



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have finally made it to the end of what feels like possibly one of the longest terms we've ever experienced- 8 weeks- but we have maximised every minute of it!

Our new starters in Reception have all settled well and the children are clearly enjoying their time at school! Throughout the school, we have experienced European Day of Languages, World Mental Health Week, School photos, football tournaments, the Life Ed Van as well many governors' meetings and visits. We have had a super first term and we are so excited to see what next term holds!

As you are aware, we are holding parental consultation meetings the second week of next term, please don't forget to book your slot.

Thank you to all parents for working with the school and supporting the school's vision and its associated values. The school prides itself on all members of the school community demonstrating these. We are continuing to develop and embed these values, especially in our new pupils, through a teaching and learning approach that is bespoke to Tutshill School. Please do take a look at the school website for further information especially at the parents and pupil tabs.

The website also has a lot of information about what the school provides- you will find this in statutory information. Information here ranges from Ofsted reports to Special Education Needs information.

Have a restful half term and we look forward to see you all on Tuesday 7th November 2023

Sporting fun!

We have had a great start to the year as we have attended and taken part in a number of different tournaments and events.

The children in Year Four and Year Five have enjoyed taking part in a dance workshop this term. They have learned a range of dances using different dance styles and are looking forward to sharing their dances in a dance recital.

Well done to all the children who have played in the Prostars Football Tournaments this term. We have taken part in a girls' football tournament and two mixed football tournaments. All of the children played fantastically and we were proud of them all for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you to everyone who was involved and to the parents/carers who supported the events and helped with transport. We are looking forward to taking part in more sporting events that are due to take place next term.

School Council

The School Council have been working hard this term. We have had a number of meetings and made plans for the year ahead. Our elections have all taken place and our class reps have been busily finding out about what plans and ideas their classes have for the coming year.

The Fundraising Committee have organised their first fundraising event which was a huge success. The whole school had the opportunity to take part in a range of 'Be Active' challenges. Well done to everyone who was involved.

Our Eco-Council have also been busily carrying out their school audit to identify the areas to focus upon this year. They will then create an action plan which will be uploaded to our School website.

Thank you to our School Council for all of your hard work, it is very much appreciated.

Year 4 Viola

Year 4 have been enjoying learning to play the viola in class and a performance for Parents and KS2 will take place at 9am on Thursday 21 December.



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PTA News

'Glow in the Dark' Disco's

We hope that you all enjoyed our glow in the dark Disco last night, what a fantastic end to the first term! We loved seeing everyone dressed up with the biggest smiles on their faces. A whopping £830 was raised which will go towards enriching experiences and items needed for the children at school, so a huge thank you to everyone!

As always another huge thank you to the volunteers who helped last night, to the PTA team for pulling together another fantastic disco! To the teachers who stayed to support the little ones and a special mention to Mr Bowen! Thank you all.

Please feel free to pass any feedback onto us via our email address ptatutshill@gmail.com, or through our Facebook page. We look forward to hearing your feedback and any ideas or suggestions you may have ready for our future events. Once again, a massive thank you from the PTA to you all for your support and we hope you have a great half term.

Date for your diary! 8th December PTA Christmas fayre 🎄🍷

French Focus

Starting after October half term, we will be re-launching our 'French Focus.' Every half term, we will focus 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 this half term is 'Comment tu t'appelles ?' OR 'Comment t'appelles-tu ?' (what is your name?). This question is answered with 'Je m'appelle...' (My name is...)

If you would like to practise the French Focus question and answer for this half term at home, you could use these links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbri6/articles/zgnwr2p> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0hGzfxUt7g>

Starting after the half term holiday, for the first two weeks of term, our Language Leaders from Year 6 will be standing just inside the gates in the mornings as the children arrive. They will greet the children in French and will also use the French Focus to ask them what their names are. 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 !



Save the Date

We have exciting news...The amazing 'Books for Bugs' will be visiting us after school on:

Friday 8th December 2023

Please come along after school. This is a great opportunity to buy books at fantastic prices, with 1000's at only £2.99, including many top titles from baby books to books for teens. There are many great non-fiction books to support topic learning this term too.

In the meantime you can look at the amazing titles on offer at: <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/>



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Big Life Journal Initiative

We are excited to let you know about a special project that our Key Stage Two children will be taking part in this academic year! Every child in Years 3-6 will have their own copy of a Big Life Journal to keep in school and work on throughout the year with their classmates and class teacher. The Big Life Journal is designed to help children develop their social emotional learning and growth mindset skills through discussion and the completion of a range of fun, engaging activities. We feel that the journals will support our PSHE curriculum and the school's vision, values and learning behaviours.

The journals have been awarded to the school as part of the company's charitable outreach programme - thank you to Mrs. Hart for securing a successful application for this donation. Please see this link for more information about the journals: <https://biglifejournal.com/collections/journals/products/big-life-journal-kids-second-edition>

Next Term PE Days

Reception: Tuesday and Friday
Year One: Monday and Thursday
Year Two: Tuesday and Friday
Year Three: Tuesday and Friday
Year Four: Tuesday and Thursday
Year Five: Wednesday
Year Six: Wednesday and Friday

Lumi Nova - free app access for Gloucestershire Pupils

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game designed to support young people aged 7-12 to fight fears and manage worries. Gloucestershire County Council have secured free access to the app for Gloucestershire pupils. Please find more information, including how to access the app, on the attached letter.

Lateness and Punctuality

Please ensure your child is brought to school on time and enters school with their peers through the playground and not via the office. 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.

Mrs Stackhouse will be at the gate nearest to the office until 8:50am to give parents enough time to leave the playground after drop off. Children must still be in class by 8:45am.

Sickness

Should your child have a sickness bug, please do not bring your child back to school until 48hours after sickness has passed.

Reception Intake 2024

Families with children due to start school in September 2024 can find all the admissions information they need by following the link below

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-at-primary-schoolyear-3-junior-school/>

Children in Need

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 17th November.

We will be sending out further details about our plans for this day after half term.

Many thanks for your continued support.



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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.**

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.

Diary Dates for November 2023 – May 2024

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Oct	30 – 3 Nov	Half Term
Nov	6	Inset Day
	7	Term Begins
	13 - 17	Parental Consultations
	14	Y1 and Y2 Trip to Drill Hall
	17	Reception Trip to Drill Hall
Dec	8	Book Fayre
	13	Christmas Lunch
	18	KS1 Christmas Production - PM
	19	KS2 Christmas Productions
	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



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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.

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!

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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