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Dear Parents,

We are heading into the final two weeks of the Autumn Term and Christmas has arrived. I would like to express my huge gratitude to all the parents who worked so hard to plan, organise and run the Christmas Fayre last week and a massive thank you to all of you who attended and supported the fund raising for school. It was so good to see so many families and it was such a great atmosphere. Thank you everyone.

Year 6 really enjoyed visiting the 'I can, I am Bus' on Monday. Children participated in activities to improve their self esteem and mental health as well as making pizza! It was great to work with James and the team on the bus. You can read more about their work here: <u>https://icanandiam.com/the-bus/</u>



#### <u> The Bus - I Can & I Am</u>

The bus visits schools, charities, universities and businesses around the south west for one or more days. With a fully fitted kitchen downstairs and casual seating upstairs we provide a combination of hands-on baking followed by small group workshops. icanandiam.com

There are lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming weeks. Key Stage 1 will be putting on their performance of A Happy Clappy Nativity next week and Reception will be doing their nativity the week after. We have included all the dates in this newsletter so please make sure you read on.

KS2 children have been practising their songs for the **SWR carol service at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.** We would like as many Y3-6 pupils to attend as possible, so please come along if you can. A letter has gone out today with more details.

#### **Academy Conversion Update**

As parents will know, we have, for some time now, been working with the Diocese of Gloucester with the aim of joining the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust. I am delighted to say that the Diocese of Gloucester has approved our conversion and we hope to be joining the Trust in the Spring. The CEO of DGAT came along with her Deputy to meet staff this week. We are very excited about being part of such a strong family of schools and I am confident that DGAT will be a good home for our us. They will provide the school with the support and challenge necessary to ensure we can give the children of Tetbury the best education possible.

Mrs J Woolley Headteacher



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#### **School Diary**

2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Tetbury Lantern Parade 5.30pm	14 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day
	Tetbury Christmas light switch on by St Mary's competition winners at 6pm		EYFS/KS1Christmas party pm (your childs teacher will send further info)
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at St Marys Church 4pm	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas school Lunch
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 5/6 The Barn Theatre Trip 'Robin Hood'	15 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 School Choir visit – the
	(packed lunch required)		Friendship Cafe
	PTFA Raffle Draw	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Talent Show (pupils only)
	KS1 Christmas performance dress		
	rehearsal 'A Happy Clappy Nativity' pupils only		Last day of term) 🏻 🏹
7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 'A Happy Clappy Nativity' Christmas	2022	
	Performance 1.45pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Inset day
8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 'A Happy Clappy Nativity' Christmas	4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
	Performance 5.30pm		
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Dress rehearsal Christmas Nativity	13 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert (Yr 5/6 YV Club
	2pm (pupils only)		members) Birmingham
12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS –Yr 4 The Goodshed trip 'The	26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 and EYFS Weights & Heights
	Snowman/The Night before Christmas'		(NHS)
		13 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes& Helmet
13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Nativity 4.30pm		needed )
		17 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service with SWR at St Marys Church	27 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term
	6.30pm to arrive at 6.15pm. Parents to		Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes& Helmet
	collect after the Carol Service		needed)

The ISING POP TEAM invite you to

Christingle with us

Come and make your own Ckristingle and enjoy some singing around the fire!



4pm Sunday 4<sup>ts</sup> Dec @ St. Marys' Parish Church



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CHRISTMAS EVE, YPM AT ST MARYS' CHURCH We re-tell the story of Jesus' birth. Children – dress upl We need shepherds & sheep, kings and stars, angels and donkeys!

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Thank you to everyone who purchase items from the Poppy appeal 'kid's'box and Poppies, we collected a grand total of £471.10

#### **Forest School**

Winter has well and truly arrived at Forest School this morning. Beech class continued learning about Trees with a look at the different leaves from the wonderful trees we have at school. A fantastic array of leaves were collected from the school field and the children were able to link, that just like us, all the leaves were different in some way, even if they had come from the same tree.

Children in year 1 enjoyed a leaf scavenger hunt, looking for red, orange, yellow and green leaves, finding ones bigger than their faces, some as small as their finger tips and then finding a leaf they thought was the most special to them.

It was brilliant to see how something as simple as a leaf could give so many learning opportunities and experiences for the children.



Mr Knight









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#### Chocolate Stirrer sale - on Monday after school

After school on Monday a few Year 6 girls will be selling hot chocolate stirrers, all proceeds will be donated to our school.

The stall will be set up outside by the tree (similar to the PTFA ice cream sales).

Cash only sales. Thank you





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#### **Guitar Lessons**

#### - still time to show your interest

We will behoping to start Guitar lessons for KS2 who are wanting Peripatetic lessons from January 2023- if your child is in KS2 Years 3 - 6 and are interested in learning to play the guitar, please register your interest via the online Gloucestershire Music system, please see link at point 1 - 9 below.



# gloucestershire MUSIC

### <u>Gloucestershire Music Peripatetic Service – 2022/23</u>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**St Mary's C of E Primary School (Tetbury)** has expressed an interest in offering individual & small group tuition through Gloucestershire Music. Instrumental lessons are a great way to not only engage your child in music making but are also proven to improve their confidence, concentration and much research has shown the positive effect of music on English and Maths in particular. The time that lessons commence will be decided in due course by your school and the GM tutor who will deliver the lessons. GM staff are DBS checked, employees of Gloucestershire County Council and are quality assessed to maintain the highest standards of teaching across the county.

Gloucestershire Music also offers a <u>musical instrument hire scheme</u>. More information on prices for this scheme can be found at <u>www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk</u>\_

A student bursary is also available for those who wish to apply for financial assistance. This can cover tuition, instrument hire and exam fees up to £200 per term (based on а 3 term vear). Visit https://www.makemusicgloucestershire.org.uk/schools/mmg-grants-and-bursaries/ or ring us on 01452 427242 for more information.

**St Mary's C of E Primary School (Tetbury)** would like to offer pupils the opportunity to play:

Guitar	

To sign up to our music lesson waiting list through our online parent pay system please use the following instructions.

1) Visit https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com

- 2) Under the School Direct Tuition section, click the Enrol button.
- 3) Select the relevant school from the list.
- 4) Select the relevant instrument lesson from the available options.
- 5) Complete the details over the next pages.
- 6) Once you have completed this and created your Schooble account, complete your application.
- 7) Once we have organised the tutor, you will receive an email offering you a place in that music lesson.
- 8) Follow the instructions to accept the place and make your payment.



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9) Once we have received the payment, lessons can begin.

Group Tuition 3 – 5 pupils 30m	£63.35			
Paired Lesson 30m	£94.25			
Individual Tuition 20m	£125.15			
Individual Tuition 30m	£186.95			
Lessons are priced based on 10 lessons a term				
Terms and conditions apply <a href="https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/youth-groups/terms-and-conditions/">https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/youth-groups/terms-and-conditions/</a>				
Happy music making!				
Nick Steel				
Schools' Manager – Gloucestershire Music				



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#### Clubs

In Artikids Club, Bella B painted a Colourful fireworks picture & Maja G has created a stylish catapult picture.

In Minecraft Club Olivia O has made a cool, modern rocket & Seb L has created a crazy green alien.

All 4 children received a prize and certificate for their hard work. Well done Everyone!











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#### Sport at St Marys

We have had lots of clubs after school continuing to run into the new term and it's especially pleasing to have football and rugby as part of these offerings as we can celebrate the events these sports have globally with the Women's Rugby World Cup just finishing and the Football World Cup starting soon.

We have a fantastic connection with Gloucester Rugby which is enabling our children to experience a fantastic sport both in PE sessions and as an after school club.



We will be exploring the Football World Cup in our classes as an opportunity to expand our knowledge of the sport and the participants from around the world who will be taking part in the upcoming tournament.

Lastly athletics club had a fantastic challenge this week as they collectively tried to run a marathon as a group over the duration of a session. The children managed over 18 miles and I'm sure they will be attempting to better that in the weeks ahead.



If your child would like to look at the opportunity to further their sporting skills outside of school, we are very lucky to have some wonderful sports clubs in our community who would be very happy to invite any new members along to give a new sport a go.

Mr Knight and Miss Browning









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#### Free school Meals

If you are not receiving Free school meals and you think you may qualify - apply for Free school meals now - instant decision <u>Apply for free school meals - Gloucestershire County Council</u> (please have your National Insurance number to hand)

Free school meals is not the same as Universal Free School Meals children automatically receive in reception to year 2 - Free school meals attracts addition funding to the school, which can help you with school trips and school events as well as securing your child with a free school meal for the whole time they are in primary school, so even if your child is in reception to year 2 it is also worth applying for free school meals - all approved application are eligible for a free school jumper (please contact the office to order this, when your application has been approved).

