

Friday 12th May 2023

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Coronation weekend. Thank you to everyone who came along to the tea on the field on Friday. The children really enjoyed singing to you all and we were delighted that the rain held off! We were pleased to welcome representatives from the Town Council and the Town Crier today who attended Collective Worship to present a gift of a coronation mug to all the children in the school. My 81-year-old Mum told me at the weekend that she remembers being given her coronation mug at school at Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in 1953. Let's hope all our pupils remember this event for years to come.



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Year 4 had a fantastic time at PGL at the start of last week. They participated in so many different activities and really enjoyed the whole experience. Our thanks to all the staff who took them.

We have had a busy week with **SATS** this week. Year 6, as always, have risen to the challenge and approached the tests with great maturity. We are very proud of them. As always, the tests were challenging, but the children did their best and can now enjoy their last term at St. Mary's and all the exciting events.

Year 2 have also been completing assessments this week. Their teachers have expressed their pride in how well the children have coped. Well done everyone.

New Staff

Last week we appointed Mrs Hamilton who will be joining us as EYFS leader and Lime class teacher in September. Mrs Hamilton is currently head of Early Years at Malmesbury Primary School and she is very excited to be joining the team.

Mrs Makin, who previously was a senior leader at Rodmarton and has been teaching in KS2 here on a part time basis, will be taking up a position as KS1 Leader and Holly class teacher in September. We are delighted that Mrs Makin has accepted this post and we look forward to working with her.

Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust

St. Mary's Primary School will become an Academy on 1st June 2023 and will join the Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust. Over the last few months, the governors and senior leaders at the school have been working with the Executive Leadership Team from the Trust to prepare us for the conversion. It has been a very busy time for us and the next few weeks will require a lot of behind the scenes work to enable a smooth financial, legal and operational transition.

The benefits of being part of the Trust are already becoming clear and we are very excited to be part of such a strong MAT. You have already been emailed a question-and-answer paper to update you with the conversion. Please take the time to have a read and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

We have lots of fun planned for the remainder of the year. In the next two weeks Year 1 are off to visit Crocodile World next week and of course the PTFA are running a disco on Thursday 25th May.

Have a very happy weekend everyone.

Mrs J Woolley, Headteacher.

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Year 4 PGL Residential Visit

Year 4 have just returned from their residential visit to PGL Liddington. Everyone had a fantastic time and we were really impressed by the children's determination and perseverance to master challenging activities (zip wire, rock climbing and a physical challenge course) that took some children out of their comfort zone. The children were very enthusiastic about 'Aeroball', an activity that involved throwing a ball at a target to score goals while bouncing on a trampoline! In the evening, we all enjoyed a camp fire, singing songs and listening to funny stories. We would like to say 'Thank you' to Mrs Lee, Mrs Healey and Miss Rush; they did a brilliant job supporting and encouraging the children throughout our visit.

Mrs Danton and Miss Keen

What some of the children had to say...

'My favourite moment: Everything, because it was so fun!' (Darcy K)

'If I could, I would live there because I had such fun!' (Ben)

'I was really proud when I did the zip wire.' (Alissa)

'My favourite activity was the zip wire because I whizzed through the air!' (Ren)

'My favourite moment was when I reached the top of the climbing wall and said "Ring, Ring, Ring" because I have never reached the top before!' (Elsie)



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Year 6 SATs

Year 6 took part in their SATs this week. They came in everyday and had their SATs breakfast where they were treated to a feast! We wanted to say how impressed we were with each and every one of you for the effort and determination you have shown this week. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Mr Bartrop and Mr Godfrey



Reminder its Walk to school week next starting on Monday 15th May

We are taking part in the 'Walk to school week' this year. Dust off your walking shoes and hide the car keys for a few days to join in with the challenge, starting on Monday 15th May. It's better for your health and for the environment - go on, give it a try!



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Forest School

It's been fantastic to see forest school come to life again through spring, some beautiful flowers have bloomed, birds singing in the trees, butterflies dancing around the new life and the pond full of life. Year 1 have been busy investigating seasons at forest school over the past couple of weeks going on a spring scavenger hunt and looking for signs of spring around the school field. It was amazing to see the trees we planted last year for the Queen's Jubilee full of blossom!

The children have really embraced their forest school sessions, full of curiosity and a beautiful caring spirit for the natural world.

Mr Knight



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Year 2 Cake sale

We raised over £190 at our cake sale this week – many thanks to everyone for making and buying cakes – this will all go towards 'extras' the year 2 camp.



Raising Funds for the Air Ambulance

Last weekend Esmé and Isla helped out at Badminton Horse Trials, both girls did a two hour shift on Saturday and Monday at the 'shop and drop' raising funds for the Air Ambulance. They helped bag up people's shopping, record their details and then find and return their bags when they came back to collect them.



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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.

Please let the school office know if you find the bin full.



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PTFA Summer Disco – Thursday 25th May

Please join us in fortnights time, in your favourite summer party wear to dance away to groovy tunes at the PTFA summer disco!!

We will be partying on Thursday 25th May.

- Tickets will be available to purchase on parentpay for £2.50 from Thursday 11th May.

Disco times:

- Years 1 and 2: 4 - 5pm
 - Years 3 and 4: 5.15 - 6.15pm
 - Years 5 and 6: 6.30 - 7.30pm
- (EYFS will have their own disco during the school day)

We will be selling:

- Frankfurters (Inc veggie option) £1
- Neon facepaint £1
- Tuck shop, which ranges from 10p to 50p in cost per item e. g. small haribo bag or a milky way.

ESSENTIAL BOOKING INFO:

- You must provide the name and number of the collecting adult when booking. 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 Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class.
- Pick up at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- 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
- No mobile phones are allowed at the disco
- Only St. Marys students may attend the disco.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



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PTFA - Get involved!

We are always looking for more helpers and fresh ideas, please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk if you are able to help.



Ice Cream Fridays

We will be selling ice creams after school every Friday in front of main reception.

- Cones, rocket lollies and Fabs are £1.
- Mini milks are 50p.
- We accept cash or card.
- We start selling at 3pm so please consider buying before you collect your child/ children.

If you are ever able to help sell ice-cream's, please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk, it only takes half an hour of your time.

Mystery Brownie Fridays!!

On the last Friday of every month, we will be selling chocolate brownies along with a new mystery flavour each month in association with Fudgin' Shell Brownies!!!!

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Easyfundraising.com

Easyfundraising is an easy way to support your child's school at no cost to you!

When you are doing any online shopping, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Mary's 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.

Friends and family can also use Easyfundraising as an easy way to support your children's school.

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When using the Amazon app or website to make purchases, select our school as your chosen charity and

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)

For information on how to set up AmazonSmile please visit:

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

Atlas Camps – May half term

May half-term camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this May with a selection of places still available to book! Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 3-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

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For further information, please watch this video <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlas camps.co.uk to book.

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NEARLY NEW Sale SATURDAY 13th MAY

10.30am – 12.30pm

CASH FOR ENTRY AND REFRESHMENTS

CARD CAN BE USED FOR PURCHASES

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fundraising@stmarysplaygrouptetbury.co.uk

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Refreshments

Entry Fee **£1**

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You are invited to

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NEXT MEETS: 4pm SUNDAY 21st MAY

IN ST MARY'S SCHOOL HALL

For all the family, on Sunday afternoons
St Mary's School Hall, 4.00-5.30pm

Explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions,
big and little. Enjoy time together with crafts,
chatting, sharing iSingPOP songs and prayers.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult please.