**NOVEMBER 2018 – MID TERM NEWSLETTER**

**PTA Update**

Disco update

Poppy/ Remembrance

**Y3 and Y4 Trip to Dean Heritage Centre** – how it went

Children in Need update

Emergency Close

Parents should be directed to the website where they can check if your school is closed. At very busy times - e.g. during bad weather - the closed school website can be overwhelmed by the number of visitors. To cope with this exceptional demand we have set up two other links. Please make sure parents are given all of the links:

* [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschoolsOpens new window](http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/)
* [www.glosclosedschools.co.ukOpens new window](http://www.glosclosedschools.co.uk/)
* [www.glosclosedschools.comOpens new window](http://www.glosclosedschools.com/)

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

Reminder re keeping off play equipment before/after school

**Coming up…**

**Christmas Lunch Date**

This year’s Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 12 December**. Please look out for the special lunch menu which will be sent out shortly.

**Christmas Service and Carols**

The carol service will be held **on Friday 21 December** at St Luke’s Church at 9.30am. Parents are invited to attend.

**Christmas Production Dates**

We would like to give you advance notice of our Christmas Production Dates.

The KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Production will be on **Wednesday 19 December**. There will be two performances; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The KS2 (Years 3 – 6) productions will be on **Thursday 20 December**. There will be three performances; one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Further details will follow nearer the time.

**PE KITs**

As the weather is getting colder, we would like to remind you that the children will need full PE kit as some PE lessons will be taught outside no matter what the weather! Please can all children have the following named PE Kit (to be kept in a named drawstring bag):

* Navy T-shirt and navy shorts;
* Navy jogging trousers;
* Navy sports jumper (sweatshirt or hooded top)
* KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) black daps; and KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) white trainers (no colour/logos/names) or black daps.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We will be checking children’s PE kits over the next couple of weeks and will be contacting those parents whose children do not have the correct items.

**Attendance**

We would like to draw your attention to the revised Attendance Policy that was emailed to parents on the first day of this academic year. A copy of the policy can also be found on the school’s website under the Parents or Documents section. Please could we suggest parents take some time to read the policy and note the changes, such as:

1. Amended register close time
2. Percentage monitoring brackets
3. Absence reporting to the office and potential home and Police welfare checks if failure to notify the school office of absence (eg. illness, medical appointment or holidays).

Should you wish to keep a closer eye on your child’s attendance throughout the year, please log in to your eSchools account or App to do so. On the app you will see there is an attendance bar which will give you a real time percentage of attendance.

**After School Clubs**

As our after school clubs are very popular and places are limited, could we please request that you notify the School Office if your child no longer requires their place. This will allow their place to be offered to the next child on the waiting list. If your child is absent for two consecutive sessions, without notifying the School Office, their place will be withdrawn.

**ParentPay School Meal Accounts**

Please could we request that your child’s school meal account be kept topped up at all times.

**Lost Property**

Please ensure you regularly check lost property for any missing items. This is situated at the back of the school hall, accessible through the door leading from the playground to the school hall. Lost property will only be accessible between the hours of 8.45am-8.55am and again at 3.15pm-3.25pm. After these times, lost property will not be accessible. This will also mean that you do not need to come in to the school through the office to locate lost property.

**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](mailto:office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

Attendance email: [attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

**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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| **Nov 2018** |  |  |
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|  | 28 | Heights & Weights visit – Reception & Year 6 |
|  | 29 | Year 5 Class Brass Mini Concert |
| **Dec 2018** | 7 | PTA Christmas Fayre |
|  | 12 | Christmas Lunch |
|  | 19 | KS1 Christmas Productions |
|  | 20 | KS2 Christmas Productions |
|  | 21 | Christmas Service and Carols |
|  | **21** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
| **Jan 2019** | **7** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 22 | Young Voices Choir Trip |
| **Feb 2019** | **15** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
|  | **25** | **Term Starts** |
| **Mar 2019** | 15-20 | Book Fair |
| **Apr 2019** | **5** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
|  | **19** | **Good Friday** |
|  | **22** | **Easter Monday** |
|  | **23** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 23-26 | Bikeability Cycle Training – Year 5 |
| **May 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **6** | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | **24** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
| **June 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **4** | **Term Starts** |
| **July 2019** | 10-12 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |