**NOVEMBER 2019 – MID TERM NEWSLETTER**

**Information Evening**

We would like to remind you that the Senior Leadership Team at Tutshill C of E Primary School is hosting an information evening for all to attend on **Wednesday 4 December**, 6.00-7.00pm. The purpose of the evening is to:

* share with you the school vision and values and how they are used in the curriculum and within the children’s learning.
* introduce you to the School Council and highlight the work they would like to do this year. They will also be presenting the new eco-committee to you.
* introduce some of the children who lead play activities at lunchtimes.
* share with you an exceptionally positive approach called ‘Trick Box’ that we have recently adopted.

Please could you notify the school office on office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk by **Monday 2 December** to let us know if you would like to attend. If we do not have enough people attending, unfortunately the evening will be cancelled.

**Chepstow Foodbank**

We have received a letter of thanks from Chepstow Foodbank for the Harvest Festival donations kindly donated on Friday 5 October. The Foodbank have informed us that the amount of food donated by parents was enough to feed twenty people for three days. Thank you!

**Children in Need**

We all had a great time on Friday 15 November fundraising for Children in Need.  Everyone looked very sporty in their active wear when completing Joe Wick's Children in Need 'Big Morning Move'!  The healthy flapjacks that every class made were delicious and well worth all the hard work in making them.  Thank you to all of the children and their families for supporting Children in Need this year.  We are pleased to announce that we raised a total of £293.43. Thank you!

**Rotary Shoe Box Scheme Reminder**

Please bring either your unused or filled Rotary Shoe Box back to the office by **Wednesday 4 December** to enable them to be collected and shipped.

**Message from Cool Club**

Cool Club have asked us to remind parents that they will be closed on **Friday 6 December** and **Friday 20 December**. If you need to contact Cool Club regarding the breakfast or the after school club, parents can do so by email at coolclub15@outlook.co.uk or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

**After School Sports Club**

We would like to remind parents that all after school clubs (excluding Cool Club) will finish next week. New clubs for the Spring term and details of how to book a place for your child will be sent after Christmas.

**KS2 Christmas Production Rehearsals**

Please can we remind parents that the days the children are rehearsing at the Christian Centre, they will need a packed lunch. The dates are listed in the ‘Diary Dates’ section overleaf.

**Christmas Productions**

Don’t forget to book your seats for your child’s Christmas production performance by using the following link <https://tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

**Message from Revd David Treharne**

We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the Birth of Christ in Tidenham Parish this year:

* Sunday 8th December, CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 4:30pm at St Luke’s, Tutshill
* Sunday 15th December, NATIVITY FAMILY SERVICE 10:45am at St Luke’s, Tutshill
* Sunday 15th December, PARISH FESTIVAL of NINE LESSONS and CAROLS 3:00pm at St Mary & St Peter, Tidenham –followed by mince pies and wine
* Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December, FAMILY CRIB SERVICE at 4:30pm St Luke’s, Tutshill

May you all have a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

**ParentPay Update**

We are currently working with ParentPay on a new system that will allow parents to book and pay (where applicable) for their child’s school meal in advance, for the new term commencing **Monday 6 January 2020**. Please can you ensure you have activated your ParentPay account, ready for use. If you need a new activation letter, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience. Further information regarding the new system will follow separately. 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

**Appeal for Pre-Loved Books**

If you have any preloved books by David Walliams that your child no longer wants, we would be very grateful to receive them in school. Please bring any books to the school office.

**Parking**

Could we please remind parents to park sensibly in designated places and not on the pavement surrounding the school. Please could we also request that parents are respectful of the local residents and to not obstruct any driveways, etc. The safety of all our children is of paramount importance.

**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

**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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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **EVENT** |
| **December 2019** | 3 | West End in Schools Production |
|  | 4 | Rotary Shoe Boxes to be returned |
|  | 4 | Vision & Values Evening |
|  | 6 | PTA Christmas Fayre |
|  | 9  | KS2 at Christian Centre all day (packed lunch required) |
|  | 10 | KS2 at Christian Centre all day (packed lunch required) |
|  | 11 | KS2 at Christian Centre – morning only |
|  | 11 | Christmas Lunch |
|  | 13 | KS2 at Christian Centre all day (packed lunch required) |
|  | 16 | KS2 at Christian Centre all day (packed lunch required) |
|  | 17 | KS2 at Christian Centre all day (packed lunch required) |
|  | 17 | KS2 Christmas Productions |
|  | 18 | KS1 Christmas Productions |
|  | 20 | Carol Service |
|  | 20 | Term 2 ends |
| **January 2020** | 6 | Term 3 begins |
|  | 28 | Young Voices Concert |
| **February 2020** | 14 | Term 3 ends |
|  | 17 – 21 | Holiday Club |
|  | 24 | INSET DAY |
|  | 25 | Term 4 begins |
| **March 2020** | 5 | World Book Day |
|  | 17 | Year 5 Skillzone Trip |
|  | 20, 23 & 24 | Book Fair |
| **April 2020** | 3 | Term 4 ends |
|  | 6 - 9 | Holiday Club |
|  | 20 | Term 5 begins |
| **May 2020** | 8 | Bank Holiday |
|  | 11 - 15 | KS2 SATs |
|  | 22 | Term 5 ends |
| **June 2020** | 1 | INSET DAY |
|  | 2 | Term 6 begins |
|  | 17 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 29 | Year 6 Induction Evening at Wyedean School |
|  | 30 | Year 6 Induction Days at Wyedean School |
| **July 2020** | 1 | Year 6 Induction Days at Wyedean School |
| 6 - 8 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| 17 | Term 6 ends |
| 20 – 24 | Holiday Club |
| 27 - 31 | Holiday Club |