**March 2018**

**End of Term Newsletter**

Summertime has arrived! We start our Easter Holidays with longer days, lighter evenings! Over the coming months I am sure you and your children will be out and about so a little reminder to keep safe. Children in Year 6 who have completed their cycling proficiency, please remember all you have been taught!

We ended the Spring Term with our Easter Bonnet Parade which due to the weather forecast yesterday morning, was held in the school hall and unfortunately meant parents were unable to attend. Please be sure to look at the School website to see the pictures of the Parade.

Please all have a restful Easter Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16th April 2018.

**Mrs Williams**

It is with great pleasure to announce that Mrs Williams is expecting! Mrs Williams will continue to work in Year 4 until mid-July before starting her maternity leave. The children in Mrs Williams’s class have already been informed. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Williams!

There is a maternity cover teachingposition being advertised with interview at the beginning of May.

**Year 5 Bikeability**

Please ensure those children taking part in the Level 2 Cycle Training have their bicycles and helmets in school for the first week back in the new term. Whilst children are more than welcome to leave their bikes in school on the bike rack during the day and overnight, suitably locked, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur whilst on school premises. We ask that children do not ride their bikes to school on their own before they have completed and passed the training.

**Gardening Club**

Our gardening club leader, Mrs Haywood, would like to put a shout out for old wellies for the gardening club to make into plant pots.  If you have any old children’s wellies you no longer need, please bring them into the School Office at the start of next term.

**Year 2 Swimming**

Children in Year 2 will be starting their swimming lessons on Monday 23 April 2018. Please can parents ensure they have returned their permission slips to the School Office. A letter with more information will be sent to parents in the first week back.

**School Drop-off Time**

A polite reminder that children are not to be left unsupervised on the School playground before 8.45am. There are an increasing number of children that are arriving early and unsupervised, at school in the morning. Please can parents come to school with their children. If your child/ren are walking to school please ensure that they do not arrive before 8.45am.

It has been brought to Schools attention that Coleford Road is becoming impassable at certain times in the morning. As a result PC Lang has been to the school to discuss potential strategies to ease the traffic problems. In the meantime, please remember that it is the right of way for cars travelling from the Forest-of-Dean to Chepstow. Furthermore, there have been road markings added on Coleford Road; a single white line and a pedestrian walk way identified.

**After school clubs**

If you would like to your child to attend one of our after school clubs, can you please ensure you have booked them a place online using [Tutshill Booking System](https://tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/). **If you have not booked a place for your child, they will be unable to attend**. If you have any problems with the booking system, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

**Sun-hats, Sun-cream, Hayfever and Water Bottles**

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 completing one of our “Medical Needs” forms (which can be collected from the school office) and confirm whether or not your child should be kept indoors at play-time and lunch-time. 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.

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.

**Chepstow Museum activities**

We have been asked by Chepstow Museum to inform parents that they will be holding various Easter themed activities throughout the holidays. The Museum is open every day, from 11am to 4pm including all the Bank Holidays and admission to the Museum is FREE.

**What’s been happening?**

**KS1 Bristol Zoo Trip**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a great day out at Bristol Zoo on Tuesday 20 March, which enhanced their learning of their current Polar topic.

**Quicksticks Hockey Finals**

On Tuesday, a team from Year 6 represented our school at the County Quicksticks hockey finals in Cheltenham.  This tournament involved all schools that were in the top 10% of the County and so we were very proud of the children who took part. They all did amazingly well and tried their best at all times. The competition was tough but we managed to win some of the games and showed great teamwork and perseverance. Mrs Tett has been helping to coach the team alongside Coach Josh and we would like to say a huge thank you for their help and support. Thank you also to those parents who have helped to transport the children to and from the different events. Well done to all of those children who were involved and we are now looking forward to taking part in more tournaments that will be taking place in the Summer Term.

**Cookery Club**

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed the after school cookery club this term and we hope they have shown you their newly acquired skills at home! Next term the club will be for children in Years 5 and 6.

**Book Fair**

Thank you to all the parents who kindly supported our Book Fair by purchasing some lovely books for your children. You have raised over £300 in FREE books for the school!

**Sports Relief**

Thank you once again for your support with fundraising for Sports Relief. We have sold £156 worth of wristbands and have banked £480.50 in sponsorship.

**Attendance**

Well done to the Blue team who had the highest overall attendance percentage this term with 96.83%.  The Blue team are able to wear their team colours on Friday 20 April 2018.  They were closely followed by the Green team with 95.90%, the Red team with 94.24% and the Yellow team with 96.41%.

**Whole School Project**

Please could children bring their completed shoe boxes back to school during the first week back.

**ParentPay Accounts**

Please could we request that parents ensure they have paid any outstanding balances on their ParentPay account before the end of term.

**Friday Act of Worship**

Parents are invited to join us for our Friday assemblies when members of St Luke’s Ministry Team lead our Act of Worship in St Luke’s Church.

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| **Reception** | Friday 25 May 2018 |  |  |
| **Year 1** | Friday 18 May 2018 | **Year 2** | Friday 11 May 2018 |
| **Year 3** | Friday 4 May 2018 | **Year 4** | Friday 27 April 2018 |
| **Year 5** | Friday 20 April 2018 | **Year 6** | Date to follow |

**PE Kits**

Please make sure all PE Kits are in school every day and that all items are clearly named.

It is advisable to include a pair of tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE activities.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is a key priority at Tutshill School.

We:

* ensure adults who come into contact with children have enhanced cleared from the Disclosure & Barring Service (which has replaced Criminal Records Bureau);
* communicate child protection procedures to all staff, parents and visitors. We would ask that should you hear, see or read anything which troubles you about a child, do not ignore it, but report your concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs N Fryer.

For further information on safeguarding, contact the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children’s Board: [www.gscb.org.uk](http://www.gscb.org.uk). Tel: 01452 583638.

**Parent View**

Ofsted are welcoming parents views throughout the year regarding your thoughts on school provision. The expectation is that parents will submit thoughts and opinions on their website. To date, there has been very little response from parents online so we would encourage you to post your comments; even positive comments are welcome!

Please find the link below and wording from the Ofsted site.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

*Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child’s school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child’s school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the* [*How to use Parent View*](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/how-to-use) *page. By sharing your views, you’ll be helping your child’s school to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about your child's school. Or, if you want to,* [*view the results*](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results) *for any school in England.*

**Dates for your diary**

We have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the forthcoming school year.

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|  | 29 | INSET DAY |
|  | 30 | **Good Friday** |
| **April 2018** | 2 | **Easter Monday** |
|  | 16 | **Term begins** |
|  | 16-20 | Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training |
|  | 19 | School Photos |
|  | 25 | K’Nex County Final |
| **May 2018** | 7 | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | 14-17 | Key Stage 2 SATs week |
|  | 15 | Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to ‘We The Curious’ |
|  | 19 | PTA Spring Fayre |
|  | 24 | The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe Production for all years |
|  | 25 | **Term ends** |
| **June 2018** | 4 | INSET DAY |
|  | 5 | **Term begins** |
|  | 5 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (Day One) |
|  | 6 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 7 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (Day Two) |
|  | 14 | Country Dance Festival – Speech House 6.30pm |
|  | 20 | Reserve Date for Country Dance Festival |
|  | 19-21 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
|  | 23 | Open Garden |
| **July 2018** | 3 | Sports Day |
|  | 4 | Music Evening |
|  | 10 | Reserve Sports Day |
|  | 11-13 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
|  | 25 | **Term ends – 1.00pm finish** |

**Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018**

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| **Term 1 2017**  Term begins  Term ends | 4 September 2017 (Inset Day)  5 September 2017  20 October 2017 |
| **Term 2 2017**  Term begins  Term ends | 30 October 2017 (Inset Day)  31 October 2017  15 December 2017 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 2 January 2018 (Inset Day)  3 January 2018  9 February 2018 |
| **Term 4 2018**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 19 February 2018  28 March 2018 – 3.15pm finish  29 March 2018 (Inset Day)  30 March 2018  2 April 2018 |
| **Term 5 2018**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 16 April 2018  7 May 2018  25 May 2018 |
| **Term 6 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 4 June 2018 (Inset Day)  5 June 2018  25 July 2018 – 1pm finish |

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

4 September 2017

30 October 2017

2 January 2018

29 March 2018

4 June 2018

These dates are in line with Gloucestershire County Council term dates.

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**Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019**

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| **Term 1 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 3 September 2018 (Inset Day)  4 September 2018  19 October 2018 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 2 2018**  Term begins  Term ends | 29 October 2018 (Inset Day)  30 October 2018  19 November 2018 (Inset Day)  21 December 2018 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 3 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 7 January 2019  15 February 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 4 2019**  Term begins  Term ends  Good Friday  Easter Monday | 25 February 2019  5 April 2019 – 3.15pm finish  19 April 2019  22 April 2019 |
| **Term 5 2019**  Term begins  May Day Bank Holiday  Term ends | 23 April 2019  3 May 2019 (Inset Day)  6 May 2019  24 May 2019 – 3.15pm finish |
| **Term 6 2019**  Term begins  Term ends | 3 June 2019 (Inset Day)  4 June 2019  23 July 2019 – 1pm finish |

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19 November 2018

3 May 2019

3 June 2019

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