**JUNE 2018**

**Mid-Point Newsletter**

As we are hurtling towards the end of the Summer Term, we have had plenty of things going on and still have plenty of things still do! I’m sure you’ll agree it’s an action packed term! Here’s a roundup of what’s been happening and reminders of what’s still to come!

**Moving Up Days**

All the children have now had their moving up days and met their new teachers and teaching assistants for next academic year. Year Six children also had the opportunity to spend three days at Wyedean School as part of their transition period. All children have wonderful experiences to speak of, many of which I am sure you already know about!

**Cheltenham Science Festival**

Year Five had a fantastic time at Cheltenham Science Festival. They took part in a range of scientific activities, these included making 3D viruses using origami and creating dance sequences linked to potential, kinetic, chemical and thermal energy! They found the Discovery Zone interesting and had the opportunity to solve puzzles and investigate what happens when liquid nitrogen touches an object! The ‘Maker Shack’ was great and we were able to complete lots of challenges. A particular favourite was creating mouldable plastic! Additionally, they watched some exciting shows about ‘Space’ and ‘Mobile Materials’.

**Country Dance Festival**

Our Country Dancers took part in the annual school’s Country Dance Festival at Speech House on Thursday 14 July. The sun was shining and a glorious evening was had by all. Children from all ages were able to join and as always the teachers participated too!

**Year 6 Leavers’ Service**

Our Year Six Children went to Gloucester Cathedral on Wednesday 6 June for their Leavers’ Service. The service encouraged children to think about life’s journey and moving on which was then followed by a monastic tour.

**World Cup Week**

Our ‘World Cup Week’ has been a great success! It was lovely to see so many parents/carers on Monday taking part in our football themed circuits’ activity. The children loved completing the challenges and earning stars on their charts! The RSPCA themed fun run was great and we were very impressed with the stations that the Year Five and Year Six children created. So far we have raised £101.77.

The children enjoyed the rugby and Welsh Water workshops and loved trying the Beat the Goalie!!

All of the classes have found it interesting to learn about different countries and their traditions. Cookery lessons have been taking place and the food smelt delicious! All in all, everyone has had a fun-filled week! Many thanks for all of your continued support.

**Sports Day**

Sports Day is taking place on Tuesday 3 July at 9.30am and anticipate that the event will finish at 11.45am. Parents are able to make their way over to the school field once children have been collected by the teachers from the yard. Children are able to come to school in their PE kit, with sun cream already applied, but must have school uniform to change into afterwards. As the weather is still predicted to be very hot, please ensure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream. Gazebos and drinking stations will be provided for the children as in previous years. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide shade for spectators but you are able to bring your own parasol should you wish to do so. The school office will be closed whilst Sports Day is taking place. Photographs will be taken by the school and put on to the eSchool class pages.

**Year 5 Day at Wyedean School**

On Wednesday 4 July, Year Five will be spending the morning at Wyedean School, taking part in a carousel of activities. Children are to be dropped off as normal, registered and collected at Tutshill School. Please ensure children bring a snack, packed lunch and their trainers as well as an empty plastic 2 litre bottle. If you have not yet returned your permission slip, we would be grateful to receive it in the School Office at your earliest convenience.

**Music Evening**

This year, the Music Evening will take place on Wednesday 4 July. Children will need to be at school at 6.15pm at the latest to start the performance at 6.30pm. Children have already been invited to perform. Refreshments will also be available on the evening with all proceeds going towards the choir trip to Young Voices. If children participating in the evening would like to donate any cakes to the sale, please can they be brought into the kitchen on that morning.

**Zorbing**

On Monday, 9 July, we are planning a football zorbing activity day! Each class from Year One to Year Six will be taking part and it promises to be lots of fun!

**Piano & Flute Taster Day**

Mrs Crawley, one of our peripatetic music teachers, will be in school on Wednesday 11 July to offer taster lessons in piano and flute.  Piano lessons are available for children in current Year Two and upwards and flute is available for children in current Year Three and upwards.  Further information about lessons will be sent home by Mrs Crawley directly.

