**March 2018 Newsletter**

**Mid point Term 4**

Well what a week last week was! The arctic temperatures and snow made for an exciting time for the children. It is never an easy decision to close the school due to snow, especially when it hasn’t fallen yet, but I am sure you’ll agree it was the right decision! The children were able to enjoy the snow days with family and friends. An email address, just for snow day pictures was created and parents have provided us with a fantastic album of photographs that can be found on the home page of the school website. The children have had a very busy term and we still have many more events happening, please read on to find out more…

**Caving Event**

The caving event was a huge success! The children demonstrated the schools’ values throughout the day and nearly all children and staff, completed the activity. In the children’s classes and school hall there are fantastic displays of work, including pictures and children’s writing.

**World Book Day**

As always, the day has been a huge success! It was an easy decision to rearrange the day; the children all enjoy sharing their books and costumes with each other. Today we have had a parade, staff and children reading stories, a book swap and much more. Children have already received the £1 book token at the beginning of the week; make sure you use it! The book swap café is extended until Monday 12th March. If you have a book you would like to swap, please ensure you bring it to school on Monday.

**Author Visit – Laura James**

The children were totally inspired by the author! Walking around the school I have been stopped by children expressing their thanks to the school for arranging the visit! Many of the children have already purchased a book, with other children wanting to get a selection of her books! I am sure many families will be reading these over the weekend!

**Sporting Events**

This week, children in Year 5 and Year 6 have represented school in both hockey and netball tournaments. This is the first time children at Tutshill have entered these tournaments and played competitively. My word, they did well! Mrs Cooper and Mr Francis took children to the tournament. On Tuesday, at the hockey tournament, the children played well and reached second place - this landed them a place at the County Finals! On Wednesday, the children played exceptionally well and demonstrated courage and perseverance with one team getting to the final on the day. Thank you to all the parents that supported and helped the children at these events. At both events, the children represented the school well, showing great sportsmanship and of course, respect for the team members of the other schools.

**Sports Relief**

From Monday 17th to Friday 23rd March 2018, we shall be completing the ‘Daley Challenge’ for Sports Relief. This will involve the school and staff completing a daily activity. Wristbands have been ordered and will be on sale on Monday 17th March, costing £1 (going to Sports Relief). Bands will be taken to classes by School Council. Sponsorship forms and further information about the week will be sent out on Monday 12th March 2018.

**Easter**

**Easter Service**

The Easter Service will take place in the Church at 9.30am on Friday 23 March. As always, parents are invited to join us.

**Easter Bonnet Parade**

On Wednesday 28th March, children are invited to bring their Easter bonnet to school. The Easter bonnet, should the children want to make one, will be made at home. There will be a winner announced in each year group. We shall be looking for creativity, perseverance and children taking responsibility for making the bonnet. The children will share their Easter bonnet with the school. We shall notify parents on the day if they are able to attend as this will be weather dependant.

**Experience Easter**

During the final week of term children will be taking part in ‘Experience Easter’. This will be delivered at school by staff having been planned by Mrs Driver and the Ministry Team.

**Parental Consultations**

Don’t forget parental consultations are taking place next week Monday, 12th to Wednesday, 14th March.

**Safeguarding**

Please ensure that if children are using tablets/computers or any other device, that parental controls are on. If any parents are unsure how to do this, please have a look at the website below.

[**https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider**](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider)

**Communications**

A polite reminder for parents and carers to ensure that regular attention is paid to the school calendar and communications that are sent from school. Please make the school office aware immediately if there is a change in contact details. All information that is needed can be found on the school website and on your child’s class page on eSchools.

**Nut allergy**

We request your co-operation in keeping our school a nut-free environment in the interests of the safety of our pupils, some of whom suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please avoid giving your child/ren snacks or packed-lunches containing nuts (in any form) or foods with any nut content.

**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.