#### Milk

Reception Children whose parents/carers have registered for Free school milk (under 5's), are receiving milk in class at the moment. This 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 <u>www.CoolMilk.co.uk.</u> Please be aware , as your children turns 5, this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk.

All children who receive FSM (not UNFSM) can have school milk throughout their time at primary, if required. Again parents need to register for this.

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.









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### School Christmas Lunch – 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thankyou to all those who have booked – your orders have been placed with the kitchen.



#### **St Marys Parish Church**







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It was wonderful to see so many children and their families happy and enjoying themselves at our Christmas Fayre last Friday. We all had a really enjoyable evening and are so pleased we could hold such a fun event again.

On Friday we managed to raise an amazing £2,013!!!!

All of this goes directly to our school directly benefitting each of our children.

Thank you to our helpers - our fayre simply wouldn't have been as successful or as enjoyable without you.

#### St. Mary's PTFA

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

(Facebook: @wearestmarys)

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### St. Mary's Raffle

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn on <u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</u>, if you would like to buy more tickets to be in with a chance of winning, please ask at the school office.

Tickets are £1 each which enters you to win a host of fabulous prizes;

- Dyson Coralle Hair Straighteners
- Cheltenham Racing Tickets for Two
- Dinner for 2 at Calcot Manor
- Lola and Co. Hamper
- 2 Children's Disco Vouchers
- Plus many more (see attached flyer)

Don't forget tickets can be brought by Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, neighbours, family and friends so that everyone has the chance to win!









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Please return completed ticket stubs and payment to your class teacher by <u>Monday morning</u> ensuring all monies and completed tickets are returned to class, in an envelope or a small food bag.

If you have any unwanted tickets please return them to your class teacher or main reception as soon as possible.

Good luck everyone!!!!



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### Ice Cream Fridays are back!!

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.

### Amazon Smile

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

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

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

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#### Easyfundraising.com

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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.



#### Community











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An event organised by The Friends of Tetbury Hospital and proudly sponsored by Hunter French Tetbury.



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#### Tetbury Rugby Club - would like to highlight the great opportunity for boys and girls to enjoy in Tetbury

Tetbury Rugby FC - Home (leaguerepublic.com)



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01666 502336 8.30am-Spm Monday to Friday (dosed on public holidays)



To keep our patients and visitors safe we are wearing masks again. If you are visiting the hospital for an appointment or treatment please wear a mask. If you don't have one we can provide one at the entrance.



#### We are here for you and your families

We can now treat illnesses as well as minor injuries in our Minor Injuries and Illness Unit

#### Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIIU)

8.30am - 4pm Monday to Friday

(closed on public holidays)

Minor cuts and lacerations, including infected wounds Dog and cat bites Bruises Strains and sprains Simple fractures and dislocations Minor burns and scalds Head injuries (if the person has not been unconscious or intoxicated) Minor eye injuries Splinters and other foreign bodies in the skin, eye, ear or nose Insect bites and stings Minor illnesses including earache and sore throat

Unsure if we can help- Call us on 01666 502336 (during opening hours) or 111 (24-hour service)

#### **Other Services at Tetbury Hospital**

- X-ray Department
- Outpatient Clinics
- Procedure Room (outpatient procedures)
- Day Surgery Unit

Read about our treatments and consultants at **www.tetburyhospital.co.uk** NHS patients - Ask your GP for a referral to Tetbury Hospital Private patients - Contact us on 01666 501773

Find us: GL8 8XB

Free parking available











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# ATTENTION PARENTS

#### BACK TO SCHOOL CLASSES STARTING NOW

St Mary's Primary School

IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO:

Have CONFIDENCE to overcome the anxiety of a new scho

Build COMMUNICATION SKILLS to make new friends

FOCUS to be able to listen and learn from their grades

OUR MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES CAN HELP

## WHAT DO PARENTS SAY?

96.3% of parents said they saw an improvement in FOCUS 97.7% of parents said they saw an improvement in CONFIDENCE 92.3% of parents said they saw an improvement in SELF-DISCIPLINE 99.2% of parents said they saw an improvement in



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#### JUNIOR & FAMILY 7 YEARS +



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