



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019
Our Christian Value for the term: Friendship

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Dear Parents,

We have had another lovely week at school. Despite the rain, the children have been out on the field having a brilliant time at playtimes. The school field has different zones and children have been digging in the digging area, making amazing mud cakes, engaging in imaginative play with all the bits and pieces from the shed and having fun on the wheeled toys and scooters amongst other things. They really are having a great time outside at playtime – thank you to Mr Godfrey who has led the development of play at St. Mary's so well and to all the staff who are out there joining in and finding their inner child!

#### Dogs in school

We appreciate that walking the dog to school is a good way to get some fresh air and exercise. Recently, however, I have noticed that parents are bringing dogs up to the top of the car park rather than tying them at the bottom of the drive in the dog park area. The most congested part of the school, particularly at the end of the day, is the area around the top of the school car park by the little roundabout. Please can I ask parents not to bring dogs up here. The combination of prams, dogs and small children makes it quite chaotic. Please leave your dogs at the bottom of the drive or wait for your child there if you don't want to tie your dog up.

#### **SATS**

Next week Year 6 children will be sitting their SATS. Thank you to Mrs Lee, Mrs Weston and Mrs Rudge who are organising SATS breakfasts for the Year 6 children before school.

#### Disco

The school disco night is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along and support the disco – money raised will add to the PTfA funds which in turn benefits all the children in the school.

Mrs J Woolley Headteacher

The next newsletter will be published on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – the school diary will be updated each week on the school web site under 'office'/' Key dates'.

Please note date change for School class and leavers photos to Monday 17th June









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## SATS Week 13 - 16<sup>th</sup> May

Next week the children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests which assess the children's progress over their time in KS2. The tests comprise of an English spelling and grammar paper, an English reading paper, an arithmetic paper and two maths reasoning papers. Most tests take 45 minutes to one hour.

SATS week will begin with the spelling, punctuation and grammar (Spag) tests. These will be taken on Monday 13 May.

The reading tests will be taken on Tuesday 14 May.

Mathematics papers 1 and 2 will be taken on Wednesday 15 May.

Mathematics paper 3 will be taken on Thursday 16 May.

SATS Breakfast Club will run from 8.15am each morning so the children are well fed for the day ahead! A letter has already been sent out about breakfast club which can be paid for via Parentpay.

Please make sure that your child is well rested over the weekend. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked all year and we know they will all do their best next week.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Lee, Mrs Weston and Mrs Rudge for organising and running the SATS Breakfast club.

We look forward to seeing them-raring to go-on Monday morning!



#### **Cricket Skills**

Last Wednesday we went onto the year 3 & 4 playground and did some cricket skills. We learnt how to bounce small balls and catch them. We played a really fun game called tidy your room where we had to throw balls across and collect them then add up the totals. We had a lot of fun. Ella, Martha Holly class









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#### **Mountain Biking and Archery**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April we entered the Cotswold District Mountain Biking and Archery event. Our Y5 Mountain Biking squad were encouraged by representatives from GB cycling and the Y5 Archers were coached by a local

Archery club. They all had a fantastic experience

learning and developing new skills.

The Archers competed against six other schools and achieved a bronze medal for their outstanding performance.

Well done to everyone















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### **Gloucester Cathedral year 6 Leavers Service**

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, the whole of Year 6 will be attending the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral. This will be an excellent opportunity for your child to celebrate their time at St Mary's Primary School with children from other schools across the county.

Children will leave school at 12.15pm and return to school at approximately 3.45 – 4.00pm.



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm the local preschool and Saplings groups will be joining the St Mary's Reception children for a **Muddy Puddle Walk** to raise money for **Save the Children.** This will be our Welly Walk for the week.

Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk for Save the Children is a fundraising event created especially for young children – we're all really looking forward to it!

It'll be a great way for your little one(s) to explore their world and we can't wait to try out some fun Peppa-related creative activities with them!

