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Dear Parents

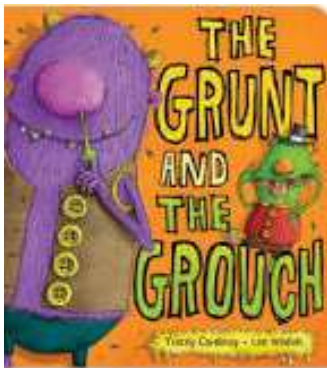
We have reached the end of another busy term at St. Mary's. The children have participated in a wide variety of activities over the last 6 weeks. Children have been to Young Voices in Birmingham, we have had skipping workshops, gymnastics competitions, a Year 6 World War Two day, a visit from ZooLab and an author....as well as lots of other exciting things.

Thank you to the wonderful PtFA who organised the discos last week. As a result of their fundraising we have managed to purchase resources for the children this term including maths resources for every class, music resources and they are continuing to support trips and visits to enhance the curriculum.

Have a great half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 24th February, and not forgetting Bikeability for year 5's starting Monday 24th February and Reception children visiting Bristol Aquarium on Friday 28th February.

Mrs Woolley

Author Visit



On 31st January we welcomed author Tracey Corderoy, into school. She has written many children's books including the Yr 2 has been reading this term "The Grunt and the Grouch". Tracey shared some of her other stories with us as well as giving us a little workshop on how to draw a character from one of her other books, Slippery Sam.

We were also joined by the Yellow Lighted Bookshop at the end of the day who were selling some of Tracey's books and she personally sign copies for the children.

We took just under £400, which means we are able to spend a commission of £80 (20% off our sales). Thank you to Tracey and to everyone who purchased books

Cross Country News

Congratulations to Matthew M for coming 7th in the Year 6 boys Cirencester and District Cross Country County Qualifier race at the Royal Agricultural College on Friday 7th February. We are very proud of Matthew's achievement as he has qualified to race for the Cirencester and District team in the County Finals to be held in Cheltenham on Saturday 29th February. Good Luck Matthew!

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Westonbirt – Earth and Space day 6th February 2020

On Thursday 6th February, 12 children from year 5 went to Westonbirt school for an Earth and Space day. The first thing we did was AMAZING – out of this world experiments. We mixed a few chemicals together and some glowed in the dark, some changed colour and some re-lit fire. After that, we went into an excellent planetarium dome where the adults told us about the star shapes and the planets. Then we had lunch with lots of nice food.

Finally, we made crater formations and we measure their diameters. We dropped a ball bearing from different heights, into sand, to create a crater. The whole day was great fun and very interesting.

By Alfie D and Savelle S



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Cluster Netball Tournament

After school on Thursday 13th February, the St Mary's Lime Lions and Pink Panthers competed in the cluster Y5/6 netball tournament at SWR. Everyone showed great courage and were extremely caring towards their teammates and the opposing team.

The results were:

Lime Lions drew 0-0 and 1-1 and won 2-0

Pink Panthers won 1-0 and lost 0-1

The Lime Lions Team have qualified for the next round where they will compete against many teams in the district. If they qualify at the district they will go on to compete at the county competition.

We all had a great time and are proud of having the courage to take part. We would like to say thank you to Miss Snell and Kate for coaching us and for Mr Clarke and the parents who supported us.

By Abi and Noah



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Breakfast with a Book!

Year 2's on Wednesday 26th February in the hall 9am – 9.30am

Year 2 Parent/Carers 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. Please remember, if you do have any questions regarding reading, see your child's class teacher or Mrs Cartledge. We are always happy to help.

Keep reading!

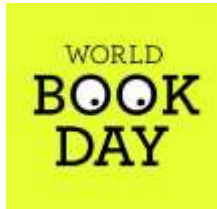
Thank you for your support. Mrs Cartledge.



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World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2020. This year staff have decided that we will not be dressing up but instead, each class will be celebrating World Book day in their own way, so please look out for information in the newsletter over the forthcoming weeks. Already exciting plans are being made!

We will also host our usual World Book Day Competition. This year we invite the children to design and make a 'Book in a Box'. You need to think of a favourite book or poem, and then create a scene from it, which is presented in a shoebox. The aim is that the judges (and everyone else) will be able to guess which book you have chosen. Please see below for lots of ideas.

Please bring your entries to the hall on World Book Day and make sure your design is labelled with your child's name and class. We look forward to seeing your amazing creations!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Cartledge



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ANDY SEED

Is visiting St Mary's Primary School on

Tuesday 3rd March to share his stories, funny animal facts and poems. He will also be signing and selling his books so come along to meet Andy in the hall after school.



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Scholastic book fair –

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Monday 9th March afterschool
by the School Office and The Den 3.15pm – 4.15pm

WELCOME TO READING AGES 2+

- NEW **Princess** £3.99
- NEW **LEGO READERS: POKEMON LEGENDARY ULTRA BLASTS** £4.99
- NEW **ANN DO NINJA KID** ONLY £2.99 £4.99 £3.99
- NEW **SUPERTATO** £4.99
- NEW **With FREE headphones! Peppa the Mermaid** £4.99
- NEW **READY, SET, READ!** 12 BOOKS FOR ONLY £7.99 £6.99

READ ALONE AGES 6+

- NEW **The Fox Busters** ONLY £2.99 £4.99
- NEW **EMILIO OMAR** £3.99
- NEW **BATTLE BUGS** 4 PAPER ONLY £7.99 £4.99 £3.99
- NEW **My First POOPY SURPRISE** WITH FREE STAINER £3.99
- NEW **Puppy Fun** £4.99
- NEW **With FREE pen! Fairy** £4.99

READ ON AGES 8+

- NEW **BOY GIANT** PAPERBACK EXCLUSIVE £4.99
- NEW **GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM** £4.99
- NEW **HIS DARK MATERIALS** ONLY £2.99 £4.99
- NEW **WORLD FOOTBALL RECORDS** PAPERBACK EXCLUSIVE £3.99
- NEW **ST OR SWITCH ALESIA DIXON** £4.99
- NEW **Midnight Classroom** £4.99

EVERY BOOK YOU BUY AT OUR BOOK FAIR... HELPS US EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL... LOVE READING? LOVE OUR BOOK FAIR!

