**OCTOBER 2020 END OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

As we come to the end of the first term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the children, staff and parents for such a successful return to school. Whilst the term presented challenges at first, we have overcome these and have managed to continue to deliver to our children a rich and varied curriculum with lots additional experiences!

Teachers very much enjoyed speaking to parents and felt that much was gained form the parental consultations. Should you have any further questions, comments regarding your child’s education, please do not hesitate to make contact via the school office.

You will be aware of the Welsh lockdown starting on Friday evening, that lasts for two weeks. We can confirm that children living in Wales are able to return to school from Monday 2 November.

Can I please remind parents of the importance of social distancing at the school gates. We are fully aware of the numbers of children we need to gather through the gates and ask that once your child/ren has entered school you immediately move away.

Reception parents - from next term the children will enter the gate and walk straight to their classroom. Please can you ensure that once your child has entered the gate, you promptly leave the gate and so not stand to wave your child in. Should parents feel comfortable wearing masks, please do.

Next term we have lots to do, please ensure you look the school website and your child’s eSchool page to keep up to date! We look forward to seeing you on Monday 2 November.

Miss Lane

Headteacher

**Covid-19 Test Results**

Please ensure you continue to inform the school office by email (office@tusthillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk) if you receive a positive coronavirus test result.  This email address will be monitored over half term for this reason only**.**

**Change of PE Days**

PE days for next term have changed for all classes. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on the days stated below:

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| **Reception** | Thursday and Friday |
| **Year One** | Tuesday |
| **Year Two** | Wednesday and Thursday |
| **Year Three** | Wednesday and Friday |
| **Year Four** | Wednesday |
| **Year Five** | Monday and Thursday |
| **Year Six** | Monday and Thursday |

**Harvest Festival**

A huge ‘Thank You’ for all of the donations to Chepstow Foodbank. The food will make a huge difference to many families in our local community during these difficult times. There is a box in the porch at St Luke’s Church for any future donations.

**Cross Country Event**

Well done to all of the children that took part in our Colour Team Cross Country event this week. It was lovely to see that some children have even been practising at home! The results will follow after half term! Fantastic running everyone! We are proud of you all.

**School Council**

We have now elected our School Council. All of the children tried extremely hard to prepare for their interviews and we were really proud of them all. Well done to all of the children who have now been given their roles. Our Communication team have written this for the newsletter:

*As you may know, the School Council and Class Reps have been chosen. Last week, the fundraisers chose some charities for us to vote for.  We posted videos on Seesaw about them and everyone in each year voted for the charity that they wanted. It was a very close score and everyone got to vote. The charity that had the most votes was… the Blue Cross! The Blue Cross is a charity that helps any animal that is in need. It is a hospital for animals. We will be giving all of the money that we raise to the Blue Cross. We will start fundraising next term.*

**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 after half term. 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.

**PTA Smarties Challenge**

Don’t forget to keep saving your 20p pieces for the PTA Smarties Challenge which is raising vital funds for our school!

**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.

**Sedbury Space**

Please see attached newsletter from Sedbury Space. They have asked us to share the information regarding the Christmas Card competition for any children that would like to take part.

**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** |
| **Oct** | 26 | Holiday Sports Club |
|  | 28-30 | Holiday Sports Club |
| **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!**

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