#### What we're doing

We will be walking around the school field, finding muddy puddles to splash in!
We are asking the children to collect sponsorship for the event (see attached sponsor form)
You are very welcome to come along and bring younger siblings. Please come to the main school office at 2.10pm.

#### How we will help save children's lives

Every child should get the chance to make their mark on the world – and help build a better future for us all. The money we raise on our **Muddy Puddle Walk for Save the Children** will help children in the world's toughest places survive, be protected from danger and get the chance to learn.

You can find out more at <u>MuddyPuddleWalk.org.</u> Or, if you want to find out more about our plans for the day, just get in touch with Mrs Pike or Mrs Bell.

Thank you for helping to make our Muddy Puddle Walk extra special,







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#### Clubs

## Faith Explorers

This term, exploring the question: Who does God want me to be?

#### **Explorer Dates**

Pick up time: 4.25pm

- Wednesday 1st May
- Wednesday 8th May
- Wednesday 22nd May
- Half term break
- Wednesday 5th June
- Wednesday 26th June
- Wednesday 10th July







#### This term

This term, our BIG QUESTION will be: who does God want us to be? We begin by exploring the way God calls people in the Old Testament, looking at the stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. What did God see in them? What might God see in us? We look forward to sharing this with all our Faith Explorers. Love from Poppy, Rob, Valerie and Sarah, with Maisie & Megan

Wednesday 3rd July: FAITH EXPLORERS' COLLECTIVE WORSHIP, 2.45pm



### St Mary's CE VA Primary School

St Mary's Road, Tetbury, Gloucs GL8 8BW Tel: 01666 502 275 Office 9am - 3 30pm







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Garden Club Week 4. It was time for a green fingered planty day. The Weed cover under the after school club window is on pause for now in order to something a bit more fun and colourful! We worked hard to turn 4 empty grow beds into something a bit more appealing as I hope that you can see. It was probably the best weather day of the week and we made the most of it.

Planting list:

Cucumber

Carrots

Peas

Garlic chives

Marigolds (orange)

Snapdragons (white)

Gadioli Bulbs (mixed variety)

We have also kindly been donated some plants for our flower beds next to Pear Class. Thanks again to those that donate to us and of course the teachers and children that take part every week (Except Bank Holidays of course).

#### Looking good in the garden

#### Polemonium

'Bressingham Purple'

It smells lovely at the moment. See if you can find it! Information below.

https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/182797/Polemoniumyezoense-var-hidakanum-Bressingham-Purple-Polbress/Details



We will continue with the updates.

Mr Foster







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### Youth Netball

We are looking for new players to join us across all age groups:

Year 3 and 4

Year 5 and 6

Year 7 (U12)

Year 8 (U13)

Year 9 (U14)

Year 10 and 11 (U16)

For more information please contact: cirenyouthnetball@yahoo.co.uk

To register interest for September visit our website:

http://www.cirencesternetball.co.uk/juniors/ and complete the

Youth Squad Registration 2019-2020 form

We look forward to welcoming you on court soon.









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#### **Textile Recycler**

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground and all your donations are gratefully received. Please keep filling it up. The items are collected every two weeks, but if you find the bin full when you use it please let us know in the School Office so that we can arrange for it to be emptied. The bin is emptied regularly, but please tell us if you find it full.



UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

PTFA meeting – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 8pm



Several members of the core committee are standing down at the end of this academic year. To keep the PTFA running we would really appreciate you joining us at the next meeting of the PTFA committee.

The meeting is being held at The Royal Oak in the upstairs meeting room from 8pm.

## School Disco – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Tickets available on Parentpay now.

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.

## 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!









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#### **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.

