**JANUARY 2019 – MID TERM NEWSLETTER**

We are already half way through the term; how quickly it is going by. There has been a lot happening this term; training courses for staff, trips to Birmingham and fabulous learning activities! I have again had the pleasure of watching all classes this week and the behaviour and attitude of the children is exemplary. Over the next few weeks, you will see Mrs Williams in school. She will be coming back to complete a few days with us before returning full time in April, be sure to say ‘hello’!

**Young Voices 2019 – Tuesday 22 January 2019**

Our choir had a fantastic trip to Genting Arena in Birmingham this week to take part in this year’s Young Voices concert. Thanks to Mrs Fryer, Mrs Howells, Mrs Prince, Mrs Cooper, Mr Francis, Mrs Prince and Mrs Harrison for all their work in arranging the trip, along with teaching and rehearsing all the songs – it is quite an event!

**Tutshill Holiday Sports Club – Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019**

Once again, we will be running our holiday sports club over the February half term. Full details, including the daily schedule of activities has been e-mailed out in a separate letter. Places are booked through ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com/)) and cost £5 per child, per day. Places are limited and are filling up fast, so please be quick to avoid disappointment!

**eSchools app – Android Devices**

We have been advised that some parents using the eSchools app on Android devices are having difficulty in opening attachments. eSchools support team have advised us to request that parents delete the app and then reinstall it and allow permissions. If you are still experiencing problems having followed this advice, please contact the school office.

**KS1 Proposed Trip to Wild Place Project**

Don’t forget to complete and return your reply slip to the school office by **Wednesday 30 January 2019**. Paper copies are available from the school office. We need your reply slip/permissions before we are able to confirm the trip.

**PTA Creative Writing Sessions for BBC 500 Words Competition**

The PTA are delighted to support two creative writing sessions at the school which will be run by our very own published poet, Claire Williamson.  The sessions are for up to **15 Key Stage 2 children** who want to enter a short story into the [BBC’s 500 words competition](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/13FxbKl0D1DP80zvWRgw2CK/submit-your-500-words-story).  The two sessions will be held at 3:15pm until 4pm on **Wednesday 6th February and Wednesday 13th February** after school.  As spaces are very limited, we will accept the first 15 replies to the PTA email inbox ptatutshill@gmail.com **(\*\*\*not the school office\*\*\*)**.

**PTA Update**

Do you ever wonder where the PTA fundraising money goes...?

* Our Christmas Fayre raised £900 for school funds which is amazing - thanks once again to everyone for supporting the event!
* Along with funds from our other events, the PTA funds paid for rainy day games for each class and school theatre trips.
* We’re now raising money for a shed for the school to store outdoor play equipment.
* Check our PTA Facebook page @tutshillschoolpta and look out for events coming up. The next big event is the PTA disco on February 13th. Check out our event page and tell us if you’re coming!

**Road closure**

We have received a letter from Gloucestershire County Council regarding the road closure in Tutshill between **8-11 February**. This has been sent as a separate email.

**Y6 Residential Trip Payments**

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that the full balance for the residential trip in July needs to be made by **Wednesday 24 April 2019**.

**Circus at Berry Hill Primary School**

We have been asked by Berry Hill Primary School to inform you that they have a circus coming to visit! Happy’s Circus is arriving at Berry Hill Primary School with their big top on Tuesday 25th June 2019. Tickets are priced at £8.50 each with under 2’s going free.  Or why not look at their meal deal package they have put together:

Based on a family of 4;

* 4 Tickets
* 4 BBQ vouchers, Forest Hog Roast will be there serving hog rolls, burgers, hot dogs and vegetarian option
* 4 Soft Drinks
* 2 Sweetie Cones
* And juggling balls and puzzle

All this for £50 presented in a gift box all ready to give as a present. **This can be adapted for bigger or smaller families based on £12.50 per person.** For more information please email Laura at friendsbhps@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

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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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| **Feb 2019** | 1 | Year 4 Church |
|  | 7 | Year 6 K’Nex Challenge |
|  | 8 | Year 3 Church |
|  | 12 | Year 5 Lego Robots Workshop |
|  | 13 | PTA Disco |
|  | 15 | Year 2 Church Service held in School Hall |
|  | **15** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
|  | **25** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 27 | Year 5 trip to SkillZONE |
|  | 28 | Proposed KS1 trip to Wild Place Project |
| **Mar 2019** | 11 – 15 | STEM Week |
|  | 15 - 20 | Book Fair |
| **Apr 2019** | 2 | Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Barry Island |
|  | **5** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
|  | **19** | **Good Friday** |
|  | **22** | **Easter Monday** |
|  | **23** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 23-26 | Bikeability Cycle Training – Year 5 |
| **May 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **6** | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | **24** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
| **June 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **4** | **Term Starts** |
| **July 2019** | 10-12 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |