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START OF TERM NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope you have all managed a relaxing break and that you have not had to endure the impact of Covid too frequently. The children and staff have returned to school with a renewed energy! We are excited to be onsite and learning in our classrooms. School leaders will do all we can to ensure that we do not have to close any classes at any point, as long as we can safely manage the children in school. Should we have to close a class, parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity and the time spent remote learning will be as short as possible. We have provided you with a summary of updated guidance at the end of last week, please refer to this should you need to.

We want to be able to provide opportunities for our children so we will be, in line with guidance, attending sporting competitions, hosting visitors, afterschool clubs, swimming for certain year groups, having assemblies with two classes (at opposite ends of the hall!) and trying to bring as much to the children as safely possibly! We know how much enjoyment children get from partaking in these events. Should numbers at school increase or guidance changes, we too will review our provision.

Can I please remind parents of the importance of punctuality when attending school. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the school is making contact with families that frequently arrive late and seeing if we can do anything to support attending school on time.

Miss Lane

REMINDERS...

Swimming lessons will take place daily for Year 6 from 6-12 January and Year 5 from 13-19 January.

After School Clubs start the week commencing 10 January.

Year 4 Music Lessons.

Year 4 will be participating in viola lessons over ten weeks starting on Thursday 13th January. This provision is organised by Gloucestershire Music and the tutor will teach the class in their room once a week.

Be Bright, Be Seen!

On Monday 24th January, we will be holding a Road Safety Awareness Day in school, called 'Be Bright, Be Seen!' Please can children come to school on this day wearing bright clothes that would help them to be seen by road users. On the day, children will complete activities in their classes to increase their road safety awareness.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

The Chepstow & District Rotary Club want to say big thankyou to families for their donations of filled shoeboxes. Nine schools filled 267 boxes which have been sent to child or families in need living in Eastern Europe.

Parenting Advice

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/

Place2Be, a children's mental health charity, has produced some practical tips for parents & carers to help support children's wellbeing and manage behaviour. There is lots of advice on a wide range of topics, including sleep, homework, transition to secondary school and gaming. We hope that this link might provide some helpful advice and information as needed.

ParentPay School Lunch Booking Service (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

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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 January 2022 – July 2022

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Jan	4	INSET DAY
	5	Term 3 begins
	6-12	Y6 daily Swimming Lessons
	13	Y6 & Rec Heights & Weights
	13-19	Y5 daily Swimming Lessons
	24	Be Bright, Be Seen Day
Feb	18	Term 3 ends
	28	Term 4 begins
Apr	7	Term 4 ends
	8	INSET DAY
	15	BANK HOLIDAY
	18	BANK HOLIDAY
	25	Term 5 begins
May	2	BANK HOLIDAY
	27	Term 5 ends
Jun	6	INSET DAY
	7	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.

School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance:

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