

October 2017 Newsletter

Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 4

All children in the above years are entitled to the flu vaccine this year. The vaccine will be administered by nurses from Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust. The vaccine will help protect your child from what can be a very nasty illness. It may also reduce the chance of others in your family who could be at greater risk of flu – such as grandparents or those with long-term health conditions – getting flu from your child. In areas of England where the flu vaccine in schools was piloted, less flu was detected across all age groups.

On the school website, on the home page you will find more information about the flu vaccine. Please click on the link that takes you to Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust website. Once here please click on the consent form link, half way down the page. Alternatively please use this link: <https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent>

ALL parents will need to complete this form to give consent for the flu vaccine or to reject the offer of the flu vaccine.

The vaccine will be administered on 6 November 2017.

A Halloween message from PC Nick

With Halloween upon us shortly, PC Nick has reminded us of the following important messages to help keep us stay safe during the celebrations.

- Stay in areas that are lit with streetlights – take a torch with you just in case
- Don't talk to strangers on the street
- Always go trick or treating with an adult
- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, be careful not to frighten elderly people
- Always look carefully before crossing the road, even if you're part of a group
- Don't enter any house, stay on the doorstep
- Stay with your friends. Don't split into smaller groups unless an adult goes with you
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents
- Be visible

Cauliflower Cards order deadline – Tuesday 31 October 2017

Just a reminder, following our recent letter about your children's Christmas card designs, that any orders for cards, labels and/or mugs must be ordered online and your child/ren's artwork returned to school on the first day back after our break on Tuesday 31 October 2017. For our parents and carers in Year 1 and above, you will recognise that the online ordering process marks a change to previous years. It is crucial to note that if you have ordered online, you must return the artwork form to school by this date in order for the order to be fulfilled.

Attendance

Congratulations to the Red Team who had the highest attendance percentage this term with 98.45% and are able to wear their team colours on the first day back to school on Tuesday, 31 October (please remember this does not include fancy dress or football colours). Our whole school attendance was 98.03% which is a great start to the year and well done also to Year 3 who had the highest class attendance at 98.61%.

Photographic Consent Forms

We are re-issuing a new version of our photographic consent form which parents need to complete and return to school at the start of next term. Hard copies of the form have been sent home with children today. Whilst we appreciate that parents have not long completed photographic consent forms, we have decided to re-issue the forms in a clearer format to support the work that is used on internal eSchools system. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation in completing these forms and returning to school by Friday, 3 November 2017.

Parental consultation meetings – week commencing 6 November 2017

Don't forget to book your parental consultation meeting(s) with your child/ren's teacher(s) via the eSchools system. Bookings close on Wednesday 1 November 2017.

M & M Productions- Travelling theatre

We are very excited to announce that we are having a whole school production of Peter Pan on 7 November 2017. The performance has kindly been organised by the PTA- thank you!

Messages to school

We understand that sometimes there may be a change to your child's normal pick up at school but we do ask that any changes or other messages are notified to the school office before midday to ensure the messages are delivered to the children.

Additional Open Morning – September 2018 Intake

We are holding an additional Open Morning on Monday, 13 November at 9.30am for parents who were unable to attend the previous Open Days. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who is looking for a place in our Reception class in September 2018, we would be grateful if you could share these details.

Bags2School textile collection

Thank you for supporting our textile collection last Friday 13 October. Your generous donations raised £28.00 for school funds. Our next collection is due to take place on Wednesday 7 March 2018.

Chepstow Foodbank

Chepstow Foodbank would like to pass on their sincere thanks to all at Tutshill School for the recent donation of 147kg of food donations to help support their work. The donations will enable them to provide eighteen people with enough food to last for a minimum of three days. Thank you for your ongoing support.

School Council news

The last few weeks have seen the School Council hard at work organising a vote to select the charity which will be the focus of this year's charitable fundraising activities. They are delighted to announce that our pupils have voted to support the RSPCA. We look forward to learning more about their fundraising plans over the coming months.

Year 3 and 4 trip to the National Roman Legion Museum

Our pupils had a fabulous time on their trip to Caerleon on Friday 6 October. They took part in a pretend 'Roman Feast', tried on children's body armour and helmets and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the amphitheatre ruins and the rest of the grounds. May we please take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who accompanied us on the trip, such visits could not happen without your support.

School calendar

Please be sure to regularly check the school calendar for events. This can be looked at on the school website or the eSchools app.

Snacks

Thank you for continuing to provide your children with healthy snacks at break times.

Nut allergy

We 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.

School meals

If you have pre-ordered a school meal but no longer require one, parents will need to notify the office by 9.30am otherwise you will still be charged for the meal. Should your child be unwell and not attending school and you have notified the school office, we will cancel your child's pre-booked meal for you.

Coats

As the weather is starting to get colder and can be very changeable at this time of year, please ensure your child brings a coat to school with them every day.

Have a very wonderful half term break. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 31 October 2017.

Miss Lane
Headteacher