**May 2018**

**Newsletter**

So, it would appear the rain has arrived just in time for half term! However, the recent spell of sunshine has meant that the children have been outside for all sorts: learning, PE and playtimes - it has been a joy to see the children using so much of our outdoor space! We are about to embark upon the final term of this academic year and as always, we have an awful lot to do. Please make sure you continually look at the school calendar and your eSchools page to remain up to date with what is happening. Please have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you at 8.55am on Tuesday 5th June.

**National Curriculum Test**

Children in Year Two and Year Six have recently undertaken National Curriculum tests. The children in Year Two have completed these throughout the month of May and will support the teacher assessment made at the end of the academic year. Year Six sat the tests week beginning 14 May, with every other Year Six child in the country sitting the same. The tests were challenging and required a calm and mature attitude to be applied. Needless to say, our children did just that. Well done!

**PTA Spring Fayre**

Last weekend, in blistering sun, we had our annual PTA ‘Summer Fayre’, although this year it was earlier in the year and was our ‘Spring Fayre’! The sun shone and we were able to celebrate the Royal Wedding as well as raise funds for the children of our school. We are awaiting a final figure but I am sure that it was another success. I would like to thank all those that came and supported and a special thank you to the PTA**.**

**Trip to We The Curious**

On Tuesday 15 May, Year Three and Year Four children went on a trip to We The Curious, previously known as @Bristol. They really enjoyed exploring and experimenting with the various exhibitions including; a build it area, animation screens, recycling zones and a block building robot - to name a few!

Additionally, both classes learnt a lot from the workshop sessions. Year Three learnt about forces and Year Four learnt about sound. Many thanks to the parent volunteers in supporting a very scientific day out!

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

The whole school enjoyed yet another fantastic performance by MandM Productions yesterday. Thank you to PTA who kindly funded this for our children.

**GDPR**

Please could we request that the Information Systems Data Sharing Consent Form and the Photographic and Video Consent Form be completed and returned to the School Office on Tuesday 5 June 2018.

We would also like to inform parents that during the school holidays, the post delivered to the school will be stored at the local Royal Mail Sorting Office. This will mean any post sent to the school during these times, will not be received, opened and actioned until the start of the next term.

**Post Box**

You may have noticed that we now have a shiny black internal post box situated by the hatch in the School Office. Please use this box to return any completed forms and any other school-related correspondence. This box is emptied twice daily.

**Moving Up Days**

The teachers will be meeting their new children and the children, their new teachers very soon! You will be informed by the end of the first week back next term, who will be teaching your child next year. We have arranged for the children to spend two days with their teacher to get to know them in preparation for September. You will also have the chance to meet the teaching in September in our ‘Meet the Teacher’ morning session - dates for these will follow at the end of the academic year. Moving up days have been planned for 20 and 21, June 2018. Year Six pupils will be attending Wyedean School on 19, 20, 21 June and will go straight to Wyedean School, **not** coming to Tutshill C of E Primary beforehand.

**Sports Days**

The preparation for the annual Sports Day is well underway with changes planned for this year. Mrs Cooper and Prostars are planning activities that will this year cover both track and field events. We hope to hold Sports Day on Tuesday 3, July 2018 with the reserve on Tuesday 10, July 2018. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Hockey Sticks**

Mr Bryce kindly donated enough new hockey sticks for two new hockey teams for our after school hockey club. The children have enjoyed using these and have added further recognition to a new sport provided at the school. Thank you!

**Attendance**

Well done to the Green team who had the highest overall attendance percentage this term with 96.97%.  The Green team are able to wear their team colours on Friday 8 June 2018.  They were closely followed by the Yellow team with 96.76%, the Blue team with 96.73% and the Red team with 95.52%. Our whole school attendance for the term was 96.26%.

**Chepstow Museum**

Chepstow Museum is running its popular drop in craft afternoon during the half term holidays on Thursday 31 May from 2 until 4pm at the Drill Hall in Lower Church Street.  They supply some templates, ideas and materials you bring your creativity to make something special of your own. They have big tables so you can meet up with friends or bring family and have fun making things together.

Suitable for children of all ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult – up to three children per adult. Come for the whole afternoon or just pop in for a short time. Donations towards the cost of materials and refreshments are always welcome, we suggest £2 for children aged 3+

**Dates for your diary**

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **May 2018** | 25 | **Term ends** |
| **June 2018** | 4 | INSET DAY |
|  | 5 | **Term begins** |
|  | 5 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (Day One) |
|  | 6 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 7 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (Day Two) |
|  | 8 | Green Team to wear colours to school |
|  | 14 | Country Dance Festival – Speech House 6.30pm |
|  | 20 | Reserve Date for Country Dance Festival |
|  | 20-21 | Moving Up Days |
|  | 19-21 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
| **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 |
|  | 25 | **Term ends – 1.00pm finish** |