

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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Dear Parents,

We have had a brilliant week with all the children back. School suddenly feels vibrant and alive again with all the children here and we have been spending our time re-connecting, playing and having fun! The teachers have also been doing some assessments with the children to work out where we are. The children seem to be very happy to be back in school with their friends and the classrooms are full of smiling faces.



### Parents' evenings

Don't forget to sign up for parents' evenings next week on either Monday or Wednesday. I know some parents are not keen on the online appointment system but it is essential that you take the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher. If you are having problems making an appointment please contact the school office.

Mrs J Woolley  
Headteacher

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## Comic Relief Day



Red Nose Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March you can come to school with the craziest hair style, dress in red and paint your face. Or just do one of these things – but the crazier the better!! (No plastic noses please but feel free to paint them on!) We are not taking cash this year, but you can make a donation via the Red Nose Day Donations payment item in ParentPay. Your donation will go directly to Comic Relief and will not be paid to St Mary's. Please note this donation **will not** purchase you a red nose - it is simply a donation to Comic Relief.

## Maple Class

We've had fun this week, making toucans to add to the rainforest display for our *Under the Canopy* topic. A great activity to settle back into school.



## Holly class

We are so happy to be back together. Today they have been making boxes, colouring pictures, dancing, sharing things with friends.





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## Juniper Class

As part of our topic 'Where does our food come from?' Juniper Class have made butter! There was a lot of shaking and then we got to try it.....we thought it was delicious!



This week we also completed a Science Investigation where we found out the best way to keep our hands clean is with warm water and soap. Our hands were covered in glitter at the start!



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## World War 2 Blitz art by Rowan Class



Artwork by Charlie A-J, Thomas H and Grace L

## Walking the Thames Path – fundraising for St Marys School

Post lockdown excitement is brewing for Liz Maisey (outgoing Chair of Governors) and Chris Higgs (Teaching Assistant) at St Mary's school. In celebration of being allowed out and their 50th year, the ladies are walking the Thames Path. 184 miles from Kemble to London and in doing so they are raising funds for school.

Please see attached link for the details, information on how to sponsor Liz and Chris and follow them on social media for each leg of the walk and any shenanigans that may occur!

<https://donatemyschool.com/campaign-page/chris-liz-challenge-the-thames-2>

## 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 couple of weeks or so 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. This is a good fundraiser for the school which raises approx. £550 per year.





# news

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## Community News

### Tetbury Library



The monthly online story time at Tetbury library this month is the BookTrust's pyjamarama title of "My pet star" and will be added to both Facebook and YouTube on 15th March. The story is about a child who finds a fallen star and nurses it back to health. There is an accompanied craft and activity pack available from the library.

We will also have an online Easter story on social media, and a small craft/activity pack available from the library.

## Citizens Advice Press release



### DEADLINE LOOMS FOR EU NATIONALS TO GET HELP WITH EUSS

Following the UK's departure from the EU, the UK government launched the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). The deadline for applications is 30.6.21. Stroud and Cotswolds Citizens Advice is helping EU nationals to understand the scheme and how to apply. It can provide help EU nationals to apply until 31 March.

The EUSS allows those EU nationals resident in the UK by 31.12.20 to apply for settled or pre-settled status. Any EU nationals who fail to apply by the deadline risk losing their right to live, work and study in the UK. They could also lose access to public funds, pensions and the opportunity to apply for British citizenship.

Chief Officer, Alison Gibbon said "EU nationals play an important part in the economy and public services of the Stroud and Cotswolds particularly in healthcare, agriculture and industry. It's vital that citizens of EU countries understand their rights and obligations under the scheme. Citizens Advice can help EU nationals, particularly those who may be digitally excluded or lack the necessary language skills to secure their status. If you need help, please contact us before 31 March."

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