**November 2017 Newsletter**

**Parental Consultations**

Parental Consultations take place next week Monday – Wednesday. If you have an appointment during the day please come to the School Office, where you will be directed to the designated room to meet the teacher. Should you be unable to make the appointment, please ensure you notify the teacher or School Office. The teachers need to keep to the timings of the appointments, however, should you feel that you need more time following the parental consultations, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting where more time can be offered.

**Show and tell in the Church!**

As part of our continuing links with St Luke’s Church and the ministry team, the children will spend parts of next week researching the local area and the church throughout history. On Friday 10th November at 2pm, in the Church, Years 2-6 will be sharing their work with each other and parents are invited to come and learn with the children. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Riordan, will be joining us to share some of the plans the church and members of the parish are hoping to achieve in the future. The work shall be shared on eSchool class pages.

**Remembrance Service**

The school will be holding a service in school this year with the ministry team. We are privileged to be join by Mrs Rusling who will play the Last Post during the Service. The service will commence at 10.45am and we shall observe a minutes silence at 11.00am. Parents are invited to school to join us for the Remembrance Service. Please notify the School Office if you will be attending.

**Poppy Appeal**

Poppies will be on sale daily from Monday 6, November with members of the School Council taking them around to each class. As well as poppies, we also have friendship bracelets, slap rulers, wristbands, reflectors and pencils available. The suggested donation for these items are £0.50-£1.00.

**Children in Need – Friday, 17 November 2017**

This year we are raising money in a slightly different way for Children in Need. Each child will be sent home with a money box template. The children are able to design and make their box and where possible collect any donations and bring their box into school. In addition to this the children will be going back in time, the theme for the day is the 80s! Children will be able to dress up in any suitable 80s attire and at the end of the day we shall have a small 80’s themed disco!

**Additional Open Morning – September 2018 Intake**

We are holding an additional Open Morning on Monday, 13 November at 9.30am for parents who were unable to attend the previous Open Days. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who is looking for a place in our Reception class in September 2018, we would be grateful if you could share these details.

**Key Stage 1 Christmas Productions**

Our Key Stage 1 children will be putting on two performances of their Christmas Production in the school hallon Tuesday, 12th December at 1.45pm and Wednesday, 13th December at 9.30am. Information on how to book your tickets will be emailed in a separate letter in due course.

**Key Stage 2 Christmas Productions**

Our Key Stage 2 children will be putting on three performances of their Christmas Productions at Woodcroft Christian Centre on Thursday, 14th December at 10.45am, 1.45pm and 6pm. As in previous years, the children will be practising at the Christian Centre and we would be grateful of parent volunteers who are able to accompany the children on the walks to and from the Christian Centre. Exact dates and times will be emailed in a separate letter next week.

**Christmas Lunch Date**

This year’s Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday, 13th December. Please look out for the special lunch menu which will be sent out shortly.

**Carol Service**

The carol service will be held on Friday, 15th December at St Luke’s Church at 9.30am. Parents are invited to attend.

**Tutshill Christmas Sports Club**

Tutshill will be running a Sports Club over the Christmas holidays from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December. This club is once again being funded from our Sports Premium grant and therefore there is no cost for children to attend. A separate letter with all the information you will need on how to book a place will be emailed out in due course.

**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.

**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.

**Coats**

As the weather is starting to get colder and can be very changeable at this time of year, please ensure your child brings a coat to school with them every day.

**Your Community Alerts – Message from Gloucestershire Constabulary**

Your Community Alerts is Gloucestershire Constabulary's new, free messaging system that enables residents, businesses and community groups to participate in a two-way exchange of information about what is happening throughout the county. Whether you live in Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Stroud, the Forest of Dean or the Cotswolds you can receive up-to-date messaging about incidents that may affect you.

Don’t worry, we won’t bombard you with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive. For example, you can help tackle crime by registering for witness appeals or keep ahead of those traffic jams by registering for road closure alerts. The aim is to send relevant information which is chosen by you and together we can make a greater impact on the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities.

The service is entirely free and you can receive the messages in a way that suits you. You may subscribe to alerts via text, an alert through the mobile app, a text or a voicemail. The choice is your hands.

To download the app visit the Apple store or Google Play store and search ‘Neighbourhood Alerts’ For more information, please visit the below web address and register your interest.

<https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

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