**MARCH 2019 – MID TERM NEWSLETTER**

It has been an absolute pleasure to have been able to host a week of wonderful opportunities for our children. The school has been alive with learning and conversation stemming from our STEM week! The questions, the vocabulary, the teamwork has impressed all of the adults in the school. Our Schools Christian values have been demonstrated, allowing children to grapple with the problems they faced when designing and building a city!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the teachers and to the overwhelming number of parents that have helped deliver presentations, support children in class, deliver workshops and so much more. The support from our school community has exceeded our expectations! Additionally, I want to express thanks to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Gair; without their time and dedication and vision, this week would not have been possible. Thank you!

**Chair of Governors**

It I with sadness I announce that our Chair of Governors has made the difficult decision to stand done. Mr Robin Riordan has been on the Governing Body as a Foundation Governor for over 6 years. He has supported the school through Ofsted inspections, SIAMS inspections and has offered the staff and governors advice and support. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Mr Riordan for all he has done whilst Chair of Tutshill C of E Primary School.

Dr Marion Evans will stand up to Chair of Governors for the remainder of the academic year.

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

As always, the day was a huge success! The children all enjoyed sharing their books and costumes with each other. We started the day with a book and a drink in the classrooms before taking part in a costume parade, followed by a day of reading activities with the staff and children sharing stories.

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

To coincide with British Science Week, (11-15 March 2019) our children took part in a wide range of exciting STEAM activities to build cities of the future.  They found out about many different careers that link to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. During this week, the children had the opportunity to taste different foods and take part in some amazing experiments and investigations!

This has been made possible through the hard work of many parent and community volunteers who kindly gave their time to share their expertise with the children.  Our PTA have also helped to resource our event.

The week ended with a celebration of all of the hard work the children had put in and parents were invited to come and see our ‘Cities of the Future’.  The week was educational, fun, and informative and most definitely a week to remember!

**Sporting Events**

Our sports teams have had a very successful few weeks! On Tuesday 5 March, our Year Five and Year Six netball teams took part in a tournament at The Dean Academy. The ‘A’ team played brilliantly and won all of their matches. They came top of their group and made it to the final! All of the children played very well but were unfortunately, beaten in the last half of the game.

The ‘B’ team also played fantastically and won all of their games. They came top of their group and had to travel to Dene Magna during the following week to play in the final.  The children were very excited and played with determination and confidence. It was a shame that they were beaten during extra time as the score was 5-5 at the end of the actual game.

Well done to all of our fantastic netball players, you demonstrated our School Values of Perseverance and Respect.

Our hockey teams have also been busy! They attended a Quick Sticks hockey tournament on Wednesday 13th March at Dean Academy.   The children have been busily practising their skills with Mrs Tett. The Lions worked really hard and won three out of their four matches. They made it into the semi-final which they won but were unfortunately beaten during the final after a very close match. The Tigers also played with confidence and enthusiasm. They won two matches, drew one match and lost one match. They came second in their group which was great. Silver medals all round!!

The children played well as a team and demonstrated our School Values whilst doing so. They showed courage at all times and persevered brilliantly.

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in the tournaments, we are very proud of you all! Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who helped to transport and also support the children whilst they were playing. A special thank you to Mrs Tett for your help and support whilst preparing the hockey team. We are very proud of you all!

**Comic Relief 2019 - Red Nose Day**

The children and staff have come to school dressed in a range of different STEM related roles, along with lots of red! We will let you know next week how much we have raised for Comic Relief 2019. You are still able to make your £1 donation via ParentPay. Thank you for you continued support for our charity fundraising.

**Book Fair – 18 and 19 March**

Don’t forget to come along and visit the Book Fair on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March, after school, in the kitchen area. Payment for books can be made by cheque or cash. If bringing cash, please do not bring large notes as we only have a very limited amount of change. Unfortunately we are unable to take card payments.

**Rags to Riches Reusable Clothes Collection**

We would like to remind parents to drop any bags of clean and dry reusable clothes to the school office by **9am on Monday 25 March 2019**. Please do not bring your bag to the office before this date as we do not have any storage facilities. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

**Amended Church Dates**

Parents are invited to attend our church assemblies on the dates shown below. Due to refurbishment work at the Church, all assemblies will take place in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly on the date relevant to your child’s class. Please note that some of these may be different to those previously notified.

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| Friday 22 March | Year 5 |
| Friday 29 March | Year 3 |
| Friday 5 April | Easter Service |
| Friday 26 April | Year 4 |
| Friday 10 May | Reception |

**PTA Update**

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.

**School Photos**

Colourbox Photography will be in school on **Thursday 4 April 2019** to take whole class school photos and individual black and white portraits.

**Holiday Sports Club**

We will be holding our holiday sports club during the first week of the Easter Holiday (**Monday 8 April – Friday 12 April 2019**). Booking information will be sent separately.

**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

**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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| **March 2019** | 18 & 19 | Book Fair |
|  | 25 | Rags 2 Riches Reusable Clothes Collection |
|  | 28 | KS1 Trip to Wild Place Project |
|  | 28 | PTA Bingo Night |
| **April 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 |
|  | 29 | Year 2 Swimming Lessons commence |
| **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** |