



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Mid-term newsletter – May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it seems like we may have finally turned a corner with the weather and just in time as we embark on 'sun safety week.' Throughout the week there will be activities and experiences for children to take part in. With the weather looking a little more promising, please do not forget hats/water bottles and sunscreen.

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their KS2 SATS - we all wish them all the best. We know they will be great and they will do themselves proud!

Best wishes,
Miss Lane

REMINDERS...

Year 6 Residential Trip

Please could we remind parents to continue to make their monthly instalments towards the cost of this trip.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unnamed clothing items in our lost property. Please can you ensure your child's name is in their school uniform, PE kit and any clothing they wear to school.

PE kit

A polite reminder that children should be wearing PE kit on PE days only and that trainers should be plain black or white trainers -

https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/school_uniform/423291

School Meal Bookings

Please ensure your child's school meal is booked in advance of the day, preferably a week ahead.

Water bottles

Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school and contains water 😊

U-turn

Please do not use Tutshill Nursery carpark to make a U-turn after dropping children off at school.

French Focus Summer 1



Every half term, we are focusing on a different French word or phrase to help us embed key language as well as to use French more frequently, both in the classroom (such as during the register) and around the school more generally. Please find attached to the newsletter an overview for the year.

Our focus for the coming half term is 'Où habites-tu?' (Where do you live?). This question is answered with 'J'habite à ...' (I live in ...) OR children can simply answer with the name of the place that they live, e.g. 'Tutshill'.

If you would like to practise the French Focus question and answer for this half term at home, you could use these links:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RiLUb1iEFg (we have learnt the second way to ask the question starting at 0:26),

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdIF3ac90ko> (characters talking about where they live) and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbj6/article/s/zgnwr2p> (BBC bitesize learning - scroll down to the section called 'How to say where you live').

For two weeks, our Language Leaders in Year 6 will be standing just inside the gates in the mornings as the children arrive. They will greet the children in French



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and will also use the French Focus to ask them where they live. We hope this means that we will hear lots more French on the playground in the mornings! Parents and carers are also more than welcome to join in – Merci!

French Focus – Termly Words and Phrases

Please try to use the focus words throughout the week, e.g. during registration, in the corridors or at other appropriate times of the day.

Term & Focus	Example words and phrases	Meaning
Autumn 1 Greetings	Bonjour/Salut	Hello/Hi
Autumn 2 What is your name?	Comment tu t'appelles ? OR Comment t'appelles-tu ? Je m'appelle...	What is your name? My name is...
Spring 1 How are you?	Ça va? OR Comment ça va ? Ça va très bien, Ça va bien, Comme ci comme ça, Ça ne va pas, Ça va mal.	How are you? Very well, well, so-so, not so good, bad.
Spring 2 How old are you?	Quel âge as-tu ? J'ai ...ans.	How old are you? I am ... years old.
Summer 1 Where do you live?	Où habites-tu ? J'habite à ...	Where do you live? I live in... (town/city)
Summer 2 Do you like...?	Tu aimes...? J'aime.../Je n'aime pas	Do you like...? I like.../I don't like

Reception

Reception children have had great fun learning all about the story 'Handa's surprise'. We have learned all about where Handa lived, in Kenya, and about some of the animals who took her fruit! We have thought about where in the world Kenya is and why it is a special place. We have also shared some of the places that are special to us and it has been lovely sharing the photographs uploaded to Tapestry.

The favourite part of our learning has definitely been tasting some of the fruits that grow in hot places, like guava, tangerine, orange, passion fruit, bananas, papaya and pineapple. We made and tasted fruit kebabs with some of our favourites!



Meet SAMHE

Science Ambassadors have been thinking about Air Quality this half term and we have been tracking the data collated by our new 'buddy' SAMHE.



SAMHE has been tracking the air quality within the Year 5 classroom and we will be using this data to think about how we can improve the air quality in our school. Our second meeting this term has been really interesting and we now know that the CO2 levels peak at 11AM and stay higher than average until 4PM. We are thinking of ways we can reduce this and in turn improve the air quality of our classroom.



After analysing the data and coming to some conclusions, we will be opening our windows during the 30-40 minutes that we are out of the classroom for worship and breaktime and we will then measure the impact this has.

We will keep you updated on our findings. If you would like to know more about SAMHE, you can use this link [SAMHE](#).

By: Tutshill C of E School Science Ambassadors



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Cybersafety



Please see the attached flier – a parent’s guide to cybersafety.

Previous Events Update:

Football Tournaments

We have attended another round of the Prostars Football Tournaments this term at Five Acres in Coleford. We took part in a mixed tournament and a girls’ tournament. All of the teams that entered played brilliantly. The children showed determination and perseverance whilst playing some challenging games. The Year Five team showed outstanding resilience throughout their game and made us very proud. In the girls’ tournament, our Year Three team were amazing and came third in their group. Our Year Four team had the same number of points as another team and so it came down to the number of goals scored in the final game in order to secure them a place in the final! The children played against St. White’s in the final and the result was 2-1, making Tutshill the overall champions! All of the players showed compassion and kindness to the teams they played and we have had two emails from other another school to celebrate this sportsmanship. Well done and thank you to all of the children who took part in all of the tournaments for representing our school so brilliantly.

Climbing Wall

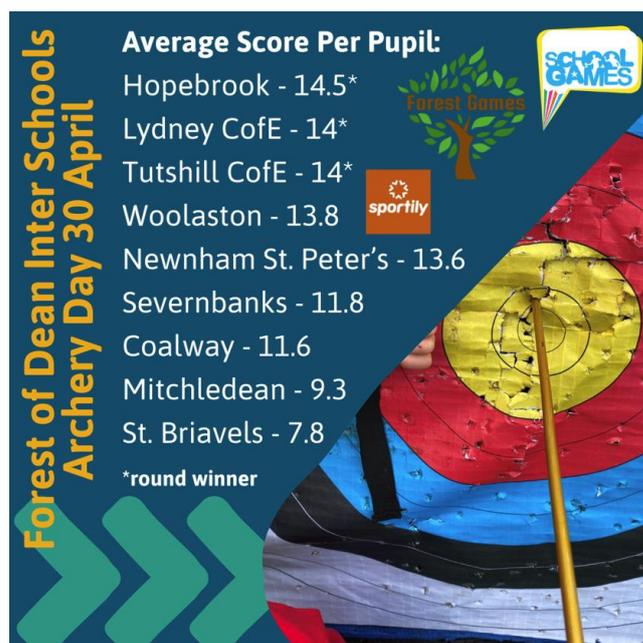
Our School Council Reps decided that they would like to organise a whole school event. After speaking to their classes and taking part in a discussion together, they have chosen to book a climbing wall. We have booked for the climbing wall to come into school later this term. This promises to be a fun-filled day. The children will be able to use their school values to support them as they challenge themselves whilst climbing up the wall!

18 April – Ten Pin Bowling

Earlier this term, a group of Year Four pupils went to Tenpin in Gloucester to take part in a bowling event. They had a great time and knocked over lots of pins! We were very impressed with their bowling skills and they all took part with enthusiasm. Well done to all of the children who took part.

30 April - Archery Event

Six of our Year Five pupils took part in an archery event at Viney Hill in Lydney earlier this week. All of the archery team enjoyed taking part and we were very impressed with their archery skills. They worked well as a team, hit the target brilliantly and won first place! You all did a fantastic job – well done!



Well done to every pupil who attended.

Congratulations to Hope Brook School who's average pupil score put them the top of the target in First Place & Lydney School in Second with Tutshill School in third place over the top scores.

We had some fine individual scores, so please congratulate them all again, well done to all pupils for trying so hard to hit the target.

Alan Beard Forest of Dean School Games Organiser



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Scarecrow Trail Update

Tutshill Scarecrow Trail 2024



24th March to 13th April

Theme: Occupations through the ages

Message from the organisers: We just wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU from the Scarecrow trail team and Tidenham Parish Churches for all of the effort you have put in to making and hosting the Scarecrows this year. The weather definitely did not work in our favour but there were no bits of Scarecrow flying above Tutshill (as far as I know) and there were folk still doing the trail up until last Saturday which was lovely to see.

To date, 408 Scarecrow trail sheets were sold and £1,225 raised for the maintenance of Tidenham Parish Churches, Basecamp Counselling Chepstow & Chepstow Mencap which is fantastic.

Before I reveal who won best Scarecrow, can I just say that as a Scarecrow maker myself, I realise how much time, attention, money and hard work, goes into making a Scarecrow. The trail would not happen if there were not folks like yourselves who are willing to be involved AND isn't it wonderful seeing SO MANY people enjoy themselves (or getting thoroughly annoyed with each other because they can't work out the answer!!) We've estimated that up to 2000 people walked around this year!!!! WOOHOO!!!

Anyway.....