Open me for your Book Bingo card

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SCHOLASTIC

Come to our
Book Fair
and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!*

NEW **Tom Gates** **BISCUITS** **BIG PLANS** **Exclusive edition**

NEW **SUPERTATO** **VEGGIES IN THE VALLEY OF DOOM**

NEW **Unexpected Twist** **An Olive Twist Tale** **Hundreds of the best books to choose from!**

NEW **World's Worst Children 3**

NEW **Pokémon SUPER DELUXE ESSENTIAL HANDBOOK**

NEW **LIGHTNING GIRL** **SUPERHERO SQUAD** **ALESHA DIXON**

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Monday 9th March afterschool by the School Office and The Den 3.15pm – 4.15pm

The best **NEW** books at pocket-money prices!

WIN AN IPAD, A HUGE BOOK BUNDLE AND MORE!

Visit www.bestofthebestbooks.scholastic.co.uk/happymoney or www.bestofthebestbooks.scholastic.co.uk/happymoney to enter

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OPAL Update

As the winter has progressed, the children have spent the vast majority of their time enjoying the wide-open space of the school field! Yes, this has brought with it the problem of occasionally (possibly more regularly than that...) muddy children. However, the children have been making the most of their break and lunchtimes and overall, OPAL is proving to be a roaring success. The weather has understandably caused many of the resources in the OPAL store to degrade and we are therefore looking to re-stock.

Over the half term break and afterwards as well, we would be very grateful for any of the following things you might have spare that you could donate for the purposes of play here at St Mary's.

<u>Cooking/kitchen:</u> Pots and pans Metal or rubber bowls and plates Wooden or rubber utensils Brooms and brushes Boxes and containers	<u>Imaginative toys (please, no large plastic toys as these break and pollute our environment):</u> Indestructible dog toys Tough dolls/teddies/plush toys	<u>Dressing up:</u> Mix of clean clothing Hats Helmets Gloves Scarves Masks
<u>Loose parts (eco friendly):</u> Rubber inner tubes Wooden sticks/ planks/ poles varied lengths Tarpaulins and sheets Ropes (short in length preferably) Wheelbarrows	<u>Gardening:</u> Buckets Gardening gloves	<u>Fitness, sport, games:</u> Tennis balls Bats Racquets Cones Skipping ropes Mid size balls Targets

Many thanks.
Mr Godfrey

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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

Self-esteem and
building resilience

Anxiety

Behaviour,
including anger

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

Or just search
'School Nurse Hubs
Gloucestershire'!

NHS

Gloucestershire Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust

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Thank you from Ffion, Emily and Isla in Year 6 - donations for the Nelson Trust charity

After the recent request of donations for the Nelson Trust charity, we have had many kind donations and we would like to thank everyone who brought something in. This will now go to the Nelson's Trust. It will be very much appreciated by all the staff and all the people who will collect and use these essentials. This has been a great experience for us and has helped us to realise how kind we are to others and what we would give up to help people.

from Ffion, Emily and Isla in Year 6

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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Thanks to your support at the school discos we raised a wonderful **£900!!!**

The photo booth made a welcome return at the older children's disco, prints will be coming home today and Monday, to the children that paid for photos during the disco. The recycling bins for sweet wrappers and bottles were well used by the children and will be an addition to all of our events going forward. We have a few glow sticks left over, which we will use at another fundraiser, then we will not be purchasing them again. We will continue to look for more environmentally friendly products. If you have any ideas please get in touch.

Thank you for your support and a special thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the discos.

Wishing everyone a happy half term.

Thank you, St. Mary's PTFA

100 Club winners

This month's winners are:

Clare B (41) winning £20

And

Michael B (26) winning £7

Congratulations! Please collect cheques from school main reception.

Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online, click via 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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HOLIDAY CLUB

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
EMAIL info@atlascamps.co.uk
PHONE 0800 772 0743

👤👤 4 - 14 YRS OLD



Atlas Camps – Last minute bookings number 07598396103 – Camp Manager for Tetbury.

Bookings can be made on the morning cut off point would be inline and bookings are updated immediately . Any problems ring the above number.

Child car vouchers taken.

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Community

Netball Youth Camp

Hartpury College, 18th February (half term), Age 9 – 11 years old

(possibly extending it to including 12 year olds too – please get in touch if this is of interest)

It's a brand new year and we are back with another range of boredom-busting February Half-Term Netball Youth Camps.

England Netball's official Netball Youth Camps provide netballers the opportunity to take to the courts during the school holidays for a nothing but netball experience. With top quality coaching, fun games and match play, it's the ultimate day for junior netball lovers.

Cold and raining? No problem. All of our February Half Term camps are taking place on indoor courts.

England Netball Member? Fantastic! You can access exclusive discounts on your Netball Youth Camp tickets, just look out for your members email for your discount code.

Click the link below to book a place on one of our February Netball Youth Camps:

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/NYC>

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ACTIVITY SHEET £1

TEA, COFFEE + CAKE

st mary's
playgroup

Welly Walk

Monday Feb 17th - 9.30am - 12.30pm

Find us at the gazebo in
the picnic area at the start of Preston Park

ALL WELCOME

If you go down to the
woods today you're
sure of a BIG
surprise!

Because today's the day the
Teddy Bears have their birthday!

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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**

