**February 2018**

**End of Term Newsletter**

**We are half way there!**

As we come to the end of yet another busy term, we also meet the half way point of the academic year! The choir went on their trip to the Young Voices concert, Year 6 took part in the K’nex challenge with two of our children getting through to the final, Year 5 have been taking part in their class brass music lessons and will be performing to parents on Thursday 22 March at 2.30pm. The PTA also arranged a very successful Disco evening. There was plenty of dancing from both children and teachers! Have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

**What’s been happening?**

**PTA News**

We have been awarded a grant for £250 for the gardening club which will go towards gardening equipment and seeds.  We're absolutely thrilled about this as the money will make a big difference to the club and to the pupils at the school.  The grant has been awarded by the Forest of Dean District Council.

**Y3 & Y4 local walk**

Children in Years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their walk around the local area looking for weather damage. They spotted many potholes, broken roof tiles and damaged trees!

**Attendance**

Well done to the Green team who had the highest overall attendance percentage this term with 97.02%.  The Green team are able to wear their team colours on Friday, 23 February 2018.  They were closely followed by the Blue team with 96.91%, the Yellow team with 96.89% and the Red team with 94.71%.

**Tutshill Half Term Sports Club – Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 February 2018**

We are running the Holiday club again next week. If you have booked a place(s) for your child, you should have received a separate email with final details for the week and contact details for ProStars.

**Next Term**

We have some exciting events and trips coming up next term. We are very excited to be taking part in a caving experience during the first week of next term. We are going to be visited by a mobile cave and all children from Year One to Year Six will be given the opportunity to try caving!

Year 5 will be visiting SkillZone and Key Stage 1 will be going to Bristol Zoo. Don’t forget it is also World Book Day on Thursday, 1st March where children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character and Years 1 to 4 will be having a visit from author Laura James to tell them about Fabio the World’s Greatest Flamingo Detective. Further information about all these events will be sent next term.

**Year 5 Swimming**

Please note there will not be any swimming lessons on the first day back (Monday 19 February). Lessons will recommence on Monday 26 February.

**Whole School Project**

As part of a whole school project in Spring Term 2, we would like children to collect items representing themselves. Each week, your child will receive a task that will enable them to collect/create an item to fit in a shoe box. Over half term, we would like children to collect a shoe box and decorate it in preparation for this exciting project.

**Parental Consultations – Monday 12 to Wednesday 14 March 2018**

We will be holding our Parental Consultations on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March 2018. Please look out for the email with details on how to book your appointment when we come back after half term.

**We say goodbye to…**

Miss Duffield, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, left Tutshill School today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

**Friday Act of Worship**

Parents are invited to join us for our Friday assemblies when members of St Luke’s Ministry Team lead our Act of Worship in St Luke’s Church. Our Easter Service will be held on 23 March 2018 to which all parents are invited.

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| **Reception** | 2 March 2018 |  |  |
| **Year 1** | 23 February 2018 | **Year 2** | Date to follow |
| **Year 3** | Date to follow | **Year 4** | Date to follow |
| **Year 5** | Date to follow | **Year 6** | 16 March 2018 |

**School Meal Payments**

Please could we remind parents to ensure their ParentPay is kept topped up for payment of school meals.

**Book Bags**

We have had to find a new supplier for our school book bags as the previous company that we used are no longer trading. We have managed to find a new supplier but their costs are slightly higher and Tutshill School in turn has had to pass this increase on. The new price of the book bags will be £3.75 and these will be available to pay for on ParentPay. We would like to ask parents who wish to purchase new book bags for their children to make payment through their ParentPay account before coming in to school to collect. We will still have a range of colours to choose from.

**Playground Equipment**

Please can we remind parents that children are not to play on any of the playground equipment before or after school.

**PE Kits**

Please make sure all PE Kits are in school every day and that all items are clearly named.

It is advisable to include a pair of tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE activities.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is a key priority at Tutshill School.

