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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of Term 1 already, which seems unbelievable.

Parents' evenings are scheduled to take place in the hall on Tuesday 24th October and Thursday 26th October. Please make sure you sign up to meet with your class teacher. Parents should come to the hall at their allotted time. The bell will ring every 10 minutes. Please can I ask parents to make sure they stick to their time slot as we try very hard not to run over as that can throw all the appointment slots. You are welcome to go to your child's class to look at your child's books.

Staff changes: We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Wilmott on Friday 27th October. Mrs Wilmott has been a big part of St. Mary's School for many years and she will be missed. We wish her every success in her new job.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Pearce to the team as a new midday supervisor.

Non-uniform days. Children are told on the penultimate Friday which house has the most house points over the term and house non-uniform days are held for the children in the winning house on the **last Thursday** of each term. There is also a non-uniform day this term on Friday 27th October to raise funds for school.

Term dates: Term 1 ends on 27th October and the school will close for the half term break. Children return to school on Monday 6th November. An email was sent out this week informing parents that the school will close at 1.30pm on 22nd December for the Christmas holidays. All children will need to be collected at this time as there will be no after school provision.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs J Woolley Headteacher









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Yr 4 & 5 Healthy Pizza making

This week, children in Year 4 & 5 have been making pizzas! We have spent the term learning about where our food comes from and what a healthy, balanced diet looks like. We then carried out market research by investigating pizza packaging before planning our own healthier pizza recipe. The children in Ash, Elm and Maple worked brilliantly in teams to not only make the dough from scratch but to prepare all the ingredients for their toppings. Everyone especially enjoyed the taste testing part of evaluating our creations and we decided they were delicious!



















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We are the new Forest Green Rovers ambassadors.

We were invited to an induction evening on Tuesday, and we found out that FGR are an eco-friendly and vegan club. Their home kits are made out of old wood, their away kit is made from bamboo and their third kit is made from 100% recycled plastic. We think this would be a good chance for you to get involved with FGR and their matches.

To book tickets or sign up for a season ticket, visit the FGR website. Their next match is on Saturday 14th October against Colchester.

George W and Morgan S





George meeting one of Forest Green players, Fankaty Dabo at a recent induction evening.









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Tag Rugby at SWR

On Monday 2nd October, some pupils from Year 6 took part in a Tag Rugby event at SWR. The children played in mixed teams with children from Leighterton and Avening primary schools. They all displayed excellent teamwork and demonstrated St Mary's ethos with their positive attitude. The Sports Leaders and staff from SWR commented on how skilfully they moved around the pitch to ensure their team were successful. Thank you to the children for their commitment following a busy and tiring week on residential!







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Parents Evening

We will be holding parents evenings over two evening. This is an opportunity to come and meet your child's class teacher, you will also get a chance to view your child's books in their classroom.

- Parents evening will be on Tuesday 24th October 3.45pm 6.15pm
- Parents evening will be on Thursday 26th October 4.00pm 7.00pm

If you have been unable to book a slot, please contact the school office.

Flu (nasal) immunisation - update

Due to the Government deadline having all children in schools immunised by 15th December, the immunisation team will now be in school for 2 days not 3 days, Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 26th October 2023, any children that are not in on these days will be given a letter with information on where you can attend a catch up clinic.

We do require all parents to complete the form with their chosen **yes** or **no** box ticked . If you child's has not brought home a letter please collect a letter from the school office and return as soon as possible. If you do not complete a form the school nurse team will ring you and this takes time off of immunising children whose parents have returned the forms.

Swimming lessons - the bus bay must be kept clear for the returning coach every Wednesday afternoon.

Swimming lessons will now be on Wednesday afternoons, taking place at Malmesbury Leisure Centre. The voluntary contribution for swimming is £4.75 per week. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for PE which says each child should be able to swim at least 25 metres by the end of Key Stage 2.

Elm class children are currently having their lessons which started on <u>Wednesday</u> 20th September **for 6** sessions as follows: 20th, 27th September, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th October.

Dates for your diary

Ash class lessons will start Wednesday 8th November -13th December 6 weeks Maple class lessons will start on Wednesday 10th January – 21st February 6 weeks Oak class lessons will start on Wednesday 28th February – 17th April 6 weeks Rown class lessons will start on Wednesday 1st May – 12th June 6 weeks









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Secondary School Transfer Year 6

Unfortunately, a recent Gloucestershire County Council website update has meant that weblinks have changed since the Transfer to Secondary School letters were printed and distributed.

If you have been unable to use the link in the Transfer to Secondary School for September 2024 letter sent to parents earlier this term from Gloucestershire County Council - please see the updated link below:

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school-or-from-middle-to-high-school-september-2024/>

When making your application - please make sure you have received confirmation of your on-line form submission.

Deadline for submitting your application is 31st October 2023.

School Photo – update – register for notifications



Individual photos and family photos were taken on 4th October - You should have received a card with details on how to register for notifications when the photos are ready to view. If you have not received this please contact the school office as you will only have limited time to order free delivery to the school.

Milk

Reception Children whose parents/carers have registered them for Free school milk (under 5's), are receiving milk, in class at the moment, however it is not an automatic registration. If you would like to take advantage of the free school milk scheme (for under 5's), please register your child at www.CoolMilk.co.uk.
As your children turn five, this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk.







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If you do not want your child to receive milk in school, the parent/carer will need to cancel it. This should be done via Coolmilk. We are unable to do this in the school office. For further information please look at the coolmilk website or contact the school office.

Free school Meals (FSM)

If your <u>child</u> is not receiving free school meals at the moment and you think you may be eligible – apply now!

Please do not reapply if you are already receiving FSM.

All children in KS1 receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) which you do not have to apply for. However, it is worth checking if your child is eligible for FSM. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, we will received extra funding if your child is eligible, you will need your National Insurance number to hand and your childs date of birth.

Parents can apply for free school meals via the following linkhttps://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schooltransport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/

We receive extra funding for each eligible child registered. So even if you don't want your child to have school lunches, you still need to apply

to make sure our school receives all the government funding to which is it entitled – helping us provide your child with the best education and support. If you need any help please contact the school office.



Gloucestershire

Peripatetic Music lessons New Violin (yr 2 - yr 6)

You will soon beable to register your interest for your child to learn Violin – look out for information from Gloucestershire Music, this will be emailed to parents before the October break. If we have enough interest, Gloucetershire Music will beable to set this up for us. Lessons will take place on an afternoon to be confirmed.







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OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Fascinating FACT: Did you know, children spend about 1.4 years of their primary school attendance at playtime? That's about 20% of their time with us at St Mary's. Play is quite clearly a significant part of their education from Reception through to Year 6.

As a school we are very keen to improve the play experiences of children across the school, and we embarked on a fantastic project to transform break and lunchtimes for the children. The project is being supported by a company called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). Lots of information about it can be found at the website http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk. In a nutshell, it involves providing children with as wide a range of equipment as possible, which the children then use in creative ways to play together. It is less about teaching children how to play and more about giving them wider opportunities — after all, our children are play 'experts'! It also involves the children using our school grounds, including the field, throughout the year. We have welly boot shelters/stores installed to help with this.

If you are able to provide any items from the list below, we would be very grateful. Some items might seem strange to have in school, but rest assured the creativity of our children will put it to good use!

Items can be:

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Bread, milk, bottle and grocery crates	Old household appliances, hoovers, fax
	machines, microwaves etc
Brief cases	One Ton Dumpy Bags
Buggies, push chairs	Pallets
Cable drums	Phones
Cardboard boxes	Plastic Road Barriers
Carpet samples	Plastic trugs and bins
Carpet squares	Ropes
Cuddly Toys	Small Children's Bike Wheels, wheels
Fabrics - all shapes and sizes	Small wheely bins
Foam pipe covers and noodles	Steering Wheels
Guttering	Suitcases - all sizes
Hoses	Tarpaulins
Keyboards	Traffic Cones
Metal pots, pans, trays etc. Especially catering	Tubes of all kinds
sizes	
Nets, fishing, cargo, football	Tyres; car, Go-kart, motorbike, cycle
Office removal crates	Wooden block and off cuts
Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags	

We will make sure the equipment is safe for the children before they use it, so if you are in doubt, bring it in anyway. Thank you in anticipation of your support.







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Just a few things to share with you this week.

Firstly, as explained in the previous newsletter, we thought it would be a great opportunity to introduce ourselves throughout the next few weeks. We will start with Ellen, our Chair, pictured here with her eldest child. Ellen has two children at St Mary's and has vast experience in event planning. She has a passion for fundraising for our school and enjoys seeing the joy our events bring to the children and their families. As the chair of the PTFA, Ellen overseas all aspects of our fundraising and has an active role in all events from beginning to end and everything in between.



In the next newsletter, we will introduce another member of the team.

Next we move on to our first fundraiser of the year and one we know the children look forward to - Non uniform day! This will take place on Friday 27^{th} October and will be in exchange of £1. A further email will be sent as a reminder closer to the date and we will also advertise it on our Facebook page.

Lastly, we are excited to start planning our Christmas fundraisers! More information will be sent in due course about our events this year, but in preparation we would love to hear from anyone who could possibly help us either with the planning stages or to help on the actual event days/evenings. Help can be anything from, printing a few flyers or posters to cooking a turkey, filling sweet bags or labelling tombola prizes. There are so many ways to be involved. If you think you can spare some time to volunteer, please send us an email to ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more.

St. Mary's PTFA

(ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

(Facebook: @wearestmarys)









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Ice Cream Fridays will be back soon. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates!!

We will soon be selling ice creams again 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.

Easyfundraising.com

Easyfundraising is another 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.

Donate my school

You, your family and friends can continue to support St Mary's School Parents, Teachers & Friends Association by making donations here: https://donatemyschool.com/st-mary's-ptfa-tetbury-2345







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Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr 3/4/5/6 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.



Community Atlas Camp

Our October camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this half term with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14.

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











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







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We are writing as a representatives of the '20 is plenty' campaign for Tetbury - a small group of volunteer residents working to try to reduce the speed limit within central Tetbury.

We are preparing to submit a proposal to Gloucestershire Country Council for a Traffic Calming Order and will need the support of our residents. The aim of the proposal is to have the speed limit in central Tetbury reduced to 20MPH (a map detailing where this would be implemented will be live soon).

We would love to involve the children in our community by using their artwork on speed awareness signage around town and this is where I'm hoping you'll be able to help! Please see the above poster (info on what you need to do and where you need to send this below) as well as some basic templates attached.

Fancy your artwork being displayed on new speed awareness signage around Tetbury and be in with the chance of winning a prize? Here's how to enter: Create some beautiful artwork



(white background & A4 size) or use one of our templates(sent via email earlier this week) to get you started, you can add words too - think about what would make drivers slow down in our town. Send it to us by scanning or downloading and emailing it to tetbury@20splentyforus.org.uk detailing your name and age OR Pop it in an envelope with your name, age and contact details and post to: 2 Charlton Cottages, Tetbury, GL8 8TS

Please do not send your entries into school.

20 is plenty' campaign
Tetbury residents volunteer Group









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Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the **link** to the next issue of **Families Gloucestershire Magazine Sep/Oct 2023** for you to **share with your parents**.

Our September/October 2023 issue is loaded with useful information for local parents including:

- Free Halloween Activity Pack
- Making the most of Parents' Evenings
- Best new adventure books for kids
- How can Al support dyslexia?
- Celebrating different learning styles
- Phonics resources to assist with reading
- Fun role play ideas for kids
- Autumn outside activities
- Top family friendly museums
- and loads more.....

Copy and paste the link into your parent communication and parents can choose to click on the link to view the magazine. Please reply to this email to let us know when you have shared the link and we will enter your School in the draw to win a £100 book voucher.







