.org.uk</u> and complete an application form.



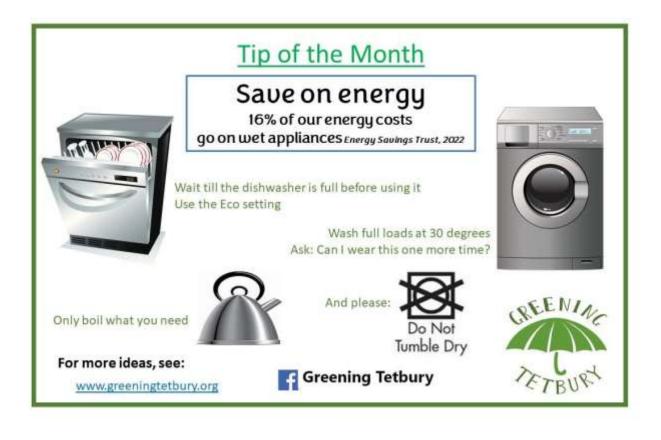








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Queen's 70th Jubilee Sunday 5th June 2022 2pm - 6pm

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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