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

EYFS Cherry: Kate Reeves Lime: Penny Jones

Yr 1 Pear:

Yr 2 Holly: Rhiain Clapham
Yr 3 Beech: Natalie Skinner
Yr 4 Maple: Tash Grant

Yr 5 (2.1) - Tash Grant

Yr 7 (2.1) - Tash Grant

Yr 8 Holly: Rhiain Clapham
Willow: Kate Reeves
Chestnut: Tash Grant

Yr 5/6 **Ash:** Tori Packer **Elm:** Katie McGrath **Oak:** Daisy Alban-Jones

#### Community

#### **Tetbury Library**



Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Code Club you can learn how to make cool games, animations and websites too! Perfect for 9 to 13 year olds, Tetbury Library Code Club will be running every Saturday between 11am and 12pm, from 4th May to 20th July. It's completely free but places are limited (and filling up fast!) so please book your place by contacting Tetbury Library on 01666 502258 or tetburylibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk>mailto:tetburylibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk>

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#### **HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUB, ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, May 2019**

St Mary's Primary School will be hosting Multi Sports holiday club at for R-Y6 pupils during May half term on the following dates:

#### Thursday 30th May 2019 - 08:45am - 15:15pm

Friday 31st May 2019 - 08:45am - 15:15pm

Sessions will cover the basics of agility, balance, co-ordination, speed, and spatial awareness using a variety of sports plus arts and crafts (wet weather) throughout the day. In addition, it will cover specific skills and techniques, but most of all focusing on FUN!

#### The cost is £10.00 per child per day!

To register please fill out the detachable slip below and return with payment:

• Pay by Cash (not cheque) by inserting into an envelope with the detached slip and hand to the School Office to pass on. Please note that we are unable to confirm your child's/children's place until payment is made.

#### Deadline for returning slips is Friday 24th May 2019.

There are a limited number of places available. If you book after places have been filled, you will be placed on a reserve list and will be informed if a place becomes available.

All equipment will be provided; children are expected to wear sports clothing and trainers and provide their own packed lunch with a drink. Warm/wet weather gear as well as a towel is also advised. All long hair should be tied back.

For queries please contact:

Mr Stephen Knight on:	E-mail: stephenknight82@gmail.com	Tel: 07717528378.
Cancellation policy		

If you choose to cancel your child/children's place by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**, a full refund will be offered. Any cancellations made after this date will be non refundable, however a rollover maybe offered.

#### St Mary's Primary School Holiday booking form - May half term 2019

Please indicate which day/days your child/children will be attending (circle or tick as appropriate).

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - 08:45am - 15:15pm

Friday 30th May 2019 - 08:45am - 15:15pm

Childs name:	Emergency Contact No:
Year Group:	
Email address:	
Medical conditions:	
I enclose payment of £	Signed (parent/guardian)









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## **TETBURY AREA YOUTH & COMMUNITY TRUST PRESENTS**

# TETBURY YOU



For 11-18 Year Olds





@THE GOODS SHED

**DOORS OPEN AT 5.45PM** FOR A 6PM START

> REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Tickets £2.50 in advance or £3 on the door

#### Tickets on sale at:

**Tetbury Hardware Store from 29th April 2019 Lunchtimes at SWR on 30th April & 7th May** 

> Any queries contact jo.tancock@tayct.org.uk









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# Visit **Tetbury**



# Photo Competition



Can't resist taking photos of our lovely town? A snowy Market House? Summer in full bloom? The Christmas illuminations? Or maybe it's the architectural gems or the quirky events such as Wacky Races or Woolsack Day?

We would love to see what pictures you think sum up Tetbury.

Enter our FREE competition for both children and adults with your favourite photo (or photos) and be in with a chance to win:

- Adult Prize A 3-COURSE MEAL FOR TWO AT THE ORMOND
- Under 18s A £25 CASH PRIZE

The winning entries will be celebrated in a 2020 Tetbury Calendar and with postcards showcasing our beautiful town.

All entries must be submitted in high resolution "jpeg" format, please.

Entry forms and T&Cs can be found on the 'News & Events' section of our website: www.visittetbury.gov.uk

The competition runs from the 1st of April to the 31st of May, 2019.







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