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Would you like to help people in your local community who are struggling?

Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts needs volunteers now more than ever to help make a difference to local people. In the last year we have faced an unprecedented demand due to the cost-of-living crisis.

We are appealing for new volunteers from all backgrounds who are looking for a volunteering role that is both challenging and rewarding. We are looking for people who can give 8-10 hours per week, and are currently recruiting for the following roles:

Administration/Triage Assistants. You will provide a professional welcome to callers at the door of our Stroud or Cirencester offices. You will triage callers without an appointment - identifying emergencies and providing information and signposting to other agencies when needed (no advice giving involved). You will also undertake a wide range of administrative tasks, including contacting clients by telephone and text, and handling inward and outbound post.

You must be computer literate but full training in triage and our IT systems will be given.

Volunteer Advisers. You will give advice and information (face to face, by telephone and email) to clients on a wide range of problems. No prior advice experience is necessary as full training will be given. Information sessions for volunteer advisers will take place on 18 October 2023 (2-3.30pm) in Stroud and on 8 November 2023 (1–2.30 pm) in Cirencester. Our next training programme will start on 24 January 2024.

Elizabeth Hall, our Chief Executive Officer said:

"Now more than ever, you can really make a difference by volunteering with us. We're seeing more and more people needing support as living costs spiral. As well as helping the local community, we know people who volunteer their time get a lot back. We'll give you all the training you need and would love to hear from you."

To find out more about these roles or register your interest for a volunteer adviser information session please contact our Learning and Development Officer at training@ca-scd.org.uk. You can also find further information on our website www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk.









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Longfield Community Hospice – Run the Rainbow

Run the Rainbow is our largest event and a perfect day out for all the family. It consists of a 5k course through powdered paint, bubbles, foam, inflatables and even planes! With a ticket for 4 people (whether that's 4 adults, 4 children or any combination) at just £40 – it's a great day out. The event village and course is alongside an active runway, so spectators are also welcome to come along, watch the planes, enjoy some food and cheer on our participants.

Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventhrite.co.uk/e/r

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/run-the-rainbow-2023-tickets-549374553077?aff=oddtdtcreator

If you use the following code to receive 10% off **SCHOOL10**











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Free Qualification Courses -The AIM

Group
The AIM Group is the home of online qualifications.
Whether it's professional or a hobby, the AIM Group will have an online course for it.

We have a range of fully funded (Free) CACHE accredited Level 2 qualifications available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing careers.

Please see below information on structure, criteria and how to express interest:

Course Information/Structure:

- Online E Learning Platform.
- Have a full 12 weeks to complete the course
- Assigned your own login details, can log in and out when you please
- Assigned your own tutor who will support you throughout and mark your work
- No Exams or Essays. All Q&A based.
- Can complete as many as you would like, just one at a time.
- Gain a Level 2 awarded certificate upon completion (GCSE Grade C equivalent)

Minimum Requirements to access the course:

- Aged 19 or above
- Not currently on a Government funded course (inc Apprenticeships)
- Has been in EU/UK for the past 3 years

Subjects Available:

- Understanding Autism
- Neuroscience In The Early Years (0-7)
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Distressed Behavior In Children
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Team Leading
- Counselling
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties (ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia)

More Subjects here - https://theaimgroup.co.uk/courses

If you wish to find out more, please complete the following link and ill be able to give you a call and talk you through how it works:

https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q5000002KAqX

If you would like a phone call regarding this Free Online Course, please contact me on the following details: 0204 540 0894

Samuel.hill-lonergan@theaimgroup.co.uk







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Saturday 11th November 2023 @ SWR School- Gates open 6pm

Sponsored by

Great Tythe Barn & Tythe House Featuring: A Professional Fireworks
Display, Bonfire, Jesse Smith's 'Big Pan'Burgers & Hotdogs, The Picnic Box,
Fudgin' Shell Brownies, Cold Drinks and
more!



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Advanced tickets: tinyurl.com/TTFCFireworks or scan this handy QR code



