

Friday 30th November 2018

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Dear Parents,

It's all been a bit Christmassy in school today and it's only November! Children (and staff) looked absolutely gorgeous in their Christmas attire today and what a merry time we have had. Thank you to everyone for your donations of gifts for the Tombola. We are very much looking forward to a little bit of festive fun at the Christmas Fayre and once again can I thank our amazing PTfA for all their hard work raising money for the school.

We are having the Christmas Fayre early because on Friday next week it is the Tetbury lights switch on event. We are now singing at the Lights Switch on so children who would like to sing at The Market Hall should meet at the Town Council Offices at 5.30pm to process up to the Market Hall and then sing on the steps before the switch on. Parents need to walk with their children and parents are responsible for collecting their children at the steps immediately after the singing. There is also a Christmas magical Quiz for families around the town. We have attached a copy of the trail and you can also get them from the Town Council Offices.

#### Warm clothes

Please can I remind parents that children need to bring a warm coat to school and gloves and hats in cold weather. The children are out outside in all weathers and some children are not appropriately equipped. If you are unable to provide your child with a suitable coat please have a chat with Mrs Silins or me and we will see what we can do.

#### St Mary's Crib

A massive thank you to Scott Seal who has made a school crib for us for our nativity plays. Scott is an ex pupil of the school and he makes handmade doors, windows and kitchens amongst other things through his business 'Zeal Woodcraft'. Thank you Scott – baby Jesus will be very cosy in our new crib which will be centre stage for our nativity this year and for many years to come.

Mrs J Woolley  
Headteacher



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## School Diary

30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Jumper day at school & Christmas Fayre 5pm – 7pm 	19 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Grab a Grown up	19 December	EYFS Christmas performance 4pm
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Sportshall Athletics @SWR	20 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties (pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Experience Christmas	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Talent Show (children only)
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Tetbury Christmas light switch on PTFA Wreath making 7.30pm – 9.30pm	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal 'Hey Ewe' pupils only	2019	
11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance 'Hey Ewe' 1.45pm	7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas evening performance 'Hey Ewe time to be confirmed	21 <sup>st</sup> January	Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6) Birmingham
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service with SWR at the church 6.30pm	8 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA school Disco
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Goods Shed Cinema trip KS2 10am EYFS/KS1 1pm	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Dress rehearsal Christmas performance 1.45pm (pupils only)	25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Dick Whittington Panto for children (children only)	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas performance 1.45pm	7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day – Scholastics book fair
		15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day



### Children in Need

The final number for Children in Need raised was a fantastic £641.00 thank you to everyone who donated.

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## Year 4 Visit to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

On Wednesday 28th November, Year 4 went to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. We went there because our topic is Ancient Egypt and we wanted to learn more. We had a wonderful time looking at the fascinating artefacts such as real mummies! We also got to handle objects that were thousands of years old. Seeing real Egyptian mirrors and battle axe heads was amazing. We loved it!

Savelle, Marcie, Alice and Noah



## Pear Class

Pear Class have worked hard since September to earn a letter of "St Mary's". This week they achieved the final letter and were rewarded with a teddy bear's picnic during our Forest School session. We all had a great time and look forward to earning our next treat.



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## KS2 Christmas Concert St Mary's Church

This year, children in KS2 have once again been invited to participate in the SWR Carol Service, which will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Tetbury.

The children have been working hard with Mr Dillon, Head of Music at SWR, to learn songs for the service and they will sing alongside older students from SWR and pupils from Avening School. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year and an evening event, but we would like as many of our KS2 pupils to attend as possible, as this is a wonderful opportunity for our children to perform and come together as a community to begin our Christmas celebrations.

This is a free event, open to family, friends and members of the community. **No tickets are required.** We look forward to sharing this festive evening with you.

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## Clubs

**Faith Explorers - The club has now finished**



## Rugby Club

Last session of Rugby club this term will be 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## Cookschool

Bookings now being taken online for January club <http://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/clubs/2806>

The last session for Cookschool this term is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

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## Christmas Fayre – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November; 5-7pm

Come and visit the PTFA Christmas Fayre.

We have lots to see and do including; Raffle, Tombola, Food, Bar, Crafts, Stalls, Santas Grotto, Lolly Tree, Christmas Photo Booth, Glitter Tattoos and much more! Please come along and have some fun. Entry is £1 per adult. Children are free.



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grey tights and socks (ages 3 to 9)

Please bring your contributions by  
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We have a Santa's Sack in the school office, if you would like to bring in your donations of 'new' underwear and grey tights, Anna-Kate our French teacher, will collect Santa's sack and make sure the donations are sent out to children in Kibera, Nairobi.



## UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

**Christmas Craft: Wreath Making – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December; 7.30 – 9.30pm.**

Get festive and make your own Christmas wreath for a door or a table decoration.

Come along and bring a friend for Christmas craft and mulled wine (other refreshments will be available)

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available via Parentpay nearer the time.

Please provide your own gardening gloves and secateurs.

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## Easyfundraising.com

If you are super organised and already preparing for Christmas, don't forget to shop online via Easyfundraising.com You can 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. Retailers include Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Tesco, Expedia, Waitrose, flybe and many more. Sign up today!

## Classlist

St Marys PTFA have a parent representative scheme. A parent volunteer liaises with the class teacher / TA to pass on information to all the parents in each class to ensure everyone is fully informed about activities within each class.

We have found that this is especially useful for parents that are unable to drop off and collect their children due to work commitments.

Please register for the parent rep app - [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com) (available on the app store). Click 'Join Here' and search for 'St Mary's CE VA Primary School, Tetbury'

EYFS	<b>Cherry:</b> Kate Reeves	<b>Lime:</b> Penny Jones
Yr 1	<b>Pear:</b> Rhian Clapham	
Yr 2	<b>Holly:</b> Rhian Clapham	<b>Juniper:</b> Clare Banbrook
Yr 3	<b>Beech:</b> Natalie Skinner	<b>Willow:</b> Kate Reeves
Yr 4	<b>Maple:</b> Tash Grant	<b>Chestnut:</b> Tash Grant
Yr 5/6	<b>Ash:</b> Tori Packer	<b>Elm:</b> Katie McGrath
		<b>Oak:</b> Daisy Alban-Jones

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## Community

 Sir William Romney's School

 **CHRISTMAS QUIZ** 

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**7.30PM SCHOOL HALL (over 18s!)**

**BRING FRIENDS TO MAKE A TEAM OR JOIN  
OTHERS ON THE NIGHT**

**£5 per person** includes  
cheesy chips, mince pies and 1<sup>st</sup> drink  
there will be a bar & prizes



*Tickets available NOW from:*

Sir William Romney School Office  
Tetbury Hardware, London Road  
Leopard Press, Tetbury Market Place  
Keogh's Books, Market Street, Nailsworth

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SOCIAL SPACES PROJECT AT SWR

**All funds raised will be used to improve the  
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## Tetbury Library

### Free activities at Tetbury Library



On Saturday 8th December at 10am Mrs Claus herself will be visiting the library and reading Dr Seuss's 'How the Grinch stole Christmas!' Suitable for 3 to 8 year olds and their family and it includes a follow-up activity. Just turn up.

There are drop-in Grinchy activities running from 1st December to 5th January during library open hours - different activities each week, running for the whole week or until materials last.

A winter themed Silk Painting Workshop for 5 to 8 year olds is on Saturday 15th December 10:30 - 12:30. Places are limited, so please book your place via Eventbrite or the library (ph. 01666 502258).

A weekly Italian story-time for 3 to 6 year olds will be starting on Saturday 12th January - a great opportunity to learn a little of this beautiful language and includes a follow-up activity. Just turn up. Everyone very welcome.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

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**NHS**  
Gloucestershire  
Care Services  
NHS Trust

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> December at Gloucester North Fire Station,  
Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester, GL3 1AF – 16:30-19:30**

**And**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent) and provide consent electronically

Understanding You

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## French Christmas clubs

Reserve now!  
[admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com)  
[www.clubs4kids.com](http://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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Thank you!



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Dinner money for orphans: ending hunger  
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