**NOVEMBER 2020 START OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a lovely half term; those in lockdown, I hope it was restful, for others, I hope you are ready for the lockdown commencing tomorrow.

As a school we have not yet been issued with any additional educational guidance. However, in conversations with local Headteachers, the Local Authority and government guidance we have made the following decisions:

* We ask parents wear masks at the school gates
* Parents and children continue to observe social distancing at the school gates
* Anyone entering the school must wear a mask/face covering.
* All after school clubs will cease for the duration of lockdown.
* Please collect your children and leave the school gates as soon as it possible.

**THE COOL CLUB WILL OPERATE**

As always these measures will be reviewed and changed when advised/possible. Should we receive any further guidance for educational settings, we will release this as soon as possible.

During the lockdown period please ensure that outside of school, all measures as issued by the government are followed, as this will ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff. During lockdown we will be offering any conversations with parents via telephone and not on site.

The School will remain open to all pupils and it is expected that with the measures we have in place that all pupils will attend.

**REMINDERS**

**After School Clubs**

As mentioned above, our after school clubs will cease from tomorrow. If your child has been attending either the Hockey or Football club this week, these clubs will be postponed until the Spring term. You will not need to rebook your child’s place.

**PTA Smarties Challenge**

Please bring your Smarties tube containing your 20p pieces for the PTA Smarties Challenge to school on **Friday 6 November 2020**. Please can you ensure your child’s name and year group is clearly written on the bottom of the tube.

**Children in Need**

As a school, we will be taking part in fundraising for Children in Need on **Friday 13 November 2020.**  On this day, 'Feel Good Friday', children are invited to come to school wearing clothes that make them feel good.  Examples include clothes that are smart, comfy, colourful or sparkly!

We would be grateful if parents could make their donation of either £1 or £2 online through their ParentPay account. Please could we politely request that you do not send your child to school with cash.

**Odd Socks Day**

On **Monday 16 November 2020**, our school will be taking part in 'Odd Socks Day', which is part of Anti-bullying week.  Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on this day to help celebrate individuality and the fact that we are all unique.  No donation is needed for this day.

**Harvest Festival**

We would like to share some words of thanks we received from Chepstow Foodbank for our Harvest Festival donations:

*Dear Staff, Children and Parents,

Please pass on our sincere thanks to all at Tutshill Primary School for the recent donation of 74.7kg of food donations to help support the work of the Chepstow foodbank.*

 *Since April 2020, Chepstow foodbank has fed 642 people and 156 of these were children. Your donations will help enable these people to feed themselves and their families with emergency food to help them through their crisis.*

*As we work on a referral basis with health and social care professionals in our town we are hopeful that everyone who uses the foodbank is well supported and able to access the services they need to help them get through their current situation especially at this uncertain time.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of the Chepstow foodbank. Your donations enable us to continue to provide for people in need.*

**ParentPay School Meal Booking Service** ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)).

We are very pleased to finally be able to open our school kitchen to provide children with a hot meal at lunchtime. Please don’t forget to book your child’s school meal via ParentPay in advance. We would highly recommend that you book and pay (if applicable) for a week’s meals at a time. You can book as many meals as your child requires for the week. You can, of course, book as many weeks in advance as you wish. **Please note that this is the only facility for booking school meals**.

**Free School Meals**

We are aware that during recent times, families/households may have experienced changes in their financial situations. Should you think at any point you may be entitled to receive additional money for your child at school and a daily school meal, please look at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Should you think you may qualify, please apply, regardless of what year your child may be in. The response is immediate.

**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 and in case of emergency. Please email any changes to office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

**Diary Dates for Oct 2020 – July 2021**

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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **EVENT** |
| **Nov** | 2 | Term 2 begins |
|  | 9-13 | Year 6 Bikeability Cycle Training |
|  | 13 | Children in Need ‘Feel Good Friday’ |
|  | 16 | Odd Socks Day |
| **Dec** | 18 | Term 2 ends |
| **Jan**  | 1 | BANK HOLIDAY |
|  | 4 | INSET DAY |
|  | 5 | Term 3 begins |
| **Feb**  | 12 | Term 3 ends |
|  | 22 | Term 4 begins |
| **Mar**  | 15 | INSET DAY |
| **Apr**  | 1 | Term 4 ends |
|  | 2 | BANK HOLIDAY |
|  | 5 | BANK HOLIDAY |
|  | 19 | Term 5 begins |
| **May** | 3 | BANK HOLIDAY |
|  | 10-13 | KS2 SATS |
|  | 28 | Term 5 ends |
| **Jun**  | 7 | INSET DAY |
|  | 8 | Term 6 begins |
| **Jul** | 21 | Term 6 ends at 1pm |

**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.com or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

**The Cool Club is aware that there may be times you need provision at short notice; be sure to register your child and then you can use them when needed!**

**School Contact Details**

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