**OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

We are very quickly moving through the Autumn Term and my gosh, it’s been exciting! The school has been a busy place with children taking part in lots of exciting learning; both indoors and outdoors! I have been able to visit each class already to watch the teaching and learning taking place. Apart from the physical layout of the classrooms, the teachers and children are accessing learning in the same exciting and challenging ways they always have. The new measures have even had some benefits to the children learning; children are in school on time and we promptly start learning. We are able to spend lots of time talking and getting to know our class. Additionally, we are sending home more examples of children’s work through our online platforms! Please take some time to look at these platforms before parental consultations. Please don’t forget to check these regularly to see what is happening in your child’s class. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this time, I greatly appreciate the changes parents and staff are making to ensure we can deliver to your child/ren, high quality of education synonymous with Tutshill School.

**Online Log-ins and Passwords**

Please can we request that parents make a note of their usernames and passwords for the various online platforms we use within the school. These include eSchools, SeeSaw, ParentPay and Tapestry (Reception only). These are our main sources of correspondence and bookings for meals, clubs, activities and trips. It is therefore vital that you are able to access them at all times. When logging into eSchools, please use your parent log-in, not your child’s log-in. All parents have been issued with log-in details for all these accounts when your child started school. Please ensure you log on with your parents login in, not just your child’s. Should you request a password reset, this may take up to 5 days due to other priorities within the school day.

**Harvest Celebrations**

This year our Harvest celebrations will have to be a little different. We won’t be able to get together for the Harvest Service but we can still get together to make a difference for those people in our community who need our help and support.

The Chepstow Foodbank are still taking donations and each Harvest Festival, Tutshill families have given so generously to the charity. On **Friday 9 October 2020**, there will be a trolley just inside the school gates for children to place any food items that are donated to the Foodbank. St Luke’s Church will also be placing a box just inside the Church entrance for donations throughout the week, beginning **Tuesday 6 October until Friday 9 October 2020**

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Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Items that are currently needed are:

* Instant mashed potato
* Coffee
* Snacks; chocolate and crisps
* Instant noodles
* Toilet roll
* Soap/handwash
* Washing powder and liquids
* Pasta sauces
* Men's toiletries (deodorant and showergel)

**Holiday Sports Club**

Bookings for the Holiday Sports Club can be made on ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) from midday on **Friday 9 October 2020**.

**Telephone Parental Consultations**

Consultations are taking place between **Monday 12 – Thursday 15 October 2020** for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Busy Bee Hive and between **Monday 19 – Thursday 22 October 2020** for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. Please ensure you have logged into your parent account in eSchools (<https://tutshill.eschools.co.uk/login>) to book your 10 minute telephone consultation with your child’s class teacher.

**European Day of Languages**

The whole school enjoyed taking part in our European Day of Languages on **Friday 25 September 2020**.  Children loved learning about different countries and languages through games, songs and practical activities, as well as through online learning as part of Lingotot’s Free Online Languages Festival. Children throughout the school completed activities in French, Spanish, German, Polish and Arabic.  What a fun day!

**Year Six Trip to SkillZONE**

Year Six had a wonderful time in SkillZONE last week, learning about how to stay safe in a variety of different environments! Well done Year Six for representing our school fantastically well!

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

Don’t forget to book your child’s school packed lunch via ParentPay. 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/packed lunches**.

**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** |
| **Oct** | 9 | Flu Immunisations (all years) |
|  | 15 | Year 1 Vision Screening |
|  | 12-15 | Telephone Parental Consultations (R, Y1 & Y6) |
|  | 19-22 | Telephone Parental Consultations (Y2, 3, 4 & 5) |
|  | 22 | Term 1 ends |
|  | 23 | INSET DAY |
|  | 26 | Holiday Sports Club |
|  | 28-30 | Holiday Sports Club |
| **Nov** | 2 | Term 2 begins |
|  | 9-13 | Year 6 Bikeability Cycle Training |
| **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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