**SEPTEMBER 2019 – MID TERM NEWSLETTER**

**A Message from Vicar David**

Welcome back, and a particular welcome to those children and parents who are new to the Tutshill School community and perhaps even to the Parish of Tidenham.

It is a privilege and joy as Vicar of the Parish and ex officio School Governor to have such a close relationship and involvement with our wonderful Church School in Tutshill.

If any children and parents would like to be a part of the local worshipping community here and/or explore baptism and the Christian faith then I would be delighted to see or hear from you.

Every Sunday morning at 10.45am at St Luke’s Church, Tutshill there is provision called ‘Splash’ for Primary School aged children. New parents and children are always most welcome.

God bless

Vicar David

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**Life Education Classroom**

The school recently had a visit from the Life Education Centre’s mobile classroom. The children enjoyed finding out more about the following topics:

Reception - All About Me

Year 1 - My Wonderful Body

Year 2 - Feelings

Year 3 - Meet the Brain

Year 4 - It’s Great to Be Me

Year 5 - Friends

Year 6 - Decisions

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We raised an amazing £129.17 from the Coffee Morning held in St Luke’s Church earlier this week. Our hard-working Worship Club members sold cakes, made tea and coffee and ran a successful morning! Thank you to everyone who donated, baked and ate cakes!

**European Day of Languages**

The children are looking forward to the European Day of Languages on **Monday 30 September 2019** where we will be focusing on the country of Wales. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of activities based on the Welsh language and culture. Children are also invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the Welsh flag or in a costume that they feel represents Wales (as a famous person, in a themed costume, etc).

**Interruption to Power Supply**

We would like to remind parents that there will be another interruption to the power supply to Tutshill C of E Primary School on the morning of **Wednesday 2 October 2019** between 9.30am and 11am. The school kitchen will not be able to operate on this day and therefore **ALL CHILDREN MUST BRING IN A PACKED LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019**.

**School Census Day – Change to Lunch Choices**

The school Census Day is **Thursday 3 October 2019**.  The amount of funding the school receives for the year to provide the children with a free school meal depends on how many children are having a school meal on that day.  With this in mind, we would ask that parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 book a meal for their child on this day. As a result of the Census Day there will be a change to the menu choices for that day. The meal choices available on Thursday 3 October will be:

Sausage in a roll with onions (optional) served with potato wedges **OR**

Quorn sausage in a roll with onions (optional) served with potato wedges

**Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon**

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Museum on **Thursday 3 October 2019** as part of their ‘Roman’ topic. Please can we request that if you have not yet done so, could you please make your voluntary contribution via ParentPay at your earliest convenience to secure the trip.

**Flu Vaccinations Reminder**

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Tutshill School on **Tuesday 9 October 2019** to administer this vaccination to all year groups. Please ensure you have completed and returned your Immunisation Consent Form sent home recently. Further copies are available in the school office.

**Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Service will be in the church on **Friday 11 October 2019**. We will be supporting Chepstow Foodbank with any donations that are made. Urgently needed food items are:

* Tinned tomatoes
* UHT fruit juice
* Soup
* Tinned fruit
* Coffee

Please bring the donations to school on the Friday morning and the children can take these to their classrooms. The service starts at 9.30am in the church. Everyone is welcome to join us for this service.

**Rags to Riches Reusable Clothes Collection**

We will be having a reusable clothes collection at school on **Tuesday 15 October 2019**.  These collections help us to raise funds for the school.

'Rags to Riches' will be collecting reusable clothes that people will want to buy and wear as affordable clothing around the world.  All clothes need to be something you would wear out yourself or pass on to friends and family.  Please remember all clothing should be clean, dry and reusable.  The school receives a payment per kilo of clothes collected.

Your child will be bringing home a flyer and a bag next week with more information on the types of items that can go in the bags.

