**JANUARY 2018 – MID POINT NEWSLETTER**

This very short term is certainly flying by- with only three weeks left, we still have a lot to fit in! Thank you to all that took time to complete the parent survey. Your responses help us to ensure that we are keeping parents abreast of the decisions made in school and also give parents the opportunity to share comments with the school. The results of this survey can be found attached to this newsletter.

Whilst the days are getting a little longer, can I please remind parents and children walking home to take care on the roads and use designated crossings.

**School dinners**

We have started our new child ordering system this term where children have been able to choose their lunch on the day. This aims to reduce waste from the school kitchen, allows children to eat more lunch as they would have chosen what they like to eat, allow children to demonstrate the school value of responsibility and reduce the time parents and the school office spend ordering lunches! It has been a huge success and the children are enjoying being able to make their own choices.

**Y6 K’Nex Challenge**

Children in Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in the fantastic K’Nex Challenge last week. They were challenged to build a child’s playground that was accessible to all children. All the groups did a wonderful job with their creative deigns. Particular congratulations to William Tett and Max Rayworth who were the winning pair and will go on to represent Tutshill School at the County Finals in April!

**Young Voices 2018 – Thursday 11 January 2018**

Our choir had a fantastic trip to Genting Arena in Birmingham to take part in this year’s Young Voices concert. Thanks to Mrs Fryer, Mrs Howells, Mrs Dursley, Mrs Prince, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Williamson for all their work in arranging the trip along with teaching and rehearsing all the songs – it is quite an event!

**PTA Disco – Wednesday 7 February 2018**

The PTA disco is on Wednesday 7 February 2018 and is at the following times:

KS1: 5.30 - 6.15pm

KS2: 6.30 - 7.30pm

There is also a Bingo evening on Wednesday 21st March 2018. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

**Tutshill Holiday Sports Club – Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2018**

Once again, we will be running a free sports club over these dates. Full details, including the daily schedule of activities and instructions for how you can book your child(ren)’s place on the club has been e-mailed out in a separate letter.

**Communications**

A polite reminder for parents and carers to ensure that regular attention is paid to the school calendar and communications that are sent from school. Please make the school office aware immediately if there is a change in contact details. All information that is needed can be found on the school website and on your child’s class page on eSchools.

**Lunchtime supervisor**

We are looking for someone who would like to join our lunchtime team! We want someone that can play games with the children, provide a friendly ear, model how to be a good friend and generally enjoy lunchtimes with the children. If that is you or you know someone who fits the bill; please make contact with the school office! Hours are 12.00-1.00pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

**Dog Walkers**

It has been brought to our attention from local residents that there has been an increase in dogs fouling in the local area. Please can dog walkers carry dog waste bags when walking. To walkers and children, please remain vigilant when out and about.

**Important! School closure in severe weather – notification procedures**

Should severe weather conditions require us to close the school, we will notify parents and carers by means of an alert via the eSchools app. May we please urge any families who have not already installed the app to do so as soon as possible to ensure that they receive any such closure alerts. Please also ensure you add Tutshill School email addresses to your safe senders to help stop any emails going into your Spam/Junk folder. We will also notify any closures on the home page of our school website and to Gloucestershire County Council for inclusion in their Emergency School Closure List at <http://glosclosedschools.com/> along with their associated Twitter account @Glos\_schools.

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