**FEBRUARY 2020 – START OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

**Thank You!**

Thank you to Mr Blackburn for spending Friday morning, in the rain, clearing the leaves and debris from the road and the path in order to keep our children and parents safe. Thank you!

**Is My Child Too Ill For School?**

Please could we request that parents check the information on our website when deciding whether your child is either too ill to attend school, or when it is appropriate for them to return following an illness. Information can be found at <https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/website/is_my_child_too_ill_for_school/383828>

**Parental Consultations**

Parental Consultations will be held during the week commencing **Monday 23 March 2020**. Please ensure you have booked your appointment using our online booking system <https://tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

**World Book Day**

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this year. On **Wednesday 4 March 2020**, to launch our celebrations, children are invited to return to classrooms after school between 3.20pm and 3.40pm.  Teaching staff will be based in classrooms ready to read stories to pupils.  Adults are welcome to accompany their children to classrooms for this special story time.  On **Thursday 5 March 2020**, the day itself, children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book and to bring a favourite book to school with them to read during the day.  A huge thank you in advance of your support with this.  A fun packed timetable of events is planned to spread the love of books and promote reading for pleasure.  We will be using our Share-o-meter to record our progress towards collectively sharing a million stories between February and March.  More information can be found by visiting: <https://www.worldbookday.com/SHARE-A-MILLION-STORIES/>

**Annual Governors Report**

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Governors Report, 2018-2019, is now live for parents to read. This year we have made changes to the presentation and it can now be found online with links to additional documents should you want to know more. The report can be found at:

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/website/annual_governors_report/447809>

**Rags to Riches Reusable Clothes Collection**

We will be having a reusable clothes collection at school on **Thursday 12 March 2020**.  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.

Please bring your bag of clothes to the school on **Thursday 12 March 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.

**Sport Relief 2020**

On **Friday 13 March 2020**, we will be asking children to ‘Get Your Kit On’ by wearing sports kit for the day in return for a £1 donation to Sport Relief. This is payable via ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)). We will also be joining thousands of schools across the UK by taking part in Sport Relief mile. This will involve a variety of movements including walking, running, hopping and skipping!

**Year 5 Trip to SkillZONE**

We would like to remind parents to log into your ParentPay account ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) and give consent for your child to participate in the trip to SkillZONE on **Tuesday 17 March 2020**.

**Book Fair**

Don’t forget to come along and visit the Book Fair after school, in the kitchen area. The Fair will be open for you to purchase books from 3.15 – 3.45pm on **Friday 20, Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March 2020**.

**Year Six Residential Trip Payments**

We would like to remind Year Six parents that the full balance for the residential trip in July needs to be made by **Friday 22 May 2020**.

**ParentPay Meal Booking Service** ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)).

Don’t forget to book your child’s school meal via ParentPay. We would highly recommend that you book and pay (if applicable) for a week’s meals at a time. You can book as many meals as your child requires for the week. You can, of course, book as many weeks in advance as you wish. **Please note that this will be the only facility for booking school meals**.

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 Emergency Closure**

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 very busy times - e.g. during bad weather - the GCC closed school website can be overwhelmed by the number of visitors. To cope with this exceptional demand they have set up two other links. Please check the following links:

* [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools)
* [www.glosclosedschools.co.uk](http://www.glosclosedschools.co.uk)
* [www.glosclosedschools.com](http://www.glosclosedschools.com)

Parents can follow GCC on Twitter where they will put messages when there are mass closures. Follow the link and search for GlosCC: [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GlosCC)

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**Diary Dates – At a Glance**

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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **EVENT** |
| **March 2020** | 5 | World Book Day |
|  | 12 | Rags to Riches Reusable Clothes Collection |
|  | 13 | ‘Get Your Kit On’ for Sport Relief (wear sports kit for £1 donation) |
|  | 17 | Year 5 Trip to SkillZone |
|  | 20, 23 & 24 | Book Fair |
|  | 23 – 25 | Parental Consultations |
| **April 2020** | 3 | Term 4 ends |
|  | 6 - 9 | Holiday Club |
|  | 20 | Term 5 begins |
|  | 20 - 24 | Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training |
|  | 23 | Year 5 Swimming Lessons commence |
|  | 27 | Year 2 Swimming Lessons commence |
| **May 2020** | 5 | Year 3 and Year 4 trip to We The Curious  |
|  | 8 | Bank Holiday |
|  | 11 - 15 | KS2 SATs |
|  | 22 | Deadline for full payment for Year 6 Residential Trip |
|  | 22 | Term 5 ends |
| **June 2020** | 1 | INSET DAY |
|  | 2 | Term 6 begins |
|  | 2 – 5 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (dates to be confirmed) |
|  | 17 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 29 | Year 6 Induction Evening at Wyedean School |
|  | 30 | Year 6 Induction Day at Wyedean School |
| **July 2020** | 1 | Year 6 Induction Day at Wyedean School |
| 6 - 8 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| 17 | Term 6 ends |
| 20 – 24 | Holiday Club |
| 27 - 31 | Holiday Club |