

## SEPTEMBER 2017 – MID POINT NEWSLETTER

### **Half way already!**

What a busy few weeks we have already had at school! I am delighted to say that all children have settled well into their new classes and are working extremely hard. I have also been fortunate to have been in all classes to watch teaching and learning and already the standard is very high!

### **What's been happening?**

At the beginning of the term we opened our classrooms so parents could come into school and meet the teacher. This allowed parents to ask questions, understand what was being taught during the year and the expectations of that year. The meetings were well attended with many parents saying how beneficial the time was. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can find out homework days, PE days and learning topics by looking at the eSchools class page.

### **The Governing Body**

We currently have a parent vacancy and vacancies for co-opted Governors. The role of the Governing Body is to: set the strategic direction, vision and ethos of the school; monitor and challenge the progress of the school in achieving its priorities; ensure the school meets its statutory responsibilities; ensure financial probity; ensure the premises are well managed; and report to the school's stakeholders. In addition to this, we would like to strengthen our committees and have further members supporting and bring expertise to them.

Should you require further information, please contact the school office or email the Clerk to Governors: [tutshill\\_clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:tutshill_clerk@btinternet.com)

### **School Council**

Please keep looking at the School Council page on the website as the children will soon be taking a vote and informing us of the children's chosen charity for this year. Already there has been a hive of activity within the School Council with all children meeting and making charity and fundraising suggestions.

### **Snacks**

Thank you so much to everybody for making the school a much healthier place at break times! There has been an influx of healthy snacks across the school. The children have clearly followed all requests that crisps and chocolates are not allowed at break times and are instead bringing in fruit, dried fruit or vegetables as requested. Many thanks for your support.

### **Nut allergy**

We request your co-operation in keeping our school a nut-free environment in the interests of the safety of our pupils, some of whom suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please avoid giving your child/ren snacks or packed-lunches containing nuts (in any form) or foods with any nut content.

### **EPIC Martial Arts Day**

What a fantastic day the children had! The children learnt many movements and why each should be used. The focus of the day was to capture the children's imaginations and enhance positive development in a fun and motivating way. Be sure to look at the school website for more information and pictures which will be coming shortly.

## **European Day of Languages**

The children all came to school dressed in a French influence! Throughout the day children were able to experience French art, French cuisine - making crepes with Mrs Rhodes, learning French songs and playing Boules with Mrs Howells and Mrs Hart. The children had a fantastic day and learnt a lot about our day of European language! Don't forget to look at your eSchools class page.

## **Life Education Van visit – 27 & 28 September 2017**

The children very much look forward to this day as the activities are hands on and practical and change each year for the children. This year the children had 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

In addition to this, Tutshill Preschool have also had a session. Be sure to ask your children about it! Parents are invited to attend their own 'Parent' session tomorrow afternoon (Thursday 28th) at 2.30pm.

## **School Photographs**

All children have received the photograph proofs from the school photographer. Please ensure that you return the form and necessary fee to the school office by Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all that joined us for yet another fantastic Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully throughout and made the meaning and purpose of the celebration of Harvest very clear. Thank you also for all the donations that were given for the food bank - they were extremely pleased with how much they had to collect!

## **What's coming up?**

### **Reception Intake 2018 and Open Day for Prospective Families**

This year we are holding two open days for prospective families. The first is on Tuesday 3 October at 9.30am and the second on Wednesday 4 October at 2.00pm Details have been posted on the school website, but we would be grateful if you could share this information with any families seeking a place in Reception in 12 months' time.

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

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Museum on Friday 6 October as part of their 'Roman' topic. Parents will receive a letter early next week confirming requirements for the day.

### **Year 5 STEMWorks Lego Robots Workshop**

On Tuesday 17 October, children in Year 5 will take part in a Lego Robots Workshop. Children will work in teams to design, build, program and test a Lego robot to complete a series of increasingly difficult challenges over the day.

## **Vision and Values Evening**

On Monday 16 October, we are holding an evening to inform parents about the schools' vision, the involvement of the senior leadership team and the strategic direction as set by the Governing Body. It is hoped that this evening will allow parents to: understand how the school is monitored, how the children are taught in order to meet the vision set out by the Headteacher and, of course, how it is held to account by the Governing Body. The evening will be informal and will end with artwork being created to decorate our school - the theme being our vision and values. Please come along, adults and children, and take part in this exciting evening!

## **Cauliflower Cards**

Yes, it is that time of year already! Children will complete their Christmas cards during this term and they will be on display for parents to view after school on Monday 16 October in the children's classrooms. This year we will not be taking payment for orders in school. All orders will need to be made online. You will be able to take a reference number from your child's design and submit and pay for your order online. It will mean that we will not be able to chase up any unpaid cards and the deadline this year will be non-negotiable. The deadline for payments will be Wednesday 1 November 2017. There will be more information available closer to the end of term.

Enjoy the rest of the term!

Miss Lane  
Headteacher