**MARCH 2019 – START OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

Welcome back! What lovely weather we started the term with. It is hard to believe that this time last year we were about to close the school for two snow days!

The children have arrived back at school and have returned with revived excitement and a readiness to learn!

Thank you to all the parents that are supporting the school in delivering what is planned to be an outstanding STEM week!

**Year 5 Trip to SkillZONE**

Year Five visited SkillZONE in Gloucester earlier this week. The children took part in a number of different scenarios and thought carefully about how to keep themselves safe. They visited an internet café where they looked at the ‘Thinkuknow’ website and thought carefully about how to stay safe on the internet. They had to cross a road safely and think about why it is so important to wear a seatbelt. The children asked some fantastic questions and listened really carefully to each of the guides.  They worked together brilliantly and demonstrated many of our School values during the morning.

**We say Goodbye to…**

It is with sadness I am writing to inform you of Mrs Evans decision to unfortunately stop working at Tutshill. Mrs Evans has worked with us for 3 and a half years in Year 1 and also as our Busy Bee Hive Teacher. Mrs Evans will finish working at Tutshill at the end of the Spring Term.

**Mrs Williams**

Many of you will have seen Mrs Williams on the playground or around the school lately. It is a pleasure to announce that Mrs Williams will return to Tutshill School on 1 April 2019. Mrs Williams will be teaching the Busy Bee Hive in the afternoons and KS1 PPA cover on a Tuesday morning. Additionally, she will be resuming her role as SENCO.

**PTA Update**

We're really pleased with how much the children enjoyed the disco, and how well behaved they all were - thank you parents and a really big thanks to everyone who volunteered.  We could run these events without your support.  We earned £600 on the night of the disco, with around £300 profit which, along with other PTA funds will pay for a new much needed shed in the playground to store outdoor equipment. Our next events include Easter Bingo; back by popular demand at 6:15pm on Thursday 28th March with games starting at 6:30pm - look out for posters and emails over the next few weeks. The Spring Fayre is on Friday 17th May after school.

**What’s happening this term…**

**Whole School Project homework**

We hope that you are enjoying/ have enjoyed completing your half term homework task linked to villages, towns and cities. You can present your ideas however you would like to and remember that your work is due back into school on **Monday 4th March**.

**Year 1 Phonics Meeting**

A reminder of the Year 1 phonics meeting to be held **Tuesday 6 March** at 9.00am in the Busy Bee Hive. Please join Mrs Driver who will be sharing teaching strategies and further information about the Phonics Screen Test.

**World Book Day - Thursday 7 March 2019**

We are looking forward to another fun packed day to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7 March.  Children will be invited to come to school dressed as a 'Favourite Book Character'.  Links for costume ideas and further information have been included below.  We are inviting the children to start the day by going straight into class at 8.45am, to have a glass of milk and share a book of their choice from home with classmates and the teachers.  Please could you clearly label all books with your child's name.  In addition, there will be a 'Book Swap' session where children bring a book to school they no longer want or need to exchange for one they do.

Useful World Book Day links:

[https://www.worldbookday.com/](https://www.worldbookday.com/ %20)

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

<https://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas>

**Parental Consultations**

Don’t forget to book your parental consultation during **Monday 11 – Wed 13 March 2019** by using our booking system <https://tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>.

**STEM Week (Monday 11 – Friday 15 March 2019)**

Our STEM week is coming together brilliantly and we have many exciting activities planned! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and wider school community who have offered to help support the week.  We have already started to collect some junk modelling materials, please feel free to start sending your bags in next week! If you have any questions about the week or would like to get involved, please speak to Mrs Cooper.

**Book Fair – 15, 18 and 19 March**

Don’t forget to come along and visit the Book Fair, after school, in the kitchen area. Further details have been sent separately.

**Comic Relief 2019 - Red Nose Day**

As it is Red Nose Day on **Friday 15 March**, we are having a non-uniform day and would love it if children are able to come dressed in clothes relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. There will be £1 donation for charity. There will also be Red Nose Day themed menu with a change to the usual choices on Friday 15 March. The choices on this day will be:

Hot Dog in a Roll with ketchup (optional)

OR

Veggie Hotdog in a Roll

**School Contact Details**

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**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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| **Mar 2019** | 7 | World Book Day |
|  | 11 – 13 | Parental Consultations |
|  | 11 – 15 | STEM Week |
|  | 15 | Red Nose Day |
|  | 15, 18 & 19 | Book Fair |
|  | 28 | KS1 Trip to Wild Place Project |
|  | 28 | PTA Bingo Night |
| **Apr 2019** | 2 | Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Barry Island |
|  | 4 | School Photos (Class and individual black & white) |
|  | **5** | **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 |
| **May 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **6** | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | 13 - 17 | KS2 SATS Week |
|  | 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 (dates tbc) |
|  | 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 |
|  | 10 - 12 | Year 6 Residential Trip to Tewkesbury |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |