



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MID TERM NEWSLETTER - September 2023

Lateness and Punctuality

Please ensure your child is brought to school on time and enters school with their peers through the playground. There has been an increase in the number of children arriving late. We are monitoring punctuality and if, needed, we will be making contact with parents to understand the reasons behind the lateness. School begins at 8:45am.

Due to the new government requirements parents will need to complete late slips when dropping children off.

School Gates

The school gates open at 8:40am and will now close at 8:50am. School starts at 8:45am with the extra 5 minutes are for parents to leave the yard safely. We would like to remind you that parents are welcome to come onto the school yard when dropping off, and we ask that parents don't wait at the gate entrance to say goodbye. Both gates are open, and we encourage parents to consider queuing along the fence on the widest part of the pavement, if safe to do so, not down the narrow path blocking access. We are observing parents arriving as early at 8.25am which is causing queues down the narrow path.

Congratulations Mrs Fryer!

Over the last 2 years, Mrs Fryer has been studying hard to complete a Master's Degree and a Level 7 Apprentice- whilst working full time. Her dedication and hard work has been inspiring. Last week Mrs Fryer attended her graduation event in London. Well done, Mrs Fryer!

Holiday Club

Just a reminder to book your place for the October half term holiday club, if we don't receive enough daily bookings a day maybe at risk of being cancelled. To book your place please click the link below -

External Consultants

As we consider to be outward thinking at Tutshill, we invited external consultants to come and work with school leaders to look at the curriculum we offer. Leaders across the school have been described as having 'ambition and flair'. 'Subject leaders plan a curriculum that meets the needs of pupils' and through 'discussions with two groups of pupils (they) confirm that they all enjoy school.' We have been impressed with the reports we have received at the school, and we continue to deliver the highest standards of both education and experiences.

Harvest Festival

It was so lovely to see so many of our families at our Harvest Festival in St. Luke's Church this week. The children really enjoyed sharing their songs and readings with you. Many thanks to so many of you who brought in much-needed donations for those in need in our community.

Flu Immunisation

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Tutshill School on **Friday 6th October 2023** to administer this vaccination to all year groups. Please ensure you have returned your completed form to the School Office.

School Photos

Colourbox will be onsite on Monday 16 October to take portrait photos.

Layer Up!

With the coming colder days we would like to advise that children are welcome to wear a dark navy fleece in class on top of cardigans and jumpers. This does not need to have the school logo. But must be plain dark navy.



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European Day of Languages

On Friday 29th September, we celebrated the European Day of Languages. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and different flag colours and enjoyed completing a range of activities in their classes. Each year group learnt about their chosen country and language in a variety of ways, including research using books and ICT, art and sculpture work, food tasting, songs and games.

In the morning, several of the classes were treated to language sessions led by parent volunteers about Dutch, Italian and French. In these sessions, the children learnt about culture and traditions in the different countries, as well as learning new words, playing games and singing songs. Year Four also got to look at some fabulous pictures and artefacts from Iceland. We are very grateful to Dr Thomas, Mrs Bedford-Smith, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Ikin for their contributions to the day – thank you!

Reception Request

Mrs Fryer and Miss Pender are looking for some Story Time CD's or Children's Songs CD's if you have any that you would like to donate, they would be very grateful!

They would also love to receive pine cones, acorns and small log slices for an upcoming project.

Thank you

Snacks

Please can we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school and as such encourage children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) to bring a healthy snack at break time. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a fruit snack. Please could we request that parents do not send children sweets in their lunchboxes. Please could we also 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.

School Council Interviews

We would like to say a big well done and congratulations to all of our new Year Six School Council members. All of the children wrote letters of application to Mrs Cooper and then took part in an interview. They were all very well prepared and spoke with confidence and enthusiasm about their chosen roles. They have had their first meeting and are already planning lots of exciting events for the year ahead! Next week, they will be organising our Class Rep elections which they are very excited about. We are proud of all of the children who took part in the interviews and we are sure that they will be a fabulous School Council.

Governor Meetings

Vacancies will shortly be advertised for positions on the School Governing Board. Please keep an eye out on our website!

Meet the Teacher

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We were so pleased to see such a positive turnout. We hope you found them beneficial!

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.

ParentPay School Lunch Booking Service

(www.parentpay.com).

Don't forget to book your child's school 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..**



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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

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Sep	29	Open Day for 2024 Reception
Oct	3	Open Day for 2024 Reception
	6	Flu Vaccinations
	16	School Photos
	27	Term Ends
	30 – 3 Nov	Half Term
Nov	6	Inset Day
	7	Term Begins
	13 - 17	Parental Consultations
Dec	22	Term Ends
Jan	8	Term Begins
Feb	9	Term Ends
	19	Term Begins
March	22	Term Ends
April	8	Inset Day
	9	Term Begins
May	24	Term Ends

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.

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!

School Contact Details

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