**SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

What a treat to be sat here writing the official welcome back letter to you in such glorious weather; long may it last! Thank you for taking the time to read all the correspondence that the school is currently sending - we appreciate it is more than normal! The communication strategy has been reviewed and the following changes are to be made:

* **Newsletters** will be sent to all stakeholders on the first, last and middle **Wednesday** of every term.
* **Coronavirus** updates will be sent home weekly on a **Friday**, these will contain guidance from the Department for Education, the Government and any changes that are being made at school.

Where possible, we will endeavour to keep this communication separate so that parents, carers and children are able to digest the information being sent home.

Please continue to look at eSchools class pages, Tapestry and the school website for any information you may need in regards to school events and your child’s learning.

**Teachers in Reception**

As we start a new year, we start with a different Reception Teaching Team. Mrs Richards made the sad, and very difficult decision, that it was time to leave Tutshill School. Mrs Richards will be greatly missed and the realisation there is no longer a Wacky Wednesday in Reception will take some time getting used to! I would like to thank Mrs Richards for her dedication, passion and teaching of the children at Tutshill School.

As one door closes another one opens and I would like to welcome Mrs Jenkins to the Reception Team. Mrs Jenkins will teach in Reception class every Thursday - Welcome Mrs Jenkins!

**Mrs Ryder**

It is with great excitement I am able to announce Mrs Ryder is pregnant! I am sure you will join me in wishing her good health throughout her pregnancy. Mrs Ryder plans to teach throughout the Autumn Term.

**Bags**

In reviewing measures at school, it is becoming apparent that some children may need to bring a bag to school with them. Children can bring **one** bag that is only for essential items - lunch, book, hat, coat. As children are only bringing reading books to school on a certain day in some classes, (see your child’s class page on eSchools), and also coming to school wearing PE kit, you may not feel there is a need for your child to have a bag. (Book bags can be used for children in younger years that have lunches provided at school and rucksacks for all other pupils). Please consider if a bag is absolutely necessary.

**Crossing Patrol**

We would like to inform you that there will not be any supervised crossing patrol on **Monday 21 September 2020**. Please ensure you and your children take extra care whilst crossing the road.

**European Day of Languages**

On **Friday 25 September 2020**, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school.  Each class will be planning their day and activities differently, with some classes choosing to focus on one language and others exploring a selection.  We will not be dressing up this year, but we look forward to sharing photos of our day and activities with you soon!  If any children speak or learn a language outside of school, then they are more than welcome to share their learning in class or on SeeSaw to help us celebrate the European Day of Languages.

**School Photographs**

Colourbox Photography will be in school on **Thursday 24 September 2020** to take individual child photos. Unfortunately, in line with current guidance, we are unable to accommodate sibling photographs.

**Year Six Trip to SkillZONE**

We can confirm that the proposed trip to SkillZONE, Gloucester will be taking place on **Wednesday 30 September 2020**. Further information will be sent to Year Six parents separately.

**Year One Vision Screening**

In order to catch up on children who missed the vision screening programme in Reception, the School Nursing team will be visiting school on **Thursday 1 October 2020** to screen children currently in Year One.

**Flu Immunisation Reminder**

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Tutshill School on **Friday 9 October 2020** to administer this vaccination to all year groups. Please ensure you have completed your online consent form or alternatively have completed and returned your paper consent via the post box in the school office.

**Year Six Secondary School Transfer Letters**

Gloucestershire County Council have asked us to remind parents of children who live in Gloucestershire that applications for transfer to secondary school in September 2021, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **Saturday 31 October 2020**.

**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](mailto:office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Diary Dates for Sept 2020 – July 2021**

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| **MONTH** | **DATE** | **EVENT** |
| **Sept** | 24 | School Photographs |
|  | 25 | European Day of Languages |
|  | 30 | Year 6 trip to SkillZONE |
| **Oct** | 1 | Year 1 Vision Screening |
|  | 9 | Flu Immunisations |
|  | 22 | Term 1 ends |
|  | 23 | INSET DAY |
| **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](mailto: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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