**APRIL 2019 – END OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

As I read through the newsletter, I read the words Sports Day- how have we got the end of the Spring Term already! It has been a jam packed term with events that have made the newspapers! The summer term promises much of the same, more sporting activities, school trips, Year 6 Residential and of course... Sports Day! Please ensure you regularly look at the school website and the calendar as well as eSchools as information is always being updated. I wish you all a restful and relaxing Easter and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

**Thank you from Reception Class**

The Reception children would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Smart who made them a mud kitchen for their outside area. They have really enjoyed mixing, pouring and being creative and would like to say “Thank you for the mud kitchen Mr Smart, we love playing in it. It’s really fun playing with the mud and sand, making cakes, sand drinks, sandwiches. Thank you so much”

**Easter Service**

As you are aware, todays service was held in the school hall; this was not the only difference! The worship was led by the Worship Club. They confidently shared the stories of the week leading up to Easter, shared the meaning of Easter, asked children to come forward and be a part of the service and ask questions to their audience. The worship was planned and led solely by them. It was an absolute pleasure to have been a part of the service and the children did so very well. I look forward to the next time worship club lead our worship!

**Football Tournament**

Last Friday, a group of our Year 5 and Year 6 footballers took part in a tournament at Woolaston. All of the children tried really hard and worked well as part of a team. They showed respect and courage as they played their games. The boys’ team came fifth in their tournament and the girls’ team made it to the final. The final was very close and ended up going to penalties! After a nerve-racking penalty shootout, the girls were victorious and became champions! Well done to all of the children who were involved and many thanks to Mr Fryer and Mr Bowen for running football club and training the children for this event.

We would also like to thank all of the parents/carers who have helped transport children to and from events this term. Without your fantastic support, we would not have been able to attend so many competitions so we really appreciate your help.

**Free School Meals**

Aside from the Universal Infants Free School Meals program which allows children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to receive a free school meal, we encourage parents of children in older years to check if your child is eligible to get free school meals.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

* Income Support
* income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
* income-related Employment and Support Allowance
* support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
* Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
* Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

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.

**NSPCC – Speak out. Stay safe. Programme – Tuesday, 30th April 2019**

The NSPCC’s Speak Out. Stay safe. Programme is visiting our school on Tuesday, 30th April 2019 to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. To support the NSPCC we will be having age appropriate assemblies followed with workshops for Years 5 and 6. Please look out for the separate letter with further details to follow.

**Voluntary contributions for trips**

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding and promoting personal and social development. Consequently, our school promotes and encourages educational visits for all its pupils and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits and give their full support. The school, however, is not able to fund the costs of these visits in full and therefore asks parents to give a voluntary contribution. Recently, there have been fewer voluntary contributions received for the various trip and activities which have taken place across the year groups and we would appreciate if parents could log into ParentPay to see whether there are any outstanding items on the accounts. Please do not hesitate to get in contact should there be any difficulties in making the contributions.

**We say goodbye to….**

Mrs Steel has resigned from her post as Teaching Assistant. We want to wish Mrs Steel all the very best for the future.

**PTA Update**

We've had a super-busy term with lots going on.  We hope you all enjoyed the Easter egg hunt.  The Easter Bingo went down really well and is growing in popularity every year.  We love this family event; especially seeing the intense concentration from children and parents alike - thank you for supporting it!  Thank you to all of the volunteers and in particular to Sam, our resident caller, with his mini-helpers and also to Tesco, Spar and M&S for the donated prizes.

The school have purchased a new shed to store their outdoor play equipment, indoor rainy day games, Lego, new aprons and we were also able to support the recent STEM week by purchasing stationary and pencil cases for the children to decorate with the money you helped to raise.  Next term's main event is the School Fayre on Friday 17th May - please contact us if you'd like to hold your own stall to sell crafts or promote your business or activities you run or to donate any raffle prizes via [ptatutshill@gmail.com](mailto:ptatutshill@gmail.com).

**Book Fair**

Thank you for supporting our recent book fair. We raised £182.41 in commission which goes towards purchasing new books for the classrooms.

