**FEBRUARY 2019 – END OF TERM NEWSLETTER**

It is hard to believe that yet another term has passed by! The children have worked so hard this term and have taken part in so many exciting learning opportunities! Walking through the school and watching lessons take place; it is a delight to see the children applying the schools values! Additionally, it is always pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our children when competing in

activities outside of school. If your child has taken part in a competition or sat a music exam, we would love to celebrate this in a celebration assembly. Bring any certificates or trophies in to school and we will share with the whole school!

Have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 25th February.

**KNEX Challenge**

Year Six were lucky enough to take part in the KNEX Challenge 2019 last week. The children were challenged to build a structure which was able to move a block of cheese. All of the children worked brilliantly! A special ‘Congratulations’ to Spencer and Mostyn who won the challenge and are going forward to the County Finals in May.

**Lego Workshop**

Year Five took part in a LEGO Robotics workshop this week. The children had to build robots and then program them to move in different directions and some even had to dance! The children had to use perseverance and courage to complete the challenge. They also used respect whilst working hard as part of a team.

**Gymnastics Competition**

Earlier this term, six children from Year Three and Year Four represented our school at a gymnastics competition at St. John’s on the Hill.  They all did amazingly well and showed courage whilst performing their routines in front of an audience. We were really proud of the way the children worked together and supported each other. At the end of the competition, the children were awarded with the trophy for outstanding teamwork which was fantastic! Well done to all of the children who took part.

**Attendance**

Well done to the **BLUE** team who had the highest overall attendance percentage this term with 97.17%.  The blue team are able to wear their team colours on the first day back on Monday 25 February 2019 (please remember this does not include fancy dress or football colours). Our whole school attendance for this term was 96.85% and well done also to Year 2 who had the highest class attendance this term at 98.69%.

**Whole School Project homework**

In preparation for our STEM Week (further details below), children will be coming home today with a half term homework challenge!

**PTA Update**

The children had a great time at the disco this week. Further events are planned including a Bingo Night on Thursday 28 March and the Spring Fayre on Friday 17 May. Further details of these events will be sent next term.

**What’s happening next term…**

We have lots of activities happening next term starting with Year Five visiting SkillZONE in Gloucester on Friday 27 February, Reception, Year One and Year Two are visiting Wild Place Project, Bristol on Thursday 28 March and Year 3 and Year 4 will be visiting Barry Island for a coastal experience on Tuesday 2 April 2019. The Book Fair will be visiting on Friday 15 March for three days so please come along and support the school with your purchases. Further details regarding the Book Fair will be sent next term.

**Church Dates**

Parents are invited to attend our church assemblies on the dates shown below. Due to refurbishment work at the Church, all assemblies will take place in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly on the date relevant to your child’s class.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Friday 1 March | Year 1 |
| Friday 8 March | Year 6 |
| Friday 15 March | Year 3 |
| Friday 22 March | Year 5 |
| Friday 29 March | Reception |
| Friday 5 April | Easter Service |
| Friday 26 April | Year 4 |

**Parental Consultations**

Parental consultations are being held on **Monday 11 – Wed 13 March 2019**. If you have not already done so, please book you appointment for your parental consultation with your child’s class teacher by using our booking system <https://tutshillcofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>.

**STEM Week**

We are very much looking forward to our forthcoming STEM week (**Monday 11 – Friday 15 March 2019**).  As part of the week, we will be showing the children a film called ‘Dream Big’. Each class will then be set a mission to create their own city of the future. In preparation, could we please ask parents to save some recycling materials for junk models (newspapers, yoghurt pots, kitchen rolls, etc). To end the week and celebrate what the children have achieved, we will be opening the school hall on **Friday 15 March** from 2.45pm until 3.15pm for parents to come a look at our cities.

**World Book Day - Thursday 7 March 2019**

We are looking forward to another fun packed day to celebrate World Book Day this year. Children will be invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Further information will be sent to parents at the start of next term.

**Comic Relief 2019 - Red Nose Day**

As it is Red Nose Day on **Friday 15 March**, we are having a non-uniform day and would love it if children are able to come dressed in clothes relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We will share ideas nearer the time. There will be £1 donation for charity. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered already.  If you would like to become involved, there is still time! Please contact Mrs Cooper for more information.

**Parking**

We have received a complaint from one of our neighbours regarding parents using their driveway to turn around in, and also parking across it and blocking it. The neighbour has kindly requested that parents refrain from doing this as if it continues he will be taking photos and reporting it to the Police.

We are also aware that parts of the zig zags have been removed and we have been liaising with Gloucestershire Highways Department to have them reinstated. With this is mind, could we please remind parents to park sensibly in designated places and not on the pavement surrounding the school, or the zig zags.  The safety of all our children is of paramount importance.

**Lunch debts**

Please could we remind parents to pay any outstanding lunch debts on their ParentPay account and ensure their account remains topped up.

**Y6 Residential Trip Payments**

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that the full balance for the residential trip in July needs to be made by **Wednesday 24 April 2019**.

**School Contact Details**

Telephone: 01291 622593

General email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance email: attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

**Cool Club Contact Details**

If you need to contact Cool Club regarding breakfast or the after school club, parents can do so via email on coolclub15@outlook.co.uk or via their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

**School Calendar**

Please be sure to regularly check the school calendar for events. This can be looked at on the school website or the eSchools app.

**Diary Dates – At a Glance**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 2019** | **25** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 25 | **BLUE** team colours |
|  | 27 | Year 5 trip to SkillZONE |
| **Mar 2019** | 7 | World Book Day |
|  | 11 – 13 | Parental Consultations |
|  | 11 – 15 | STEM Week |
|  | 15 | Red Nose Day |
|  | 15, 18 & 19 | Book Fair |
|  | 28 | KS1 Trip to Wild Place Project |
|  | 28 | PTA Bingo Night |
| **Apr 2019** | 2 | Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Barry Island |
|  | 4 | School Photos (Class and individual black & white) |
|  | **5** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
|  | 8 – 12 | Holiday Sports Club |
|  | **19** | **Good Friday** |
|  | **22** | **Easter Monday** |
|  | **23** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 23 - 26 | Bikeability Cycle Training – Year 5 |
| **May 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **6** | **May Day Bank Holiday** |
|  | 13 - 17 | KS2 SATS Week |
|  | 17 | PTA Spring Fayre @ 3.15pm |
|  | **24** | **Term Ends – 3.15pm** |
| **June 2019** | **3** | **INSET Day** |
|  | **4** | **Term Starts** |
|  | 4 & 6 | Year 5 Trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (dates tbc) |
|  | 5 | Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
|  | 13 | Country Dancing |
|  | 25 & 26 | Year 6 Wyedean Transition Days |
| **July 2019** | 3 | Year 5 Trip to Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham |
|  | 8 | Music Evening |
|  | 10 - 12 | Year 6 Residential Trip to Tewkesbury |
|  | **23** | **Term Ends – 1pm** |