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Dear Parents,

The children, parents and staff who went to Young Voices in Birmingham last week had a brilliant time. Thank you to everyone who went and helped the children learn all the songs. A great time was had by all.

Next week we will be learning the I Sing Pop songs and holding two concerts for parents on Thursday. A separate communication is going out to parents about this. We will be putting the staging up in St Mary's Church on Wednesday evening between 6pm and 8pm and taking it down after the concert on Thursday evening. We would be very grateful to anyone who would be available to help us with this. The staging is quite cumbersome and heavy and we need some muscle please!! Thank you.

**Mrs J Woolley**  
Headteacher

## School Diary

28-31 January	iSingPOP rehearsals	1st March	Cross Country @ Farmors School, Fairford (Cross Country club only)
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Ash Class visit to Police Museum	7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day
31 <sup>st</sup> January	2.00pm iSingPOP Concert Parents welcome 6.00pm iSingPOP Concert Parents welcome	Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastics Book Fair 3.15 – 4pm Scholastics Book Fair 3.15 – 4pm
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Grab a Grown Up EYFS/KS1 No Swimming for year 5/6	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Clearwell Caves
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Key Steps Gum Competition @ SWR Cross Country @ St Marys (Cross Country club only)	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Elm Class visit to Police Museum	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Museum in the Park, Stroud, Year 2 Last Swimming session years 5/6	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Tag Rugby @ Cirencester RFC Year 3/4
8 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA school Disco	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country @ Kingshill, Cirencester (Cross Country club only)	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival @ SWR 1.15pm–2.45pm years 2, 5 and 6
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception and year 1 Dental Survey
25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Swimming Gala
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability 2 wks - Yr 5 (Bikes & Helmet needed ) year 6	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country @ Deer Park, Cirencester (Cross Country club only)	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day of term

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## Imam Hassans Visit

On Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> January Ash, Elm, Oak had a treat. We had a visit from Imam Hassan, who talked about his religion- Islam. The people of his religion are called Muslims. He told us about the five pillars of Islam which are the foundation of his religion. These are called Shahadah, Sawm, Zakah, Salah and Hajj. The final pillar- Hajj- means that they have to go on a pilgrimage to a special place called Mecca at least once in their life (if they can afford it). They also call it the house of God. Imam Hassan showed us pictures of the mosque in Mecca which had capacity for about 4 million people. The mosque was a beautiful, grand building. Sawm (the third pillar), means Muslims have to fast for a month they call Ramadan because it reminds them of the poor people in the world. It also helps them to remember to be grateful for all that they have. We think it is very thoughtful and shows commitment to their religion. We are grateful that the teachers organised this visit because it helped us to understand Islam in more detail.

By Phoebe & Anna



## Young Voices 2019!

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, the Young Voices choir went to the Genting Arena, Birmingham, for the largest children's concert in the world! We arrived at half past one after a long bus ride and enjoyed our well-earned lunch. After that, we had to rehearse our songs with the 180 other schools. During the break, some of our teachers went gooey when they met Tony Hadley! After a long and tiring practice, we all sat down for our dinner whilst Urban Strides (a dance group dedicated to Young Voices) practiced their opening dance for the main show. Then, it was time for the live show! The parents were all seated and the lights



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flashed off. The excited screams of the choir echoed around the arena and the show commenced. Coloured flashing lights and beautiful singing voices - it was an amazing, once in a life time, experience we won't forget.

We all want to say a big thankyou to Mrs Pike for leading our rehearsals and taking us to the concert and a big thanks to all the other teachers who took part and came along to experience it with us. Year 5s & 6s will cherish it for the rest of their life and this has surely been the best concert yet!

## Mini-Cricket World Cup

On Tuesday, Key Stage One took a team of cricketers to a 'Mini-Cricket World Cup' run by Kingshill school PE students. We represented Sri Lanka. We played lots of cricketing games, practiced our cricket skills and had lots of fun!

"I liked throwing and catching the frisbees. It was tricky, but I did it!"

"I loved it!" "I was good at throwing the ball and catching it. I got more than 10"

" thought it was awesome"

"I liked it when we threw balls at the wall and caught them. They were fast!"



