**APRIL 2019 – START OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

Welcome back! What a super Easter break we had with glorious weather; I do hope you all had a restful break.

This is the shortest term in the academic calendar and by no means the quietest! This term the school will administer testing for all year groups: KS1 SATs, KS2 SATs, Phonic Screening in Year 1 and assessments in all other year groups. KS1 will carry out assessments during the month of May, KS2 will sit their assessments during 13-16 May 2019 and the Year 1 phonics screen 10-14 June 2019.

Whilst these are being sat there is lots more happening around the school! Please do not forget to look at the school website and also at your child’s eSchool page.

**Debating Competition**

Just before the Easter break, four children from Year Six worked extremely hard to prepare themselves for our local debating competition about the greatest sportsperson of all time. They spoke clearly and asked some very thought-provoking questions. We were very impressed with the confidence and commitment that each of the children demonstrated. They won this competition and made it to the county finals!

The county final was held in Cheltenham and the children had to compete against other schools from around the county. The topic of this debate was ‘The greatest sporting moment of all time’. The children all thought carefully about their role and produced some excellent pieces of work in preparation. On the day, they showed respect and were considerate of the views of others. They all listened carefully and spoke with determination and clarity. We were proud of them all and they were worthy winners of their bronze medals. Well done to all of the children who were involved!

**Hayfever and Sun Care**

As we move into the summer term, we would be grateful for your support in providing your child with a sun hat and sun cream for use in school. The children will need to administer the sun cream themselves. Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in school for use with water only.

If your child suffers from hayfever, please inform school by emailing office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

to confirm whether or not your child should be kept indoors at play-time and lunch-time. You will also be required to complete a 'Healthcare Plan for Pupil with Medical Needs' form, available from the school office.  All children will be sent out to play on our main field, weather permitting, unless we receive your confirmation that they are to be kept indoors for supervised play. There is not an option of being kept on the playground if the school is on the field, due to the number of staff that we have.

The school’s usual administration of medication policy applies to hayfever remedies.  We can only administer prescribed medication with its original pharmacist’s dispensing label (specific to the child) complete with dosage instructions.  Please visit the school office to collect a form if appropriate.

**Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training**

Children in Year 5 are currently undertaking the Bikeability training and will need their bikes in school for the final session on **Monday 29 April**.

**Year 2 Swimming Lessons**

Children in Year 2 will begin their swimming lessons on **Monday 29 April 2019**. Please ensure they have their swimming kit with them in school on Monday morning.

**NSPCC – Speak out. Stay safe. Programme**

The NSPCC’s Speak Out. Stay safe. Programme is visiting our school on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. To support the NSPCC we will be having age appropriate assemblies followed with workshops for Years 5 and 6. Please look out for the separate letter with further details to follow.

**INSET Day and Bank Holiday**

We would like to remind you that **Friday 3 May** is an INSET day and **Monday 6 May** is a bank holiday.

**PTA Update**

The next PTA event is the School Fayre on **Friday 17th May** - please contact us if you'd like to hold your own stall to sell crafts or promote your business or activities you run or to donate any raffle prizes via ptatutshill@gmail.com.

**After School Clubs**

Our after school clubs commence next week and as they are very popular and places are limited, could we please request that you notify the School Office if your child no longer requires their place. This will allow their place to be offered to the next child on the waiting list. If your child is absent for two consecutive sessions, without notifying the School Office, their place will be withdrawn.

**ParentPay School Meal Accounts**

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

**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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| **Apr 2019** | 23 - 29 | Bikeability Cycle Training – Year 5 |
|  | 30 | NSPCC Visit |
| **May 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **6** | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | 13 - 17 | KS2 SATS Week |
|  | 16 | New Reception Parents’ Evening |
|  | 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 |
|  | 5 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 5 | New Reception Class Induction with parents @ 3.30-4.30pm |
|  | 6 | New Reception Class Induction with parents @ 3.30-4.30pm |
|  | 10-14 | Year 1 Phonics Screen |
|  | 12 | New Reception Class Induction @ 2.00-3.00pm |
|  | 13 | Country Dancing |
|  | 19 | New Reception Class Induction @ 2.00-3.00pm |
|  | 25 & 26 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
|  | 26 | New Reception Class Induction @1.15-3.00pm |
| **July 2019** | 3 | Year 5 Trip to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham |
|  | 3 | New Reception Class Induction @ 1.15-3.00pm |
|  | 8 | Music Evening |
|  | 9 | Sports Day |
|  | 10 - 12 | Year 6 Residential Trip to Tewkesbury |
|  | 16 | Reserve Sports Day |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |