

Friday 17th November 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had enjoyable half term holidays - it seems a while ago now! We held another very successful Open Morning last week and we were delighted with the positive feedback from parents. One family were so impressed by our amazing Year 6 children they sent an email afterwards saying how lovely the morning was and how fantastic the prefects were and what a pleasure it was to be shown around by them. We are very proud of them!

It was also a pleasure to attend the Remembrance Day service in church on Sunday afternoon. I was joined by Dylan S and Ruby H in Year 6, (oldest boy and oldest girl) who laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of all of us. Thank you to both of them.

Please can I remind parents not to film or photograph children on the school site when picking up and dropping off. A member of staff had to speak to someone this week who was filming the children coming into school. Thank you.

Apologies for the two fire alarms at the end of the day in the last few weeks. Neither of these were planned fire drills - the alarm went off on both occasions due to a faulty sensor. We have hopefully sorted the problem and we should have no further incidents. Apologies to parents who were inconvenienced by the children being late out of school.

We are looking forward to lots of exciting events over the next few weeks as we lead up to Christmas. The festive season will start on 24th November when our wonderful PTFA will be holding a festive shopping evening in the school hall. On 1st December our children will be singing on the Market House steps at the Tetbury Lights Switch on.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

Upcoming Diary notes:

22nd November – Yr 3 Stone age day
24th November – ptfa Christmas shopping event
29th November – Prospective Parents open morning
8th December – School Christmas Fayre

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Earth and Space Day Westonbirt

We had so much fun at Westonbirt school and we discovered so many more facts about space. We made craters by dropping different objects into sand and then measuring them. There were some spacesuits which we all got to try on; the helmets were a bit big. Amazingly, we got to do some crazy experiments using dry ice. After a delicious spaced -theme snack, we made rockets and launched them outside. Did you know? Stars are actually all different colours such as blue, yellow and red. Stars can die. They get bigger and bigger until they explode. One day the sun will die. This will be in about 5 billion years time.

Alex A and Skylar M.



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Anti-Bullying Awareness Week



This week is anti-bullying week and we have worn Odd Socks because today is Odd Socks day! We discussed that socks are all about fun and laughter, but more importantly they deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance, because everyone is different and that's good!



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Fireworks Competition

Thankyou to everyone who entered the Tetburys Lions Club firework colouring competition. We had lots of wonderful pictures to select from.

First prize - Firework button press and afternoon tea for 4 at the Snooty Fox

Ryan C, Elm Class

Second prize - Fudgin Shell Brownies

Lilly G, Beech Class



Tetbury Town FC Fundraising Committee



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Milk – Check now!!

It's now a good time to see if your child would still like milk at school - if not, please cancel it asap as it takes a to stop the deliver. Please cancel via www.CoolMilk.co.uk.

For children receiving free school milk, please still check as this is paid for by the school and this money could go towards other things. If you are unable to cancel for any reason, please contact the school office.

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

Current class swimming;

Ash class Swimming lessons Wednesday 8th November - 29th November 4 weeks

Swimming lessons take place 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.

Maple class Swimming lessons Wednesday 10th January – 21st February

School Photo – its not too late to order!!



The individual photos and family photos were taken on 4th October are now ready to view and order.

Each child will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day.

Free delivery deadline to school has now passed but you can still order to your home address.

If you have any questions or need help please call colorfoto's helpline on: 02920 448210 or email us at orders@clickfoto.co.uk

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Free school Meals (FSM)

If your **child 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 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 receive extra funding if your child is eligible, you will need your National Insurance number to hand and your child's date of birth.

Parents can apply for free school meals via the following link-

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



Update from the PTFA

We hope everyone had a lovely half term.

This term is a busy one for the PTFA with two amazing fundraising events taking place in the run up to Christmas. The first is our Christmas shopping night on the 24th November from 6pm until 9pm (please see poster below for more information). The second is our wonderful Christmas Fayre on 8th December. These events are only able to run with the help of our amazing volunteer helpers and we are very grateful for their support. If you are able to help out at either event, please drop us an email at ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about how you can help us.

St. Mary's PTFA

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The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes. At the top, a red banner reads 'ST MARYS PTFA'. Below it, the words 'CHRISTMAS MARKETS' are written in large, blue, stylized letters. Underneath, a yellow cloud-like shape contains the text 'ST MARYS SCHOOL TETBURY'. The middle section shows three market stalls: a green and white striped tent on the left, a yellow food cart with a red and green striped umbrella in the center, and a red stall with a green roof on the right. At the bottom left, a red cloud-like shape contains the text 'FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 6-9'. To the right of this, the text 'GIFTS IDEAS FOR EVERYONE AND FESTIVE FOOD STALLS' is written in blue, followed by 'PLUS... GIFT WRAPPING!' in green. Below that, it says 'SHOP LOCAL & SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES THIS CHRISTMAS!'. At the very bottom, a green bar contains the text 'ENTRANCE COST £2 PER ADULT'.

ST MARYS PTFA

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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.

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>

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.

Atlas Camps Christmas Camps (www.atlascamps.co.uk)



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Community Atlas Camp

Atlas Camps Christmas Camps (www.atlascamps.co.uk)

Christmas is just around the corner! Full of festive cheer, our award-winning camps will be back with a bang over the Christmas period, with a selection of spaces still available to book.

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 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.

- Ofsted-rated ‘Outstanding’
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available
- Camps running both pre and post-Christmas period

For further information, please watch [this video](#) or check out the attached poster. Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.



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**Tetbury's
Santa Dash!**

A fantastic fun event for all the family in aid of Tetbury Hospital.

Come along dressed in your favourite festive attire, we'll supply you with a complimentary Santa hat and then you can choose to walk, run, hop, skip or jump the loop of just shy of a mile around the town centre.

Start and finish at the Market House, where there will be mince pies and mulled wine on your return!

Sunday 10th December 2023 at 11.30am

Entry £5pp (under 5's free)

For full information and to sign up, please follow the QR code or contact Anna on 01666 230 650



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

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Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the **link** to the next issue Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2023](#)

Our **Nov/Dec 2023** issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar
- Top Christmas Experiences
- How to deal with cyber-bullying
- Homemade Xmas gifts for teacher
- Apps for improving maths skills
- and much more.....

