**February 2018 Newsletter**

**Welcome back!**

Welcome to the latter part of the Spring Term! The school had a lovely welcome back assembly on Monday. Children were able to share how the schools’ values impact upon them outside of school. It was wonderful to hear their stories; from achieving sports goals to forgiving friends to respecting historical artefacts**!** It was wonderful to also see children using the schools’ values to overcome their fears in the cave this week!

The Sports Club which was run by Prostars over the half term holiday proved hugely popular and successful and we will again be funding another club from our Sports Premium funding during part of the summer holiday. Details will follow nearer to the time.

**Caving Event**

On Wednesday 21 March, we had a cave arrive at school! As part of our promise to increase children’s physical activity levels and expand their knowledge of sports, we used Sports Premium to fund this activity. The children were nervous and excited to cave! All children and teachers dug deep and showed perseverance and courage to go through the cave. It turns out, the children love caving! There will be pictures on your child’s eSchools page.

**Year 5 Trip to SkillZONE**

Children in year 5 are very excited about their forthcoming trip to SkillZONE in Gloucester on Wednesday 28 February 2018. A letter containing final details of the day will be sent out separately.

**World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March 2018 and at Tutshill C of E School we would like to celebrate this special occasion by inviting children to dress up as book characters. During World Book Day, children will be completing learning linked to book related activities including a fun quiz.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To encourage all children to continue their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of a number of special £1 World Book Day Books or used to get £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more.

**Bag 2 School**

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. Your child will be bringing a bag home next week for you to fill with any unwanted clothing items. Once you have placed your items in your bag, please bring it to the school office by 9am on **Wednesday 7 March 2018**. Further information on what items can be placed in the bags can be found printed on the collection bag itself. Once collected, all bags are weighed and the school receives a payment, based on the total weight collected. Please do not bring your bring to school before the collection date.

**Author Visit – Laura James**

The children’s author Laura James will be visiting school on Thursday 8th March to talk to children in Years 1-4 about her new book “Fabio – The World’s Greatest Flamingo Detective” as well as her series of Pug books “Cowboy Pug”, “Captain Pug” and “Safari Pug.” For more information on Laura visit her website: [www.laurajamesauthor.com](http://www.laurajamesauthor.com)

Children will have the opportunity to buy her books at a reduced price of £5.00 each. Further details of the visit will be sent separately.

**Parental Consultations**

Don’t forget to book your Parental Consultation using the [Tutshill Booking System](http://www.tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk).

**We say Goodbye to …**

Mrs French will be leaving the Tutshill Team. Mrs French will work with us until the end of the Spring Term, Thursday 29 March 2018. We would like to wish her all the best in the future and thank her for all her work over the years!

**Parking**

Riverside Nursery have raised concerns regarding parents parking in their car park at school drop-off and pick up times. Can we please remind parents this car park is private property and belongs to Riverside Nursery. They have also requested that parents do not use it as a turning circle.

We have also been informed of a funeral at St Luke’s Church in the afternoon on Thursday 1 March 2018. The Church have asked if we could request that parents be respectful with their parking at school collection time and park further away, allowing parking space for the funeral attendees.

**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.

**Lunchtime supervisor**

We are looking for someone who would like to join our lunchtime team! We want someone that can play games with the children, provide a friendly ear, model how to be a good friend and generally enjoy lunchtimes with the children. If that is you or you know someone who fits the bill; please make contact with the school office! Hours are 12.00-1.00pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

**Snacks**

Please can we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school and as such encourage children in KS2 to bring a healthy snack at break time. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a fruit snack. Children in KS2 will be asked to only eat a healthy snack at break time. Children eating chocolate bars and/or crisps will be asked to return this to their lunch box, to be eaten at lunchtime, and swap with a healthy snack i.e. fruit, vegetable or dried fruit. All children have been informed of our focus on healthy snacks at break time.

**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.