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Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another busy week and we have only one more week before we break up for the Easter holidays. Please remember that school finishes at your normal end of day time on Thursday 1st April next week. As we have an INSET day scheduled for 19th April, we will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 20th April.

### **Covid-19 update**

There have been no positive cases at the school since all the pupils returned on 8th March. The school continues to follow the government guidance for schools and we have all the recommended protective measures in place.

Children will continue to work in their class bubbles after Easter and we have no plans to change any of our procedures and protocols at this time. We will continue to review this as we progress through the summer term.

Additional communication has been sent out about what to do if your child tests positive for coronavirus in the first days of the Easter holidays. Parents should telephone 07759043054 and leave a message with your name, number and child's details and class and a member of staff will get back to you.

### **Mrs Maisey and Mrs Higgs sponsored walk**



Liz Maisey, Chair of Governors and Chris Higgs, member of staff, are doing a wonderful thing to raise money for our school. Together they are walking the entire 184 miles of the River Thames from source to mouth. They have already completed the first leg in great time and are looking forward to the second. Please sponsor them at <https://donatemyschool.com/campaign-page/chris-liz-challenge-the-thames-2> and help them raise money for our school.

### **Contacting staff**

Now that we are all back in school, the teachers will not be checking Seesaw regularly. If you wish to contact a class teacher please email the school office on [admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will pass any message on. Many thanks.

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### Pick up and drop off

Please can I remind parents to drop off children promptly in the morning. If there is a member of staff on the playground there is no need for you to wait with your children. Please do not drop your children off too early as a member of staff might not be available to supervise before 8.40am. Could I also request that parents move away from the gates to help social distancing and allow parents with push chairs to get through. Thank you.

Mrs Woolley  
Headteacher

### Comic Relief Day



Everyone went mad on Red Nose Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, brilliant hair, dressing in red and painted red noses - what a fun day! Your donations through Parent pay to Comic Relief totalled £415, thank you for all your donations.

### Holly Class

Holly class have been learning about farming in the past. We looked at the milking process long ago and the milking process now. We talked about products that could be made from milk and decided to have a go at making butter. It took a lot of work but we enjoyed eating bread with our handmade butter spread on it.



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## Year 6

Year 6 have been really enjoying their science lessons this term learning about how we see and how light is reflected.



## Forest School

Beech, Willow and Rowan classes enjoyed almost every type of weather at Forest School today as the children embraced the elements to build amazing dens, plant colourful summer bulbs and explore the thriving pond area.

The children used their imagination and the natural resources to enjoy free time that allows them an opportunity to foster resilience, experience independence and become creative learners.



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## Easter Competition

Everyone has been sent home with an Easter competition activity sheet in their book bags this week to take part in our Egg-cellent Easter competition.

If your child would like to enter, please return the completed sheet (with child's name and answer) as well as the **£1 entry fee**. All entries must be returned by **Monday 29th March** to take part. Due to Covid-19, please ensure all monies and completed forms are returned to class, in an envelope or a small food bag. Thank you for your understanding.

Egg-citingly, one child from each year group will be drawn at random to receive a fabulous chocolate egg prize.

Good luck everyone!!!!



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## Renishaw Donation

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Renishaw who have generously donated £350

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## Treasurer Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new Treasurer to join the PTFA, please read through the role guide below, and let us know if you (or someone you know) may be interested.

- As treasurer you are a committee member, bank signatory and trustee of the PTFA charity (there are 4 of us at the moment)
- You do not need to be an accountant! As long as you are comfortable using a simple spreadsheet to keep a record of money coming money in or out.
- You would look after the PTFA Lloyds bank account and set up payments for any expenses or costs. The online app is simple to use, and you are not solely responsible, everything we do requires 2 signatures.
- Treasurer normally manages the cash and floats for in-person events, and counts the money, however this could be shared with another person.

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- At the end of the school year you would work with the committee to write a short report (summary) of the accounts.
- Our current treasurer will be here to help support and assist a smooth handover of the role.
- This may sound like a lot of responsibility but in reality, it requires very little time.

Any questions, please do get in touch! We work closely together as a committee and help each other out so that no one is expected to carry too much work on their own.

Please contact us on [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk) or approach us at school for more information.

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## Amazon Smile

We have recently been accepted by Amazon Smile. If you select your children's school as your chosen charity **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>

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## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com to 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.

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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 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.



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A vertical poster for an Easter Quiz. At the top is the 'st mary's ptfa' logo in a white oval with red and green leaves. Below it, the text 'PRESENTS THE EASTER QUIZ' is centered, with 'EASTER' in large red letters and 'QUIZ' in large yellow letters. In the middle, three decorated Easter eggs are shown: a teal one with white and yellow flowers, a red one with multi-colored polka dots, and a white one with blue and yellow stripes and flowers. Below the eggs, the text 'One FABULOUS chocolate egg prize per year group' is centered. At the bottom, '£1 entry, to be paid to class teacher with completed quiz' is written, followed by 'Hand in by 29th March' in large red letters. The background is a light beige color with scattered green and yellow leaves.

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### Men's

Tuesday training sessions  
6.00PM - 8:00PM



### Women's Softball

Friday training sessions  
for Under 14's & over  
6.00PM - 7:00PM



### Over 50's

Sunday occasional training  
sessions & games  
(times vary)



### Youth

From Yr 3

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### For More Details Contact Us On:

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<http://www.tetbury.play-cricket.com>

The Recreation Ground, New Church Street, Tetbury, Glos, GL8 8DS

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# news

from our **caring** **curious** **courageous**  
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## Community News

Here is the **link** to our latest digital issue: [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Mar/Apr 2021](#)

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Gloucestershire

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## 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



### 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."

### For more information contact:

Paul Lock

[Paul.lock@ca-scd.org.uk](mailto:Paul.lock@ca-scd.org.uk) 01285 425871

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**Tip of the Month**



**Check your tyre pressures!**

Be safe and in control

Save money

Reduce pollution

For more ideas, see:  
[www.greeningtetbury.org](http://www.greeningtetbury.org)

 **Greening Tetbury**



## MIDDAY SUPERVISOR (6.25 hrs a week)

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to support our children during lunchtimes from 12:30pm to 1:15pm Monday to Friday. This position is term time only for five days a week, to start from 19th April 2021. Please see our web site for current Vacancies:

<https://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/current-vacancies>