## Police Museum Visit

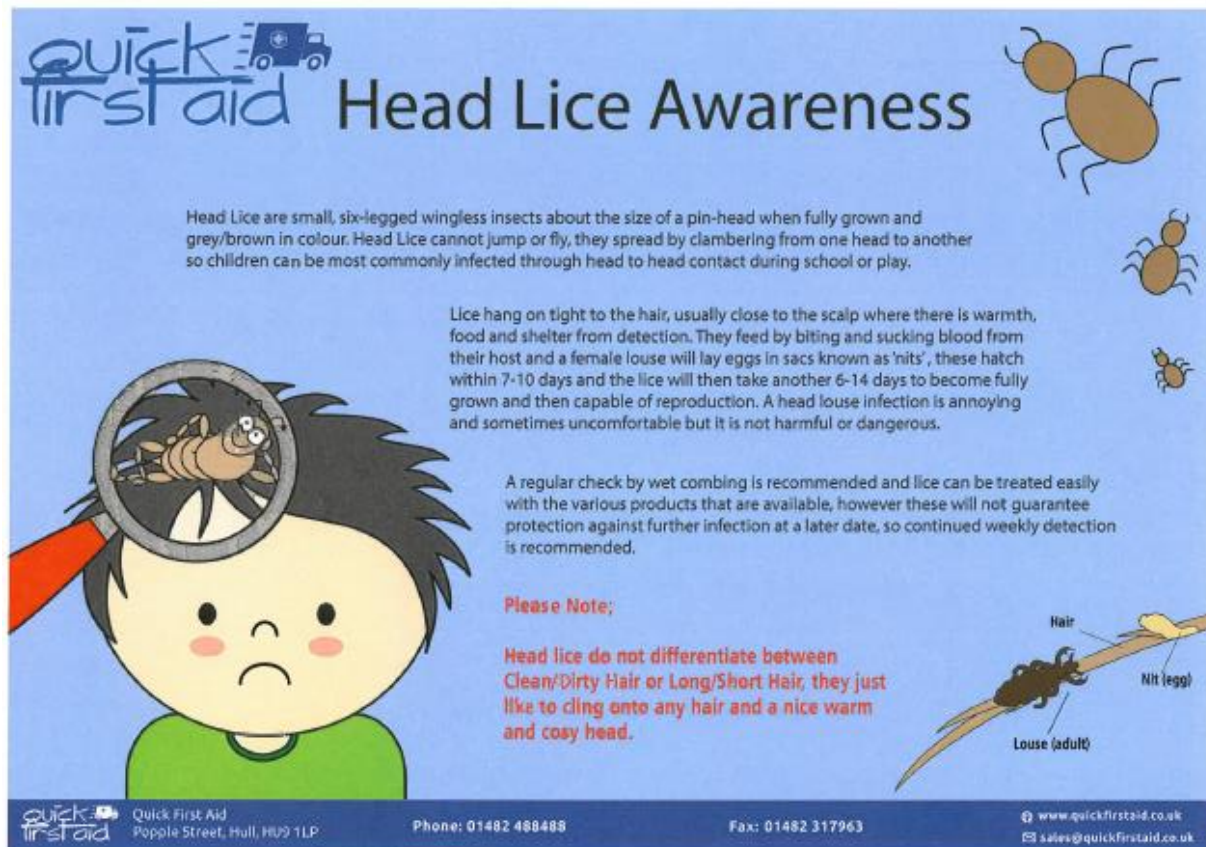
Today Oak Class visited the Police Museum to learn more about our topic - Crime and Punishment. We were shown around by Stephen who told us lots of interesting facts about the Police Force in Tetbury. We also met 'Fred' who had been arrested for being drunk in public and 'Ned' who was in court for stealing vegetables and underwear! We had a really enjoyable, interesting morning.



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**quick first aid** Head Lice Awareness

Head Lice are small, six-legged wingless insects about the size of a pin-head when fully grown and grey/brown in colour. Head Lice cannot jump or fly, they spread by clambering from one head to another so children can be most commonly infected through head to head contact during school or play.

Lice hang on tight to the hair, usually close to the scalp where there is warmth, food and shelter from detection. They feed by biting and sucking blood from their host and a female louse will lay eggs in sacs known as 'nits', these hatch within 7-10 days and the lice will then take another 6-14 days to become fully grown and then capable of reproduction. A head louse infection is annoying and sometimes uncomfortable but it is not harmful or dangerous.

A regular check by wet combing is recommended and lice can be treated easily with the various products that are available, however these will not guarantee protection against further infection at a later date, so continued weekly detection is recommended.

**Please Note:**  
Head lice do not differentiate between Clean/Dirty Hair or Long/Short Hair, they just like to cling onto any hair and a nice warm and cosy head.

Quick First Aid  
Popple Street, Hull, HU9 1LP  
Phone: 01482 488488  
Fax: 01482 317963  
www.quickfirstaid.co.uk  
sales@quickfirstaid.co.uk

Head Lice combs are available from the school office at a small charge of £1

## Clubs

### Faith Explorers (Wednesdays)

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
- half term
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- **Collective Worship – to be confirmed**



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## Everyone can Sing!

St Mary's School Community Choir



**Every Tuesday**

**3.15-4.15pm**

**In School Hall**

**All parents, staff, governors and children  
(Year 2 upwards)**

**No audition, nervous singers welcome.  
Pop, Rock and songs you will love!**

Calling all those Young Voices – now the Young Voices club has finished, we would love to recruit the children from Young Voices into our St Mary's Community Choir. The choir runs every Tuesday, by Bidi (professional music teacher), the session is subsidised by the school, leaving a small charge of £1 per person. Parents are very welcome to join. Payment can be made via parentpay and the club can be booked via the parents evening system <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> or telephone or email the school office.

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## UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

### School Disco – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

£2.50 per child, please pay via parentpay from 4<sup>th</sup> Feb.

KS1 (year 1 & 2): 5.30 – 6.30pm

KS2 (years 3-6): 6.45 – 7.45pm



**KS1** tuck shop: Jelly sweets & chocolate will be on sale for 20p each.

**KS2** will also have a tuck shop and the popular photo booth is back with a variety of new props. Tuck shop items priced from 10p to 50p. Photo booth is 50p a go.

We will also be selling glow items at both discos (50p/£1)

If you have any questions about the disco, please don't hesitate to ask. The PTFA organise and attend the discos and 3 members of staff will be also present at each disco.

Drop off for disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class. Pickup at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground. Please note: No mobile phones allowed. The discos are for St Marys students only.

Reception years disco – a letter will be sent out to all reception parents with more information next week.

## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any Christmas shopping online, click 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 other commitments.

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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> Rhiain Clapham		
Yr 2	<b>Holly:</b> Rhiain 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

## Community

### University of Leeds - Questionnaire

We are researchers from the University of Leeds, and we are conducting a study to find out more about children's eating habits and food in the family home. In particular, we are interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children.

We have developed an online questionnaire and are asking parents to fill this in. The questionnaire takes about 8-12 minutes to complete, is anonymous and voluntary.

*We would be grateful if you would consider completing the questionnaire.*

\*Questionnaire link - <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018> \*