Please bring your bag of clothes to the school on **Tuesday 15 October at 9am**. Please do not bring your bag to the office before this date as we do not have any storage facilities. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

**Year Six Secondary School Transfer Letters**

Gloucestershire County Council have asked us to remind parents of children who live in Gloucestershire that applications for transfer to secondary school in September 2020, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **Thursday 31 October 2019**. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may **not** be considered until after 2 March 2020.

**Tutshill School Holiday Sports Club**

Once again, we will be running our holiday sports club over the current academic year. Full details of how to make your booking will be sent separately. We will be holding the club on the following dates:

**October Half Term**: 28 October 2019 – 1 November 2019

**February Half Term**: 17 February 2020 – 21 February 2020

**Easter Holiday**: 6 April 2020 – 9 April 2020

(Mon – Thurs only due to Good Friday on 10 April)

**Summer Holidays**: 20 July 2020 – 24 July 2020 and 27 July 2020 – 31 July 2020.

**Parental Consultations**

We would like to give you advance notice that the Parental Consultations will be held during the week commencing **Monday 11 November 2019**. Parents will be able to book appointments using our online booking system. More information regarding the process will be issued nearer the time.

**Open Morning – September 2020 Intake**

We are holding our first Open Morning on **Monday 18 November 2019** at 10.30am. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who is looking for a place in our Reception class in September 2020, we would be grateful if you could share these details. Details of our other Open Days can be found on the school website.

**ParentPay School Meal Accounts**

If your child is in Key Stage 2, please could we request that your child’s school meal account be kept topped up at all times. In line with our School Meals Policy we have adopted a no debt policy relating to the school meal service provided by Caterlink. If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for more information and to find out how to apply on your local authority’s website

**Contact Information**

Please ensure you advise the School Office of any changes to your contact details. It is vital that we have your up to date information for all correspondence purposes.

**School Contact Details**

Telephone: 01291 622593

General email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance email: attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

**Cool Club Contact Details**

If you need to contact Cool Club regarding the breakfast or the after school club, parents can do so by email at coolclub15@outlook.co.uk or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

**School Calendar**

Please be sure to regularly check the school calendar for events. This can be looked at on the school website or the eSchools app.

**Diary Dates – At a Glance**

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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **EVENT** |
| **September 2019** | 30 | European Day of Languages (Welsh) |
| **October 2019** | 2 | Power Cut – PACKED LUNCHES FOR ALL CHILDREN |
|  | 3 | Y3 & Y4 Trip to National Roman Legion Museum |
|  | 4 | Year 1 Church |
|  | 9 | Flu Vaccinations (all year groups) |
|  | 11 | Harvest Festival |
|  | 15 | Rags to Riches Reusable Clothes Collection |
|  | 18 | Year 3 Church (in school hall) |
|  | 25 | Year 2 Church (in school hall) |
|  | 25 | Term 1 ends |
|  | 28 – 1 Nov | Holiday Club |
| **November 2019** | 4 | INSET DAY |
|  | 5 | Term 2 begins |
|  | 11 – 13 | Parental Consultations |
|  | 18 | Open Morning for Reception 2020 intake |
| **December 2019** | 6 | PTA Christmas Fayre |
|  | 20 | Term 2 ends |
| **January 2020** | 6 | Term 3 begins |
|  | 28 | Young Voices Concert |
| **February 2020** | 14 | Term 3 ends |
|  | 17 – 21 | Holiday Club |
|  | 24 | INSET DAY |
|  | 25 | Term 4 begins |
| **March 2020** | 5 | World Book Day |
|  | 20, 23 & 24 | Book Fair |
| **April 2020** | 3 | Term 4 ends |
|  | 6 - 9 | Holiday Club |
|  | 20 | Term 5 begins |
| **May 2020** | 8 | Bank Holiday |
|  | 22 | Term 5 ends |
| **June 2020** | 1 | INSET DAY |
|  | 2 | Term 6 begins |
| **July 2020** | 17 | Term 6 ends |
|  | 20 – 24 | Holiday Club |
|  | 27 - 31 | Holiday Club |