**NOVEMBER 2019 – START OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

Welcome back to what is proving to be a sunny yet very cold second part of the Autumn Term! This term always promises to be one of excitement and creativity! Please continue to look at the eSchool pages to see what your child has been doing in class. Additionally, please stay up to date by looking at the school website calendar.

I would also like to announce that we have elected our School Council for the year. There are a lot of new and exciting projects in the pipe line; especially with our new eco committee! Please look at the school website to learn more throughout the year.

**Thank you**!

We would like to thank for the Chepstow-Cormeilles Twinning Association for the very kind donation of a portable PA system. This will be an invaluable asset, which we will use at many events across the year, such as our Music evening and Sports Day.

**Parental Consultations**

Please do not forget to log into <https://tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book an appointment with your child’s class teacher. The consultations are taking place in the week commencing **Monday 11 November 2019**.

**Children in Need**

Our Children in Need day will take place on **Friday 15 November 2019**.  The theme is 'Let's do good, and feel good together', linked to healthy eating and exercise.  Children are invited to wear active wear for the day in exchange for a £1 donation. Please can you make a donation of £1 per child on ParentPay by selecting the payment item ‘BBC Children in Need 2019 Donation’. Alternatively you can pay cash on the day. All classes will be making healthy fruit flapjacks which will be available for children and their families to purchase at the end of the day for a suggested minimum donation of 50p per slice.

For your information, the ingredients for the flapjacks are oats, dried fruits, dairy free spread, honey and lemon. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the ingredients.

Children will be coming home today with a voluntary colouring competition linked to Children in Need with the chance to win a prize. If your child would like to enter, please return your entry to school by **Friday 15 November**.

**Christmas Lunch**

As you are aware, the children will be having their Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 11 December 2019**. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch, please book your child’s choice of menu via the following link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddlwZt-FtakZ1_HCsCP1bzDgXvl3s1F_U3FxbUpZFcRjmm4Q/viewform?usp=sf_link>

Please make your choice by **Wednesday 27 November 2019** as the kitchen are required to make their grocery orders in advance.

**Snacks**

Please can we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school and as such encourage children in KS2 to bring a healthy snack at break time. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a fruit snack. Children in KS2 will be asked to only eat a healthy snack at break time. Children eating chocolate bars and/or crisps will be asked to return this to their lunch box, to be eaten at lunchtime, and swap with a healthy snack i.e. fruit, vegetable or dried fruit. All children have been informed of our focus on healthy snacks at break time. Please could we also 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.

**PE Kit**

As the weather is getting colder, we would like to remind you that the children will need full PE kit as some PE lessons will be taught outside no matter what the weather! Please can all children have the following named PE Kit (to be kept in a named drawstring bag):

* Navy T-shirt and navy shorts;
* Navy jogging trousers and jumper/sweatshirt
* KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) daps/black or white trainers; and
* KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) black or white trainers (no colour/logos/names).

**ParentPay School Meal Accounts**

If your child is in Key Stage 2, please could we request that your child’s school meal account be kept topped up at all times. In line with our School Meals Policy we have adopted a no debt policy relating to the school meal service provided by Caterlink. 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

**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

**Cool Club Contact Details**

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.

**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** |
| **November 2019** | 11 – 13 | Parental Consultations |
|  | 15 | Children in Need |
|  | 18 | Open Morning for Reception 2020 intake |
|  | 19 | Open Afternoon for Reception 2020 intake |
| **December 2019** | 3 | West End in Schools Production |
|  | 6 | PTA Christmas Fayre |
|  | 11 | Christmas Lunch |
|  | 17 | KS2 Christmas Productions |
|  | 18 | KS1 Christmas Productions |
|  | 20 | Carol Service |
|  | 20 | Term 2 ends |

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| **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 |
|  | 20, 23 & 24 | Book Fair |
| **April 2020** | 3 | Term 4 ends |
|  | 6 - 9 | Holiday Club |
|  | 20 | Term 5 begins |
| **May 2020** | 8 | Bank Holiday |
|  | 22 | Term 5 ends |
| **June 2020** | 1 | INSET DAY |
|  | 2 | Term 6 begins |
| **July 2020** | 17 | Term 6 ends |
|  | 20 – 24 | Holiday Club |
|  | 27 - 31 | Holiday Club |