We:

* ensure adults who come into contact with children have enhanced cleared from the Disclosure & Barring Service (which has replaced Criminal Records Bureau);
* communicate child protection procedures to all staff, parents and visitors. We would ask that should you hear, see or read anything which troubles you about a child, do not ignore it, but report your concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs N Fryer.

For further information on safeguarding, contact the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Board: [www.gscb.org.uk](http://www.gscb.org.uk). Tel: 01452 583638.

**Parent View**

Ofsted are welcoming parents views throughout the year regarding your thoughts on school provision. The expectation is that parents will submit thoughts and opinions on their website. To date, there has been very little response from parents online so we would encourage you to post your comments; even positive comments are welcome!

Please find the link below and wording from the Ofsted site.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

*Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child’s school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child’s school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the* [*How to use Parent View*](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/how-to-use) *page. By sharing your views, you’ll be helping your child’s school to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about your child's school. Or, if you want to,* [*view the results*](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results) *for any school in England.*

**Dates for your diary**

We have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the forthcoming school year.

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| **Feb 2018** | 9 | **Term ends** |
|  | 19 | **Term begins** |
|  | 21 | Caving Event |
|  | 23 | Green Team Colours can be worn to school for attendance. |
|  | 28 | Year 5 SkillZONE trip |
| **Mar 2018** | 1 | World Book Day |
|  | 7 | Bag2School textile collection |
|  | 8 | Laura James Author Visit (Years 1-4) |
|  | 12-14 | Parental Consultations |
|  | 17-23 | Sport Relief Week |
|  | 20 | KS1 Trip to Bristol Zoo |
|  | 21 | PTA Bingo Night |
|  | 22 | Year 5 Brass Mini Concert @ 2.30pm |
|  | 28 | **Term ends – 3.15pm finish** |
|  | 29 | INSET DAY |
|  | 30 | **Good Friday** |
| **April 2018** | 2 | **Easter Monday** |
|  | 16 | **Term begins** |
|  | 16-20 | Year 5 Bikeability |
|  | 19 | School Photos |
| **May 2018** | 7 | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | 14-17 | Key Stage 2 SATs week |
|  | 15 | Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to ‘We The Curious’ |
|  | 19 | PTA Spring Fayre |
|  | 24 | The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe Production for all years |
|  | 25 | **Term ends** |
| **June 2018** | 4 | INSET DAY |
|  | 5 | **Term begins** |
|  | 6 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 14 | Country Dance Festival – Speech House 6.30pm |
|  | 20 | Reserve Date for Country Dance Festival |
|  | 19-21 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
|  | 23 | Open Garden |
| **July 2018** | 4 | Music Evening |
|  | 11-13 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
|  | 25 | **Term ends – 1.00pm finish** |

**Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018**

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| **Term 1 2017**  Term begins  Term ends | 4 September 2017 (Inset Day)  5 September 2017  20 October 2017 |
| **Term 2 2017**  Term begins  Term ends | 30 October 2017 (Inset Day)  31 October 2017  15 December 2017 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 2 January 2018 (Inset Day)  3 January 2018  9 February 2018 |
| **Term 4 2018**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 19 February 2018  28 March 2018 – 3.15pm finish  29 March 2018 (Inset Day)  30 March 2018  2 April 2018 |
| **Term 5 2018**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 16 April 2018  7 May 2018  25 May 2018 |
| **Term 6 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 4 June 2018 (Inset Day)  5 June 2018  25 July 2018 – 1pm finish |

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

4 September 2017

30 October 2017

2 January 2018

29 March 2018

4 June 2018

These dates are in line with Gloucestershire County Council term dates.

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**Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019**

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| **Term 1 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 3 September 2018 (Inset Day)  4 September 2018  19 October 2018 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 2 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 29 October 2018 (Inset Day)  30 October 2018  19 November 2018 (Inset Day)  21 December 2018 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 7 January 2019  15 February 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 4 2019**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 25 February 2019  5 April 2019 – 3.15pm finish  19 April 2019  22 April 2019 |
| **Term 5 2019**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 23 April 2019  3 May 2019 (Inset Day)  6 May 2019  24 May 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
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