

Friday 7th May 2021

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through Term 5 already! As I walk around the school and drop in on the children's lessons, I am so impressed with how hard the children are working. Reception children have done some fantastic work all about crocodiles. Year 1 have completed some amazing writing from The Gingerbread Man story and Year 2 have learnt all about Arctic animals and written some brilliant reports. I have seen some beautiful leaf prints in Year 4 and Year 6 children have impressed me with their very complicated maths.

Children have been bringing in their beautifully painted rocks over the week and we are enjoying sharing all their creative designs. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this and to parents for your support - we are really looking forward to seeing the rocks installed outside school in June.

The Summer Term is always a very busy term and we aim to continue with most of our events but in a Covid secure way. Year 5 children will be going to Sir William Romney School for a secondary school experience day (date to be confirmed) in June. Year 6 will also have their secondary school induction days in July. For SWR these dates will be on the 6th, 7th and 8th July with the parents evening on Wednesday 7th at 6.30pm.

The Year 6 team are planning different activities for our Year 6 leavers, including their trip to Bowood and they will begin practising their play soon. Current guidance dictates that schools should not host any performance with an audience, but we will record the performance, subject to usual safeguarding considerations and parental permission and make it available for parents to watch.

We will be holding sports days with some adaptations, but the current guidance remains that parents should not attend sports days on school sites.

As always, I will continue to review the situation and keep parents informed as guidance changes.



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Tetbury Lions who have donated money to the school. These funds will enable teachers to buy new books to support our English curriculum and we are very grateful for their support. All our English Reading Roads can be found on the school website.

Mrs J Woolley
Head Teacher

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England Does the Daily Mile 2021

Our school took part in the 'England Does the Daily Mile' national event on Friday 30th April. The purpose of the event was to get one million children moving across the country and to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health.

All of our classes, children and staff participated and it was great to see our whole school moving.



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Birthday Parties

Today we celebrated April birthdays in school. Any child who has had a birthday in April wore non-uniform for the day and enjoyed cake (which the teachers supplied) and a special activity with their classmates.

May birthdays will be celebrated in the same way on Friday May 28th.

June birthdays will be celebrated in the same way on Friday June 25th.

July AND August birthdays will be celebrated in the same way on Wednesday July 21st.

Pick up and drop off

Please be mindful of where you park before and after school and please do not park across drives and drop curbs. We have had complaints of driveways being blocked and residents being unable to access or leave their homes.

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 are raising money for our school. If you are able to sponsor them please do at: <https://donatemyschool.com/campaign-page/chris-liz-challenge-the-thames-2>

The Big Ask survey for school pupils

Last month the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever survey of children in England. It asks all children about their priorities and concerns for the future, so that we can put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19.

Please consider completing this survey to give your child a voice. Every single pupil's voice is important. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 28 May.

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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>

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.

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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Community News

The Tetbury Goods Shed Community Survey would love to get your feedback

Calling all parents of pre- and primary school-age children! This is your chance to tell us what kind of events and activities you would like The Goods Shed to put on for your youngsters. We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on how we can provide some great activities for you and your young children. Although we are mainly an Arts Centre, so think dance, music, art, movement and all things arty, we are also a hub for our community!

<https://shed-arts.co.uk/community-survey/youngsters/>

Tip of the Month
Plastic: don't throw away your future

Say "No" to single use plastic bags, cups, bottles, and wrapped fruit & veg.

Get creative! Say "Yes" to reusing containers, sewing bee, DIY & charity shops.

The 4 Rs:

Refuse

Reduce

Re-use

Recycle

Just use less stuff! Say "Yes" to refills, soap and shampoo bars.

Send your empty ink cartridges to St Mary's (*), and soft plastic to Tesco. Use council services.

* please check first at www.emphesplease.co.uk that they can be recycled

For more ideas, see: www.greeningtetbury.org

Greening Tetbury

news

from our **caring** **curious** **courageous**
learning family

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Big Moments
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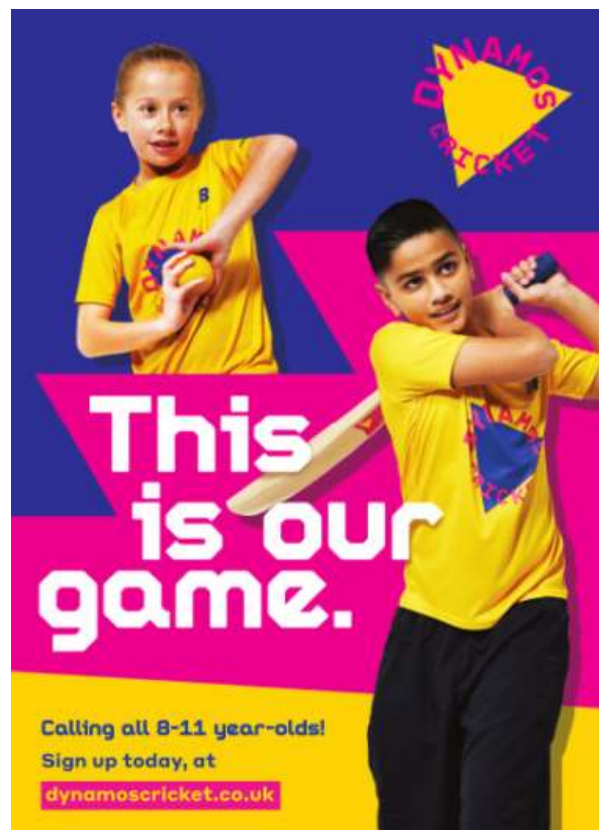
ALL STARS
CRICKET

For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre



DYNAMICS
CRICKET

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Sign up today, at
dynamicscricket.co.uk

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ALL CHILDREN FROM 4-12YRS WELCOME

FRENCH CLUBS

to inspire your child's love of languages
and to build their confidence through
games, songs, cooking and fun
activities to bring the language to life.

**LANGUAGE AND COOKING
CLUBS**

**WEEKLY IN TERM TIME
& HOLIDAY CLUBS**

CURRENTLY ALL ON ZOOM

To reserve a place or for more information
contact Madame Fuller on ak@clubs4kids.com