**JUNE 2019 – WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER**

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year, please do not be fooled - we are definitely not winding down! There is a lot happening this term with children already going on school trips to the Science Festival and Gloucester Cathedral. We have had our new starters for Reception in September join us for two evenings, and the learning in class is still of exceptional quality. Can I remind parents of children in Year Five and Year Six, if they want they children to walk home in the summer term, there must be written permission given to the class teacher.

With so much happening this term, please make sure you frequently look at the school calendar on the website. In the meantime, please read on to find out more…

**THE CHELTENHAM SCIENCE FESTIVAL written by Year Five**

*Earlier this week, on Tuesday and Thursday Year Five went on a school trip to the Cheltenham Science Festival. We arrived at school at twenty past eight, which is forty minutes earlier than normal!*

*We arrived in Cheltenham and we went to a massive stage in a tent. At the door, we were given fossils in a bag. Once we were settled, it started and we got taught about how fossils form and we did a thing called the toilet roll time line and the toilet roll was so long and the part with humans was so long. It was amazing! Next, we went to the GE Pavillion, which was full of fun stuff. Everybody rushed to the cycling station straight away. The VR was really hard as you had to work in a hospital. Also you could land an amazing plane. After all the hard work, we had scrumptious lunch.*

*After the lovely lunch we went to the show Mysterious Moons. Fun fact: Earth and Europa [which travels around Saturn] are the only places you can have life because it has a solid ground, water and isn’t too cold. We also visited the Cyber Zone and went to the sweet vault robots. The challenges were great fun!*

*On the next day, we had to build robots and program them. We also had to build Formula One cars. After that, we went to watch Animal Top Trumps, which was interesting. Then we listened to a man talk about his visit to the ocean. He travelled 245 metres below sea level!! This session was called ‘The Deep Ocean Lab’. Then we went to the Discovery Zone where we tried out lots of fun activities. Overall, we had a fantastic time and found out lots of facts about Science! Thank you to the parent helpers who came along as well.*

**Summer Holiday Sports Club**

We will be holding our summer holiday sports club during the weeks commencing **Monday 29 July 2019** and **Monday 5 August 2019**. Further details of how to book a place will be sent separately.

**New Morning Drop-off Arrangements for Reception Children**

In preparation for Year One in September, please could Reception children start lining up in the playground instead of being brought to the classroom. Please could your child line up at the same 'dot' in the playground that they are released from in the afternoon. Mrs Fryer will meet the children in the line and will take them to the classroom once the bell has been rung. These new arrangements will commence **Monday 10 June 2019**.

**Church Dates**

Parents are invited to attend our church assemblies on the dates shown below. Please attend the Church on the date relevant to your child’s class.

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| Friday 14 June  | Year 6 (in school hall) |
| Friday 21 June | Year 4 (in school hall) |
| Friday 28 June | Year 3 (in church) |
| Friday 5 July | Year 2 (in church) |
| Friday 12 July | Year 5 (in school hall) |
| Friday 19 July | Reception (in school hall) |

**Moving Up Days**

The children will be meeting their new teachers very soon! 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 teachers 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 Tuesday, 25 and Wednesday, 26 June 2019.

**Wyedean Transition Days – Year Six**

Year Six pupils will be attending Wyedean School on **Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 June 2019** and will go straight to Wyedean School, **not** coming to Tutshill C of E Primary beforehand.

**Music Evening**

This year’s music evening for children in Years 2 – 6 will be held on **Monday 8 July 2019**. Please ensure you have you returned your reply slips by 19 June 2019 if you would like your child to take part.

**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. 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 Contact Details**

Telephone: 01291 622593

General email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance email: attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

**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 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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| **June 2019** | 13 | Country Dancing |
|  | 18 | Internet Evening 5-6.30pm |
|  | 19 | Country Dancing – Reserve Date |
|  | 25 & 26 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
| **July 2019** | 2 | Year 5 visit to Wyedean School |
|  | 3 | Year 5 Trip to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham |
|  | 5 | Year 5 visit to Wyedean School |
|  | 8 | Music Evening |
|  | 9 | Sports Day |
|  | 10 - 12 | Year 6 Residential Trip to Tewkesbury |
|  | 16 | Reserve Sports Day |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |