



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Love One Another, Know Ourselves, Believe and Grow'

START OF TERM NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2023

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term. The weather this last week has been a sharp reminder to us all to make sure that we are wearing suitable clothing; coats, shoes (wellington boots can be worn in to school and then change into school shoes if needed) hats/scarves. As more clothing is worn to school lost property invariably increases. Please can ALL school items and coats etc be labelled.

When walking/driving to school, please do be aware of your surrounding especially as it gets darker. If driving to school and parking, please make sure you are parking in designated areas and considerate to the neighbours of the school.

Next week, we are hosting parental consultation meetings- please let us know should there be any changes to the appointment that you have booked. The online booking system has now closed.

This term will contain many events for both children and parents. Please ensure your child is at school and on time and that you regularly check the school website and read email notifications. We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas events that we have planned at the end of the term! In addition to this, we shall be inviting Under 5's to watch performances too!

Miss Lane

REMINDERS...

Parent Video and In Person Consultations are taking place over 13, 14, 15 & 16 November 2023.

Punctuality

As part of our attendance drive, if you arrive after the school gate closes in the morning at 8:50am, you will need to fill out a late slip which you will find in the school office before your child is able to come into school. Over **280** minutes of learning time was lost last term due to punctuality. Let's have a better result this term!

The theme for Anti-bullying week this year is 'Reach Out'. During the week, children's learning will focus on how we can all do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

PE Days

Reception – Tuesday and Friday
Year 1 - Monday and Thursday
Year 2 - Tuesday and Friday
Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday
Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 – Wednesday
Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

Christmas Lunch

We are delighted to inform parents that we will be providing a Christmas lunch for children this year on Wednesday 13 December 2023. This is always a lovely occasion with Christmas music, crackers (kindly provided by the PTA), and lots of laughter. Further information will be sent to parents next week.

Pastoral Support 'drop in' Session

Please find attached with this newsletter an overview of our current pastoral support offer at Tutshill C of E Primary School. Some of this provision is continuing from last academic year, such as ELSA sessions, but we also have some new initiatives that are launching this year, such as Young Minds Matter and TIME to Flourish. Mrs Hart and some members of the Young Minds Matter team will be available to talk about our pastoral support options on the Wednesday of parents evening week - Wednesday 15th November - from 3:30p.m. until 5p.m. - in the Year Three cloakroom area. Please feel free to pop by informally on this day if you would like to find out more about pastoral support at our school or to ask any questions you may have.



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Reception Play Area

We would like to send a huge thank you to Daisy in Year 6, Olivia and Sam for all their hardwork during the October Half Term holidays. Thank you for giving up your time for our little people!



Children in Need

As you are aware, next Friday (17th November) is Children in Need. We will be taking part in the Joe Wick's 'Bearpee Challenge' along with some bear-themed activities! If you would like your child/ren to take part, please donate £1 on ParentPay. Your child is welcome to come dressed in their school PE kit or a sporty outfit of their choice. They must wear suitable footwear to enable them to take part in the physical activities. We are sure that the day will be lots of fun!

Anti-Bullying Week 13th -17th November

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. We will be completing activities in school throughout the week linked to this theme.

Our New Playground Equipment

Over the last few years, we have been saving money and we are very excited to announce that over the October half term holiday we have had a school gym built in our playground! The School Council helped to select the machines and the flooring and it looks fantastic. The children are looking forward to using it!

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct coloured uniform for both school days and PE days.

Our school uniform remains unchanged and consists of:

- A light blue polo shirt.
- School sweatshirt or navy jumper or cardigan
- Smart grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore (skirts should be of an appropriate length and style)
- Grey socks/tights
- Dark coloured appropriate sensible shoes.
- In summer, children may wear grey shorts/blue checked dress
- No coloured hair

PE Kit:

- Navy T-shirt and navy shorts
- Navy jogging trousers/leggings and jumper/sweatshirt
- KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) daps/black or white trainers.
- KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) daps/black or white trainers (no colour/logos/names).

Uniform does not have to have the school logo on.

The PTA has a wealth of pre loved uniform in various sizes, if you need help in providing your child with the correct uniform please contact the email below in confidence and they will be more than happy to help.

uniform@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

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.**



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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

Diary Dates for November 2023 – May 2024

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Nov	13 - 17	Parental Consultations
	14	Y1 and Y2 Trip to Drill Hall
	17	Reception Trip to Drill Hall
	17	Dodge Ball Sports Y6
Dec	8	Book Fayre
	13	Christmas Lunch
	18	KS1 Christmas Production - PM
	18	KS2 Christmas Productions Eve
	20	KS1 Christmas Production – AM
	22	Church Service End of Term
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

Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance:

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