



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly wonderful few weeks we have had here at school. We have enjoyed a delicious feast, cooked by the wonderful kitchen staff, we've had a Santa dash, we've had a Christmas Fayre as well as an abundance of productions performed by our fabulous children.

This time is always busy but this week we had the added excitement of a main road closure that led to increased traffic passing our school. What parents don't see is: the telephone calls between staff over the weekend; the calls to Highways and the Police, to request assistance, to keep the children safe; the super early starts to check the conditions of the roads and pathways that our families walk and the last-minute changes of plans that invariably make things a little harder for a short time – but always worth it! I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the parents of Tutshill, when I thank the teachers for all that they do, to keep school life ticking over as smoothly as possibly!

This week, we requested that more parents walk to school or park further afield, due to increased traffic. It has been noticed by not only the school staff and local residents but by many parents, how much easier and safer their walk to school has been due to the reduced number of cars parked at school. Please can I ask parents, that wherever possible, you walk to school. The Eco-Council want to take this project on and really push this initiative forward in the new year. We will also be conversing with Highways to see if we can request further road traffic control/measures, including road markings, to keep our roads safe.

I must also request that parents who drive to school consider local residents' property, as well as the safety of the pupils. Sadly, I saw a number of parents swing into private driveways and then proceed to turn in the road right next to Rob, our crossing patrol. This is not safe, and I urge parents to reconsider their movements.

We have arrived at the end of an exceptionally long term, yet the children have been truly wonderful! The Chairs of the Governing Board came into see the pupils on the 12th December and they were impressed with how the children behave, how they spoke to one another and how the children engaged in conversation with them. The Chairs were able to report this at the Governors meeting held at the end of term. The Governing Board has three new members: Mrs Cheryl Bray (Parent Governor), Mr Dominic Broad (Co-opted Governor) and Mr Simon Hardy (Co-opted Governor). The Governing Board will present their annual report early next year and will be planning an event for both School's in the federation to attend to hear all the successes of the federation thus far. Please do take a look at the Forest Edge Federation tab on the website to find out more about the Board.

I want to wish you all a very merry, and restful, Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday 8th January 2024!

Best wishes,
Miss Lane

Christmas Lunch

Last week, the children's Christmas Lunch was fantastic. The children enjoyed listening to Christmas songs being played by Mr Dadd on the piano whilst enjoying their tasty Christmas meal! Thank you to the catering staff, dinner supervisors and all of the other members of staff who helped to make this occasion such a

success. We would also like to thank the PTA for supplying the Christmas hats!

A Message of Congratulations!

Mrs Williams from Year 3 would like to announce that her and Mr Williams are expecting a baby due in May 2024! We wish them huge congratulations from all of us at Tutshill School!



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Santa Dash

We had lots of fun taking part in our Santa Dash! We listened to Christmas music whilst wearing our Santa hats and completing a short fun run!

Sporting Events

Well done to all of the children in Key Stage Two who have taken part in the Prostars Football Tournaments this term. You all worked well as part of a team and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship whilst playing and whilst watching the other teams.

Well done to the Year Six children who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics event at Dene Magna. You worked brilliantly as a team and cheered each other on with enthusiasm.

We have also enjoyed taking part in a federation dodgeball tournament! It was great to welcome Year Six children from Woolaston into our school for a morning of dodgeball fun!

We are proud of everyone who took part in all of these sporting activities. You were fantastic representatives of our school - thank you!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents/carers who supported the events and helped with transport.

We are looking forward to taking part in more sporting events in the Spring Term.

PE Days

Children will need to wear PE kit on the following days:

R: Tuesday and Friday

Y1: Friday

Y2: Friday

Y3: Tuesday and Friday

Y4: Monday and Thursday

Y5: Monday and Wednesday

Y6: Monday and Wednesday

Reminder

If your child has been sick, please remember that you must wait 48 hours before returning to school.

Christmas Fayre

The PTA would like to thank the school community for your support and generosity this term. We made a profit of £1690.00 from our Christmas Fayre and Tuck Sale. We donated £50 to the School Council Charity.

We hope you all enjoyed the Fayre and would like to say thank you once again to our amazing volunteers, who continue to tirelessly give up their time to help at events. We couldn't put these events on without you, and we appreciate your time and your energy. Happy Christmas Everyone from the PTA!

Get FREE meal plans with FiveDinners.com – LIMITED TIME OFFER!

If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat everynight or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!)

FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!

Sign up today to get **FREE lifetime membership** – no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinnertimes a bit easier. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cookalongs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in. So he's very committed to helping families and kids eat well!

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Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Following the recent picking up of your filled Shoeboxes, I am writing on behalf of the President and members of Chepstow and District Rotary Club to thank you and your colleagues, and of course the pupils in your school and their parents, for your enthusiastic participation in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme this Christmas – your support is very much appreciated.

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that we picked up a total of 80 filled boxes from the participating schools in the Chepstow area and very shortly they will be picked up by a lorry for the first stage of their journey to Eastern Europe. On arrival in Eastern Europe, Rotary arranges the distribution of these Shoeboxes to children and families who are far less fortunate than we are in the UK. Over the past 20 years, Rotary has delivered well over one million Shoeboxes and each of these Shoeboxes goes to a child or family in real need.

Furthermore, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the coins taped to the surface of many of the boxes which helps with the transport costs associated with the distribution of these boxes.

Once again, we are indeed most grateful for all your help and assistance for what is undoubtedly a thoroughly worthwhile charity.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all at the school.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Wickham

Chairman of the International Committee of
Chepstow and District Rotary Club

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

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Dec	22	Church Service End of Term
Jan	8	Term Begins
Feb	9	Term Ends
	19	Term Begins
	22	Young Voices
March	14	Swimming Begins Y5
	22	Term Ends
April	8	Inset Day
	9	Term Begins
	24	School Photos
May	6	Bank Holiday
	24	Inset Day
	24	Term Ends
June	3	Term Begins
July	10	Y6 Residential – Croft Farm
	19	Term Ends
	22	Inset Day



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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:

attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com