Favourite Scarecrow was.....The Rat Catcher at 14, Bigstone Grove

A close second.... Farmer at 41, Sedbury Lane

Third.... Chimney Sweep at 6, Castle View

After School Clubs



Monday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Y3/Y4 Cookery Rec/KS1
Tuesday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Y5/Y6 Bushcraft Y3/Y4 Art KS2 Y3-Y6
Wednesday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boardgames REC/KS1 Bushcraft Y5/Y6
Thursday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wake up & Shake up
Friday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery Y5/Y6 Dance REC/KS1

National fish & chips day Friday, 7 June 2024



Friendly reminder to book your child's meal!

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, this includes Nutella.



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Play Football

£4.50 PER SESSION
AGE 5-11

MAKING FRIENDS
HAVE FUN
BE ACTIVE
GROW THE GAME

GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS LINKED WITH FA WILDCATS TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

EVERY THURSDAY 5-6PM
TUTSHILL RECREATIONAL GROUND,
MOPLA ROAD, NP16 7PS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JOSH ON
07515508643 / JCARTER.FSE@GMAIL.COM

TO BOOK: PROSTARS.IPALBOOKINGS.COM

£4.50 PER SESSION.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Delivered by UEFA/FA qualified and experienced sports and P.E specialists who are DBS checked, first aid & safeguard trained.

Session will be tailored to your child's ability and delivered in a fun, safe and social environment

- Tots (age 3-5) Lydney
- Football Development age 5-11 Lydney & Chepstow
- Girls FA Wildcats - Tutshill Thur 5-6

Lydney - Freedom Leisure: Mon / Fri, 5:30-6:30
Mark Yearley 07444436637
mark.prostars@gmail.com

Chepstow Leisure Centre: Mon, 5-6
Josh Carter 07515508643
jcarter.fse@gmail.com

To View Venues & book visit: prostars.ipalbookings.com

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.

Calling all engineers!

IF YOU WERE an ENGINEER WHAT WOULD YOU DO?®

We are hoping to enrich our design technology curriculum by taking part in a national competition. We are seeking engineers who would be willing to be interviewed by our older children to give real-life insight into what it's like to be an engineer through sharing your creative problem-solving skills. If you feel like you could spare a short amount of time with the children, please speak to Mrs. Fryer.

Thank you!

Calling All Music Lovers! Share Your Talent with Us!

We're excited to announce that World Music Day is fast approaching on June 21st 2024! To celebrate this global event, we are organising a week of performances for our students. However, we need your help to make it truly memorable. If you have a musical talent you'd like to share, whether it's playing an instrument, singing, or performing in a band, we would love to have you join us. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your passion for music and inspire our young learners. Please reach out to Mrs. Horne if you're interested in participating. We'll work together to schedule your performance during the week of World Music Day. And if that week doesn't suit your schedule, don't worry! We're always open to hosting morning musical performances throughout the year.

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

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Did You Know...?

You can find out who is who at our school by accessing our website on the link below!

https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/website/whos_who/204236



MONTH	DATE	EVENT
May	6	Bank Holiday
	7	Y5 Skillzone Trip Gloucester
	8-10	Sun Awareness
	13 & 16	Y6 SATS
	20	KNEX Challenge County final
	20-24	Art and Francophone Week
	21	Y6 Mountain Biking
	22	Mobile Climbing Wall
	22	Y2, Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops
	24	Inset Day
	24	Term Ends
June	3	Term Begins

	4	Y5 and Y6 Girls Cricket Dynamos
	5	Y5 Cheltenham Science Festival
	5	Y3 and Y4 Caerleon Museum
	10-14	My Money Week
	11	Y6 Leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral
	11	Y5 and Y6 Cricket Dynamos
	18	Y3 and Y4 Cricket Dynamos
	21	World Music Day
	21	Y5 and Y6 Girls Football
	27	Y2-Y6 Flat Stan First Aid
July	2	Yoga
	5	Sports Day and Summer Fayre
	9	Y5 STEAM enrichment day – Wye Dean Academy
	10 -12	Y6 Residential – Croft Farm
	19	Term Ends - 1pm
	22	Inset Day – no pupils on site
Sept	3	Term 1 Begins
Oct	24	Term 1 Ends
	25	Inset Day
	28 - 1	Half Term
Nov	4	Term 2 Begins
Dec	20	Term 2 Ends
	23	Christmas Holiday Term ends
Jan	6	Term 3 Begins
Feb	14	Term 3 Ends