

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

As we are hurtling towards the end of the Summer Term, we still have plenty of things going on around the school. Here is a reminder of what's coming up!

Years 5 & 6 Rubicon Dance Performance

Year 5 and 6 parents are invited into school on Monday, 3rd July at 2.15pm so the children can share with you what they have learnt throughout the term in their dance lessons. Children are able to bring in a coloured t-shirt to change into for the performance, should they wish to do so.

Reports

Please note there was an error in the previous communication about reports and these will be published online on Friday 14th July 2017. The online reporting pupil can be accessed at <http://www.onlinepupilreporting.co.uk>

You will need to use the existing username and password that you have used previously. There is an option to reset your password should you have forgotten it. I would encourage you to log on to the website in advance of the report release date so you can contact the school office should you need to. If you have not used Online Pupil Reporting before, the school has registered you as a user with the email known by the school.

When logging in, new users who have not yet set up a password can click the 'Forgot your Password' link and an email will be sent for you to create a new username and password. Please check all email boxes (including spam and junk folders) for this email which remains active for 24 hours.

Year 5 Day at Wyedean School

On Wednesday, 5th July, Year 5 will be spending the morning at Wyedean School, taking part in a carousel of activities. Children are to be dropped off as normal, registered and collected at Tutshill School. Please ensure children bring a snack, packed lunch and their trainers as well as an empty plastic 2 litre bottle.

Non Uniform Day – Thursday, 6th July

On Thursday, 6th July children can wear their own clothes in return for a bottle donation which will go towards the PTA Summer Fayre.

Year 6 Leavers' Performance

The Leavers' Performance will take place on Thursday 6th July at the Christian Centre. The performance will start at 6pm and is for Year 6 parents only.

Online Book Club

The deadline for ordering online with our new Scholastic Book Club is Thursday 6 July. Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/tutshill-ce> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. You will receive your order from school approximately a week after this deadline.

Le Grande-Pique-Nique

On Friday, 7th July, Year 5 have been invited to take part in Chepstow Castle 950th anniversary celebrations with Le Grande Pique-Nique. Children will need to come to school in the colours of the French flag and bring a packed lunch which may be French themed. Children will need to be collected from school at the slightly later time of 3.40pm. We still need parent volunteers to help with the walk to and from school so please let the office or Mrs Cooper or Mrs Hart know if you are able to help.

PTA Summer Fayre – Saturday 8th July

As you know, the Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday, 8th July. We look forward to seeing you all on the day to support our hardworking PTA who have organised another action-packed event. The PTA still need helpers on the 12pm-1pm slot and still need donations of empty screwtop wine bottles and newspapers. If you are able to help, please email the PTA on ptatutshill@gmail.com. Donations can be left at the school office. Be Creative competition entries should be brought into school at 9am on Friday, 7th July and please don't forget to return your raffle entries. Hopefully the sun will shine!

Year 6 Bikeability Cycle Training

Please ensure those children taking part in the Level 2 Cycle Training have their bicycles and helmets in school week next week. Whilst children are more than welcome to leave their bikes in school on the bike rack during the day and overnight, suitably locked, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur whilst on school premises. We ask that children do not ride their bikes to school on their own before they have completed and passed the training.

Flute & Piano Taster Sessions

Mrs Crawley, our peripatetic woodwind and piano teacher will be in school on Monday, 10th July and Monday, 17th July to provide taster sessions for those children in Year 2 upwards who may be interested in taking up a musical instrument next year.

Reception Class Graduation

This will take place on Thursday 20th July. It will start at 9.30am and take place in the Reception classroom. Reception parents are invited to attend.

Leavers' Assembly

This will take place at 9.30am on Friday 21st July in the school hall. Year 6 parents are invited and others will receive a personal invite, where appropriate. I am afraid it cannot be open to the whole school due to the maximum capacity of the school hall.

ParentPay Accounts

Please could we request that parents ensure they have paid any outstanding balances on their ParentPay account before the end of term.

Lost Property

Please ensure you check lost property regularly between now and the end of term. Any unclaimed items remaining at the end of term will be disposed of.

Parent Survey

The parent survey will close at 5pm on Tuesday, 11th July. If you would like to let us know your thoughts and opinions on the school, please make sure you complete the survey by then. The link to the survey is <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/tutshill201617/>

Last Day of Term

A reminder that school finishes for children at 1pm on Friday, 21st July. Breakfast club will be open as normal but Cool Club after school will not be running.

Sports Day Results

Following our successful Sports Day on Tuesday 20 June, the results are as follows:

Blue: 149
Red: 145
Green: 140
Yellow: 135

Online Portal for Free School Meals

Gloucestershire County Council is launching a new portal to enable parents to apply on-line for Free School Meals across the county. The launch will initially be for Reception pupils starting primary school in September in the Gloucester area only. This will enable Gloucestershire County Council to test the system before going live for everyone later in the term.

The portal will be a quick, easy and more efficient method for parents to apply as opposed to the current paper based system. Also, upon completion of the application, the process will indicate to the parent whether they will be eligible for Free School Meals, so there should no longer be a delay in hearing the outcome. If further information is required, in order to determine entitlement, parents will be notified about what is needed to be done to complete their claim.

Another advantage of this on-line service is that it will not be necessary for school staff to fax or scan applications to us as they have done in the past, especially at the beginning of the academic year. If you or the parents have any queries, regarding this or the process of applying, please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01452 425390 who will be happy to help.

For more information and to make an application visit

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Cool Club Contact Details

If you need to contact Cool Club regarding breakfast or the after school club, parents can do so via email on coolclub15@outlook.co.uk or via their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is a key priority at Tutshill School.

We:

- ensure adults who come into contact with children have enhanced cleared from the Disclosure & Barring Service (which has replaced Criminal Records Bureau);
- communicate child protection procedures to all staff, parents and visitors. We would ask that should you hear, see or read anything which troubles you about a child, do not ignore it, but report your concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs N Fryer.

For further information on safeguarding, contact the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board: www.gscb.org.uk. Tel: 01452 583638.

Parent View

Ofsted are welcoming parents views throughout the year regarding your thoughts on school provision. The expectation is that parents will submit thoughts and opinions on their website. To date, there has been very little response from parents online so we would encourage you to post your comments; even positive comments are welcome!

Please find the link below and wording from the Ofsted site.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the [How to use Parent View](#) page. By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about your child's school. Or, if you want to, [view the results](#) for any school in England.

Dates for your diary

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| July 2017 | w/c 3 | Chepstow School Transition Week 1 |
| | w/c 3 | Y6 Bikeability Training |
| | 5 | Y5 Visit to Wyedean School |
| | 6 | Non-uniform day for Fayre |
| | 7 | Y1 Church |
| | 7 | Y5 visit Chepstow Castle |
| | 8 | PTA Summer Fayre |
| | w/c 10 | Chepstow School Transition Week 2 |
| | 10-12 | Y6 Residential Trip |
| | 12 | New Reception Class Session – 1.15pm to 3pm |
| | 14 | Reception Church |
| | 21 | Last day of year – 1.00pm finish |
| | 24-25 | Inset Days |

Friday Act of Worship

Parents are invited to join us for our Friday assemblies when members of St Luke's Ministry Team lead our Act of Worship in St Luke's Church.

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| Reception | 14 July 2017 |
| Year 1 | 7 July 2017 |

Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

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| Term 2 2016 Term begins Term ends | 31 October 2016 16 December 2016 – 3.15pm finish |
| Term 3 2017 Term begins Term ends | 3 January 2017 (Inset Day) 4 January 2017 10 February 2017 |
| Term 4 2017 Term begins Term ends Good Friday Easter Monday | 20 February 2017 7 April 2017 – 3.15pm finish 14 April 2017 17 April 2017 |
| Term 5 2017 Term begins May Day Term ends | 24 April 2017 1 May 2017 26 May 2017 |
| Term 6 2017 Term begins Term ends | 5 June 2017 21 July 2017 – 1pm finish 24 July 2017 (Inset Day) 25 July 2017 (Inset Day) |

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1 September 2016
 2 September 2016
 3 January 2017
 24 July 2017
 25 July 2017

These dates are in line with Gloucestershire County Council term dates.

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