**Comic Relief 2019 - Red Nose Day**

Thank you for supporting our fundraising. The children were very cleverly dressed in a variety of STEM related roles, along with a splash of red! We raised £245.37 for Comic Relief 2019 - thank you!

**Rags to Riches Reusable Clothes Collection**

We would like to thank parents for their generous donations for this cause. You have raised £76.10 for the school. Thank you! We will be having a further collection in the Autumn term on Tuesday 15 October 2019.

**Year 6 Residential Trip Payments**

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that the full balance for the residential trip in July needs to be made by **Wednesday 24 April 2019**. Please ensure payment is made by this date as we have to pay the final instalment to the provider by this date.

**Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training**

Please ensure those children taking part in the Level 2 Cycle Training have their bicycles and helmets in school for the first week back in the new term. Whilst children are more than welcome to leave their bikes in school on the bike rack during the day and overnight, suitably locked, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur whilst on school premises. We ask that children do not ride their bikes to school on their own before they have completed and passed the training.

**Sports Day**

Save the date – Sports Day is due to take place on Tuesday 9 July 2019 with a reserve date of Tuesday 16 July 2019.

**Attendance - update**

Congratulations to the Yellow Team who had the highest attendance percentage this term with 96.76% and are able to wear their team colours on the first day back to school on Tuesday 23 April 2019 (please remember this does not include fancy dress or football colours). Our whole school attendance for this term was 96.12% and well done also to Year 1 who had the highest class attendance this term at 97.50%.

**Sedbury Brownies**

We have been asked by Sedbury Brownies to let parents know that they are desperately looking for new leaders. If you are interested and would like to chat about it, please contact with Emma, (07786 512764 or 01594 510470)or with Karen,( 07525 654536 or 01291 629048) as soon as you can with no obligation. Guider with Sedbury Brownies, Hazel Evans (01291 625872)

**ParentPay School Meal Accounts**

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.

**School Uniform**

Our school uniform remains unchanged, consisting of:

* A light blue polo shirt\*, shirt, or blouse;
* School sweatshirt\* or navy jumper or cardigan;
* Smart grey or navy trousers or grey or navy skirt/pinafore;
* Grey socks / tights, white socks for girls in summer;
* Dark coloured sensible shoes.
* In summer, children may wear grey or navy shorts;
* In summer, girls may wear a blue checked or striped dress and white socks.

Our uniform supplier, Sheila’s of Beachley Road in Sedbury, has sent details of her current prices for Tutshill School uniform as follows:

Sweatshirts £10.00 all sizes

Sweat cardigans £12.00 all sizes

Polo shirts £ 8.50 all sizes

PE t-shirts £ 8.00 all sizes

**School Logo**

The school logo is embroidered on several items of uniform, all marked with an asterix on the above list. The full range of school uniform (including items with the school logo) is available for purchase from ‘Sheila’s’ in Sedbury.

However, whilst preferred by the school, the wearing of uniform bearing the logo is optional and uniform can be purchased from other suppliers providing it is the correct colour (i.e. plain light blue polo shirts and plain navy sweatshirts may be worn for lessons and a plain navy t-shirt may be worn for PE).

* Children should wear school uniform at all times.
* Skirts should be of an appropriate length and style.
* Children with long hair should have it tied back using a plain, navy or blue and white check, “Alice”-style hair band, plain navy bobble/pony-tail band and simple “Kirby”-style hair-grips. Decorative or embellished hairbands, bobbles/elastics/scrunchies and hair-grips must not be worn.
* No jewellery should be worn in school. Children with pierced ears may wear plain studs. These must be removed for all PE activities and the child must be able to put them back in themselves.
* No nail varnish.
* Children should wear appropriate school shoes and not trainers.
* During the Summer term all children should have a cap and a water bottle as part of their PE kit. It is advisable to have a pair of plain navy blue jog bottoms in school.
* During the Autumn, Winter and Spring terms, all children should bring a coat to school. This ensures they are able to participate in outdoor activities and playtimes. During the Summer term it is advisable to have a light waterproof coat.
* No toys or games should be brought into school unless given special permission by a member of teaching staff.

**ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM AND OTHER ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED**

**PE Kits**

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.

**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)

**Cool Club Contact Details**

If you need to contact Cool Club regarding breakfast or the after school club, parents can do so via email on [coolclub15@outlook.co.uk](mailto:coolclub15@outlook.co.uk) or via 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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| **Apr 2019** | **5** | Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.30pm |
|  |  | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
|  | 8 – 12 | Holiday Sports Club |
|  | **19** | **Good Friday** |
|  | **22** | **Easter Monday** |
|  | **23** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 23 - 26 | Bikeability Cycle Training – Year 5 |
|  | 30 | NSPCC Visit |
| **May 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **6** | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | 13 - 17 | KS2 SATS Week |
|  | 16 | New Reception Parents’ Evening |
|  | 17 | PTA Spring Fayre @ 3.15pm |
|  | **24** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
| **June 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **4** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 4 & 6 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival |
|  | 5 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 13 | Country Dancing |
|  | 25 & 26 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
| **July 2019** | 3 | Year 5 Trip to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham |
|  | 8 | Music Evening |
|  | 9 | Sports Day |
|  | 10 - 12 | Year 6 Residential Trip to Tewkesbury |
|  | 16 | Reserve Sports Day |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |

**Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019**

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| **Term 1 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 3 September 2018 (Inset Day)  4 September 2018  19 October 2018 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 2 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 29 October 2018 (Inset Day)  30 October 2018  19 November 2018 (Inset Day)  21 December 2018 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 7 January 2019  15 February 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 4 2019**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 25 February 2019  5 April 2019 – 3.15pm finish  19 April 2019  22 April 2019 |
| **Term 5 2019**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 23 April 2019  3 May 2019 (Inset Day)  6 May 2019  24 May 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 6 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 3 June 2019 (Inset Day)  4 June 2019  23 July 2019 – 1pm finish |

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

3 September 2018

29 October 2018

19 November 2018

3 May 2019

3 June 2019

These dates are in line with Gloucestershire County Council term dates.

Created: July 2017

**Term and Holiday Dates 2019/2020**

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| --- | --- |
| **Term 1 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 2 September 2019 (Inset Day)  3 September 2019  25 October 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 2 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 4 November 2019 (Inset Day)  5 November 2019  20 December 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2020**  Term begins  Term ends | 6 January 2020  14 February 2020 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 4 2020**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 24 February 2020 (Inset Day)  25 February 2020  3 April 2020 – 3.15pm finish  10 April 2020  13 April 2020 |
| **Term 5 2020**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 20 April 2020  4 May 2020  22 May 2020 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 6 2020**  Term begins  Term ends | 1 June 2020 (Inset Day)  2 June 2020  17 July 2020 – 1pm finish  20 July 2020 (Inset Day) |

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

2 September 2019

4 November 2019

24 February 2020

1 June 2020

20 July 2020

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Created: June 2018

**Term and Holiday Dates 2020/2021**

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| --- | --- |
| **Term 1 2020**  Term begins  Term ends | 1 September 2020 (Inset Day)  2 September 2020  22 October 2020 – 3.15pm finish  23 October 2020 (Inset Day) |
| **Term 2 2020**  Term begins  Term ends | 2 November 2020  18 December 2020 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2021**  Term begins  Term ends | 4 January 2021 (Inset Day)  5 January 2021  12 February 2021 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 4 2021**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 22 February 2021  15 March 2021 (Inset Day)  1 April 2021 – 3.15pm finish  2 April 2021  5 April 2021 |
| **Term 5 2021**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 19 April 2021  3 May 2021  28 May 2021 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 6 2021**  Term begins  Term ends | 7 June 2021 (Inset Day)  8 June 2021  21 July 2021 – 1pm finish |

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

1 September 2020

23 October 2020

4 January 2021

15 March 2021

7 June 2021

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Created: March 2019