



## TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### End-term newsletter – May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Summer 1, meaning we only one term away from the end of the academic year. This term has flown buy with lots of exciting activities taking place. This term, Year 6 completed their SATs. The children impressed us with their attitude and approach to these tests and we are so very proud of them.

Children in Year 1/2/4 will also be sitting or have sat tests, too. The children in Year 1 will be completing their phonics screen, Year 2 their optional SATS and Year 4 multiplication test. We know the children will complete these in their stride and may not even know they've completed them!

This term we have also had Ofsted visit us. I previously wrote to parents informing them of the inspection and as soon as we have the report.

This last term we have been monitoring pupil punctuality and we are now looking to change the opening arrangements of the school. We are finalising the options that we can offer, and there will be a poll open on Monday 3rd June and will close again Friday, 7th June. Please do complete this poll so that we can action changes.

As a polite reminder, school starts at 8.45am. The top gate is left open for parents to leave site until 8.50am - not for children to arrive. When arriving at school, please can parents use both gates. The gate next to the school office has a large path that parents can come and queue on to keep children and parents off the roadside. Please do walk to the top gate as there is normally fewer people here. When the gates are open, parents need to come in to the playground to say goodbye to their children. Parents waiting at the gate to say good bye and wave, can cause a bottle-neck. Please do come on site and say your goodbyes on the playground. Staff at the gate will remind you to do so.

Thank you again for another wonderful term! Have a restful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you Monday, 3rd June 2024.

Miss Lane

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#### **REMINDERS...**

##### **Year 6 Residential Trip**

Please could we remind parents that the outstanding balance for the residential trip is due by the end of May. Thank you.

##### **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.

##### **School meal bookings after half term**

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

#### **School Council's 'Dance-a-Thon'**

We would like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic fundraising committee who organised and led our 'Dance-a-Thon' to raise money for our school charities. We had a great time whilst dancing to a super selection of action songs! The whole school took part on the playground after lunch and it was a real success. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we have already raised £70. If you would still like to donate £1, the link on ParentPay is still open. We really do appreciate your support.



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## Mountain Biking

Four children from Year Six took part in a mountain biking challenge at Wyedean on Tuesday. They had to cycle around a course set up on the school field and worked brilliantly as a team. Overall, the team came third and earned themselves bronze medals which was a fantastic achievement. The girls also came second and third in their individual timed laps. Well done to you all we are very proud of you for demonstrating so many of our school values whilst taking part in this exciting challenge.

## Clubs for Summer Term 2

As you are aware, we are trialling a new booking system for our club allocation. An email will be sent out today to those people who have been allocated spaces for each club and we have also set up waiting lists.

## Climbing and Archery fun!

On Tuesday, the sun was shining and the whole school had fun whilst using the climbing wall that visited us from The Warehouse Climbing Centre in Gloucester. The children demonstrated courage and perseverance whilst challenging themselves to climb up the different sides of the wall.

Key Stage Two also had the opportunity to take part in a fun archery session. We were very impressed with the children's archery skills and their concentration whilst aiming at the target.

## NSPCC assemblies and workshops

We have all taken part in the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' activities this week. All classes watched a virtual assembly about speaking out and keeping ourselves safe and Year Two, Year Five and Year Six took part in workshops led by NSPCC volunteers. The children listened brilliantly to our visitors and enjoyed meeting Buddy - the NSPCC mascot.

## Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 have now completed their 8 weeks of swimming lessons and all children made amazing progress! They have all achieved the end of KS2 expectation and we are really proud of them. A great big thank you to all of the swimming instructors at Chepstow Leisure Centre.

## Science

Science ambassadors were celebrating sun safety week by showing the reception children ways they can have fun in the sun! They showed the children ways to make rainbows, microscopes and bubble wands.

## Bushcraft School

Year Four have had the amazing opportunity to work with Paul from Bushcraft School in our Forest School. The class have been learning about effective communication and what makes a good team. They have been working cooperatively to solve numerous medical scenarios and to 'capture the flag'. We are looking forward to what the next sessions bring!



## Music Recital Evening

On the 19th June, 18:00, at the church A form was sent home to fill in, should your child wish to perform. If you are needing one, I shall put a few in the reception area to be completed and returned. I am looking forward to hearing from you and having an evening filled with musical talent!





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## French Focus Summer 2



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 this half term is 'Tu aimes...?' (Do you like...?). This question is answered with 'J'aime... /Je n'aime pas...' (I like.../I do not like...) OR children can simply answer with a thumbs up/thumbs down OR with 'oui' (yes)/'non' (no).

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.youtube.com/watch?v=HD4iUVAjzMw>  
(listen and repeat with this video to practise the question for this term)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbrj6/article/s/z4q8g7h> (use the sound buttons to practise on BBC bitesize with school subjects)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbrj6/article/s/zfmq4xs> (and/or food)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtoXzwmp2qw>  
(practise a range of answers using school subjects – more advanced)

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 and will also use the French Focus to ask them if they like something, e.g. colours, school subjects, fruits. 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

### Events update:

#### Quad Kids - Thanks and Individual results

Well what a day that turned out to be with some lovely weather!

First let me thank The Dean Academy PE staff for helping with the venue and sorting the field, then a huge thanks to the students from Hartpury College & their staff who did a great job today taking all the results, helping the pupils. Loved it...

Sorry we went a bit over time, if schools can get to the venue on time that would help us run flexible events like this.

This was all about having a relaxed fun today, being outside and trying things out. We did have a little competition as part of this now individual challenge & it was all about personal best performance.

We did take the first 3 Boys and first 3 Girls from each event as overall medallists, some of the scores were very close & we did have a mini presentation at the end where we offered some of the medals out from the events we had scored. I appreciate some of the schools had to leave earlier, if you did not collect a medal or certificates please let me know.

\* Means medal collected. All Scores taken by the Hartpury Leaders:

### Results

#### 50 Metres Sprint (Boys):

1st:	Rocco - Forest View	8.23
2nd:	*Frazer - Tutshill	8.51
3rd:	James - Pillowell	8.56



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## Girls:

1st: Jocylin - Yorkley 9.00  
 2nd: \*Lyra - Parkend 9.03  
 3rd: Poppy - Yorkley 9.03

## 400 Metres Run:

### Boys:

1st: \*Jack Woolaston 1.32.13  
 2nd: \*Rocco Tutshill 1.35.07  
 3rd: Sam Severnbanks 1.39.56  
 3rd Rory Blakeney 1.39.56

### Girls:

1st: \*Millie Primrose Hill 1.37.20  
 2nd: Amelia Tutshill 1.46.15  
 3rd: Emie Pillowell 1.46.34

## Standing Long Jump (Boys):

1st: \*Liam - St John's 1m 76  
 2nd- \*Yunus - Primrose Hill 1m 66  
 3rd - Logan - Pillowell 1m 64

### Girls:

1st \*Anabella - Tutshill 1m 50  
 1st \*Thea H - Primrose Hill 1m 50  
 2nd \*Olivia - Primrose Hill 1m 46  
 3rd \*Amelia - Tutshill 1m 44

## Howler Throw (Boys):

1st: \*Rocco - Tutshill 24.5  
 2nd: Dominic - Forest View 24  
 3rd: Sam - Severnbanks 23.4

### Girls:

1st: \*Emma - Tutshill 15  
 1st: Lilly - St Johns 15  
 2nd: Brooke - Forest View 11.4  
 2nd: Pillowell - Ella G 11.4

## Golf: Non-Medal Commended players:

Will from Woolaston

Liam from St John's

Rocco from Tutshill

James from Pillowell

Well Done to all who took part in Quad Kids today & well done to those who had top personal bests.

Cheers

Alan



## Calling All Music Lovers! Share Your Talent with Us!

We're excited to announce that World Music Day is fast approaching on June 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Newsletter Subscription:



Gloucestershire County Council is producing families in partnership newsletters to inform families of services available and new developments in the local area. Keep up to date with the latest news and opportunities from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) by clicking the links below to sign up.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-in-partnership-newsletter-april-2024/?pageNumber=1>

## National fish & chips day

Friday, 7 June 2024



Friendly reminder to book your child's meal!





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## After School Clubs (Summer 2)



### Monday:

- Cookery: Y5 and Y6
- Board Games: Reception, Y1 and Y2
- Recorders (lunchtime): Y1 and Y2

### Tuesday:

- Bushcraft: Y3 and Y4
- Balanceability: Reception
- Summer Sports: Y1 and Y2
- STEM Club: Y4, Y5 and Y6

### Wednesday:

- Running Club (am): Whole School
- Bushcraft: Y5 and Y6
- Science: Key Stage Two
- Tennis: Y3 and Y4
- Recorders (lunchtime): Y3 and Y4

### Thursday:

- Outdoor Gym and Circuit Fun (am): Whole School

### Friday:

- Outdoor Gym and Circuit Fun (am): Whole School
- Tennis: Y5 and Y6
- Summer Sports: Y1 and Y2
- Gymnastics: Y3 and Y4

## PE Days (Summer 2)



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

### 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](mailto:coolclub15@outlook.com) or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

### 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](mailto:office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

### School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

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PTA email: [ptatutshill@gmail.com](mailto:ptatutshill@gmail.com)

### 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](https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/website/whos_who/204236)



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MONTH	DATE	EVENT
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