**Y5 Brass Mini Concert**

This concert marks the end of our 20 week programme of learning to play brass at Tutshill school.  The children in Year Five have been expanding their playing and learning more about notation, playing new tunes and developing their team work, listening and communication skills.  Please come along to hear them play on Thursday 12 July in the school hall at 2.30pm.  Several of the children have hired instruments from Gloucestershire Music and local bands and have been doing extra practice, so there may be some additional solos to listen to, so it's really exciting. Thank you for your home support. Mrs Ford will be available to chat to after the concert, if you have any questions about playing brass, or if your child would like lessons in school.

**Year 6 Residential Trip**

Year Six children will be attending Croft Farm for their residential trip on Wednesday 11 July through to Friday 13 July. There are many exciting activities planned both throughout the day and evening which they are all looking forward to!

**School Council**

Does your child want to be part of our school council? We value the opinions of our pupils and a new school council is elected each year. This year nominations will be taking place week commencing Monday 16 July. Children in Year Five will be required to present to the whole school, the reasons they would like to be on the School Council. The existing School Council along with Miss Lane will select next year’s successors!

**Year 2 Swimming**

The last swimming lesson for Year Two takes place on Monday 16 July. Please ensure their correct swimming kit is sent in each week until the lessons have finished.

**PTA Disco**

The PTA disco will be taking place on Monday 16July. Further information regarding purchasing wristbands has been sent separately.

**Reception Class Graduation**

This will take place on Thursday 19 July. It will start at 9.30am and take place in the Reception classroom. Reception parents are invited to attend.

**Year 6 Leavers’ Performance**

The Leavers’ Performance will take place on Thursday 19 July at the Christian Centre. The performance will start at 6pm. Please can all children be at the Christian Centre by 5.45pm. Year Six parents are invited to attend. Please be considerate to the local residents and where possible, please park at the school and walk.

**Reports**

Reports will be going home in book bags on Friday 20 July. Should your child have achieved 100% attendance this year, they will also have an invitation to attend the attendance celebration party on Monday 23 July.

**Leavers’ Assembly**

This will take place at 9.30am on Wednesday 25 July in the school hall. Year Six parents are invited and others will receive a personal invite, where appropriate. I am afraid it cannot be open to all parents due to the maximum capacity of the school hall.

**After School Clubs**

After School clubs will end on Friday 20 July. This does not include Cool Club.

**Last Day of Term**

A reminder that school finishes for children at 1pm on Wednesday 25 July. Breakfast club will be open as normal but Cool Club after school will not be operating.

**School Meal Payments**

Please could parents ensure that they regularly top up their ParentPay account for their child’s school meals. The school has no obligation to provide children with a school meal unless it has been paid for in advance (except those that are entitled to Free School Meals).  If your child is in Year Six, please ensure any outstanding balances are settled by the last day of term.

**Holiday Clubs**

Prostars are running their Sports Holiday Clubs during weeks commencing 30th July and 20th August 2018. The school is continuing to fund this through our Sports Premium grant funding. The clubs have already proved to be very popular with only 7 places remaining out of the 300 that were available. We therefore ask, that should you no longer require a place, you inform the school office prior to the end of term so that places can be reallocated to those on a waiting list. It was disappointing that we there were a number of “no shows” during the May half term holiday club when children were on a waiting list.

**Term Dates**

Term Dates for 2019/2020 have been produced and can be found at the end of this newsletter. A hard copy will also be sent home in book bags.

**Dates for your diary**

Below are diary dates for the remainder of the school year.

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| **July 2018** | 3 | Sports Day |
|  | 4 | Music Evening |
|  | 4 | Year 5 Day at Wyedean School |
|  | 7 | Year 6 Leavers’ Event |
|  | 10 | Reserve Sports Day |
|  | 11-13 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
|  | 12 | Year 5 Brass Mini Concert |
|  | 16 | PTA Summer Disco |
|  | 19 | Reception Class Graduation – 9.30am |
|  | 19 | Year 6 Leavers’ Play – Christian Centre |
|  | 25 | Leavers Assembly – 9.30am |
|  | 25 | **Term ends – 1.00pm finish** |

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