**NOVEMBER 2017 – MID POINT NEWSLETTER**

**What’s been happening?**

Many thanks to all those who submitted their Cauliflower Cards order at the beginning of term. We are thrilled with the children’s creations and are sure they will be proud to send the beautiful, finished cards to friends and family when they arrive back with us at school. We also appreciate the strong turn-out for our Parental Consultations at the beginning of November. We are proud of our strong links between school and home and hope that you are as impressed with the children’s work and progress as we are.

The following week saw M and M Productions visit the school to perform their production of “Peter Pan” for all our pupils. The gales of laughter from the school hall were testament to how much the children enjoyed the visit. Huge thanks are due to the PTA for arranging, and funding, the performance – a great example of how the monies raised at events such as our forthcoming Christmas Fayre directly benefit our pupils here at Tutshill. Our special Remembrance Service brought the week to a close on a more sombre note; we were so proud of the pupils’ impeccable behaviour and observation of the minute’s silence.

Our brand-new Gardening Club blossomed into life for our Y6 pupils on Tuesday, 14 November. We are so grateful to Mrs Haywood, for offering this fantastic opportunity to our children. We hope that you all enjoyed the splendid sight of our pupils and staff, resplendent in fluorescent colours and the best of 80’s fashions for the BBC Children in Need Appeal last Friday. We amassed an amazing £478.52 in donations thanks to your generous support.

**Y6 Bikeability cycle training – week commencing Monday, 27 November 2017**

A polite reminder that the Y6 children taking part in Bikeability will need to bring appropriate weather-proof clothing, along with their cycle helmet, to enable the training to go ahead whatever the weather might throw at us. Please ensure that you have completed the Bikeability checklist provided in an earlier letter before your child attends the training.

**Our online Parents’ Survey is open until Friday, 8 December 2017**

We appreciate that it is a busy time of year as we hurtle towards Christmas. If you could please spare a few moments to access and complete our online parents’ survey before the deadline, we would be most grateful. The survey can be found at the following link:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/0R4DG>

**Here comes Christmas….**

This is always an exceptionally busy time of year for us at Tutshill School:

**PTA Christmas Fayre – Friday, 24 November 2017**

This Friday sees our PTA Christmas Fayre open its doors at 3.15pm. Promising lots of fun for all our children and younger siblings, the proceeds provide a huge contribution to our annual fundraising efforts for the school, so we look forward to seeing you there. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your generous donations of teddies, bottles and gifts.

**KS2 Rehearsals for our Christmas productions**

Please refer to your letter dated Monday, 13 November 2017 for details of arrangements for the KS2 children’s rehearsals at the Woodcroft Christian Centre. As well as wearing suitable weather-proof clothing and footwear, all KS2 children will require a packed lunch on the following dates as they will not be returning to school for lunch:

* *Monday, 4 December*
* *Tuesday, 5 December*
* *Friday, 8 December*
* *Monday, 11 December*
* *Tuesday,12 December*
* *Thursday,14 December (Performance day)*

Please can you let the School Office know if you are available to accompany the children whilst walking to and from the Christian Centre on any of the above dates.

**Tickets for our Christmas Productions**

Our existing parents and carers will be familiar with our online booking system for Christmas production tickets. Full details of how to book are being e-mailed out in a separate letter. Please log-in to make your bookings before the deadline and print out your confirmation email which will act as your tickets for the performance.

**Deadline for Rotary Shoe Box donations – Thursday, 7 December 2017**

Please bring your donations to the school office by this date, not forgetting to tape a £1 coin onto the box to help fund delivery costs, as requested by the Rotary Club.

**The school Christmas Carol Service at St Luke’s Church – Friday, 15 December 2017**

We would be delighted to see you at our lovely, annual Christmas Carol Service which will take place at 9.30am on Friday, 15 December 2017.

**Tutshill Christmas Sports Club – Monday, 18 to Friday, 22 December 2017**

Once again, we will be running a free sports club over these dates. Full details, including the daily schedule of activities and instructions for how you can book your child(ren)’s place on the club, are being e-mailed out in a separate letter.

**Last call for orders for Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 13 December 2017**

The deadline for ordering your child(ren)’s Christmas lunch is today. Please place your order urgently if you wish your child to take part in this lovely fixture in our annual calendar. It is a lovely occasion with music, Christmas crackers and lots of laughter – and a delicious Christmas lunch of roast turkey or quorn with all the trimmings – all for our regular dinner price of £2.28. We hope that your child(ren) will be joining us for the occasion.

**Important! School closure in severe weather – notification procedures**

Should severe weather conditions require us to close the school, we will notify parents and carers by means of an alert via the eSchools app. May we please urge any families who have not already installed the app to do so as soon as possible to ensure that they receive any such closure alerts. Please also ensure you add Tutshill School email addresses to your safe senders to help stop any emails going into your Spam/Junk folder. We will also notify any closures on the home page of our school website and to Gloucestershire County Council for inclusion in their Emergency School Closure List at <http://glosclosedschools.com/> along with their associated Twitter account @Glos\_schools.

We dearly hope that the children have a wonderful time, celebrating the festive season with us.

Miss J Lane

Headteacher