



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent, Carers and Children,

We break for Easter tomorrow have basked in lovely sunshine this week; I wonder how long it will last! The spring term has allowed us to bring all our pupils back to school and it has been an absolute joy seeing them play together and learn together. Since returning, the children have been demonstrating what they learnt throughout lockdown, through remote learning, which has enabled the teachers to plan further learning, to support or extend, our children's knowledge.

At the end of April, parents will be able to attend virtual parents evening to allow the teachers to demonstrate the standard that your child is working at. You will have received an email instructing parents on how to sign up and book an appointment. The booking system will go live when we return to school.

Behind the scenes, the leadership of the school have been working tirelessly to drive the school forward; we can never sit still! Mrs Fryer has been revising and further developing our teaching and learning approach. This incorporates our values and also includes key learning behaviours that we want our children to demonstrate and master by the time they leave Tutshill C of E School. The teaching and learning approach will be shared with parents when we return in the summer term. We are very excited and look forward to hearing parents and children's thoughts in the summer term!

As restrictions are continuing to be eased over the next few months, we will keep parents and carers informed of any changes this may have on the operation of the school; clubs, bubble mixing etc. At present all measures we have in place will remain in place for the return to school for the summer term. **Please remember the drop off and collection times and arrangements will remain in place.**

Please have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 19th April 2021.

Best wishes,

Miss Lane
Headteacher

Reporting Positive Covid Cases – Easter Holidays

The DfE have asked that schools continue to assist with contact tracing over the Easter holidays. We are therefore asking that staff and parents/carers of pupils notify on the following email address covidschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk where there has been a positive confirmed case within 48 hours of being at school. This applies to both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases. Please use this email address only between 2nd and 7th April 2021. After this time, should you receive a positive test result you will need to notify NHS track and trace and follow the instructions given. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lateral Flow Device Tests

Members of households or childcare bubbles of children attending Tutshill C of E Primary School are able to access twice weekly test kits. The kits are available in the following ways:

- Through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- At a local test site
- By collecting a home test kit from a test site
- By ordering a home test kit online

Further information can be found [here](#).

Holiday Sports Club

If your child is attending the club and you need to contact them or to report a positive Covid



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case, please contact ProStars directly on 07515 508643.

Red Nose Day

You donated a total of £251.50 for Comic Relief. Thank you!

School meals

We have been advised by Caterlink that the cost of school meals will be increasing after the Easter Holidays to £2.34 per meal. Caterlink will also be extending the existing menu throughout the summer term. Please book your child's school meals in the normal way via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com).

Parental Consultations

We have upgraded our parents evening system so that we can offer face-to face meetings, albeit remotely, for our next parental consultations. The system we are now using will allow parents to book a time slot convenient to yourself to meet with teacher. We are exceptionally excited to be able to offer this! Teaching staff wanted children to have returned to school for a long enough period after lockdown, so that they could provide in-depth information on your child's progress and next steps. With this in mind, parental consultations will take place on **Tuesday 27 April and Wednesday 28 April 2021**. Further information and details on how to book have been sent separately.

Staggered start and finish times reminder

When we return to school on **Monday 19 April 2021**, we will continue to operate with our staggered start and finish times. Please be reminded of them below:

Year Group	Start time	Gate	Finish time
Year 6	8.45am	B	2.45pm
Year 5	8.45am	A	2.45pm
Year 4	8.55am	B	2.55pm
Year 2	8.55am	A	2.55pm
Year 3	9.05am	B	3.05pm
Year 1	9.05am	A	3.05pm
REC	9.15am	B	3.15pm

It is extremely important that children arrive on time to enable them to enter school with their class bubble. Should you not arrive at these times and should you have not previously

notified the office of a late arrival, please bring your child to the school office at 9.20am after the last children have entered through the gate. This is to avoid any mixing of class bubbles whilst entering the school.

Change to PE days

PE days for next term will change for all classes. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on the days stated below:

Year group	PE day
Year 6	Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday
REC	Thursday and Friday

Hayfever and Sun Care

As we move into the summer term, we would be grateful for your support in providing your child with a sun hat and sun cream for use in school. The children will need to administer the sun cream themselves.

If your child suffers from hayfever, please can we request that where possible, parents administer medicines before attending school.

Family Support

Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Team (GHLL) and the Educational Psychology Service have produced some information about issues families may have experienced during Lockdown. By visiting this link <https://www.ghll.org.uk/family/parents-and-carers-advice-on-returning-to-school/> you will find: a brief double-sided leaflet with general advice and top tips as well as a number of case studies with some suggestions and strategies from school staff, GHLL and Educational Psychology Service. There is a recorded example for primary aged children and secondary aged young people for each area, and the advice has also been typed for reference. The areas covered are:

- Anxiety
- Screen time
- Bereavement and loss
- Reconnecting and friendships
- Engagement with learning tasks



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Messages from Tidenham Parish

The following activities are taking part in Tidenham Parish over the Easter period:

Scarecrow Trail

Saturday 27 March to Saturday 17 April.

Trails available from Lifestyle Express Shop Tutshill. For more information please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115156985163576>

Easter Garden in St Luke's Grounds

From Palm Sunday (**28 March**) an Easter Garden will be on display. Please bring a pebble or stone (preferably painted) to add to the garden. Small flowers can also be added. If you come during the Easter Weekend, you may even find a small chocolate treat to take away!

Worship Without Walls

All are invited to Worship Without Walls on **Good Friday 2 April** at 11am on the field behind St Luke's Church. This will be a short exploration of the Easter Story suitable for all ages. Please bring your own snacks/drinks for afterwards.

Message from Tutshill WI

If any parents are interested in helping to maintain the bus shelter, please contact Ceri Crossland at ceri.crossland@btinternet.com

Diary Dates for April – July 2021

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Apr	1	Term 4 ends
	2	BANK HOLIDAY
	5	BANK HOLIDAY
	19	Term 5 begins
	27 & 28	Online Parental Consultations
May	3	BANK HOLIDAY
	10	School Photographs
	28	Term 5 ends
Jun	7	INSET DAY
	8	Term 6 begins
Jul	21	Term 6 ends at 1pm

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!

School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance:

attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com