



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2021 START OF TERM NEWSLETTER

We have finally had the news that we have been waiting for; all children will be returning to school on Monday 8 March 2021! We are over the moon with this news and cannot wait to have all our pupils back on site. Guidance has been published and the requirement is that we revert back to the measures and procedures that were in place in the Autumn Term. This includes, staggered times, separate entrances, PE kit worn on PE days. This information will be shared again next week, in a separate letter.

Whilst we are looking forward to having all the pupils return, we know that this may also cause some worry or anxiety within families. Should you have any questions about how the school will operate, what measures are in place, please look at the reopening risk assessment (to be published on Wednesday 3 March 2021). Following that, please direct any questions to the School Office.

Miss Lane
Headteacher

Reporting Positive Covid Cases

We ask that families continue to notify the school of positive cases of Covid-19 in a pupil or within the pupil's household. We will then instigate our track and trace procedure with a positive child case, including potential class closure in order to stop the transmission of Covid-19. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Twins!

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Ryder has had twin boys! Mother and babies are doing very well and Theo has taken his big brother role, in his stride. Congratulations; we can't wait to meet them!

Remote learning

Teachers are still providing online learning up to and including Friday 5 March 2021. We have noticed a slight dip in engagement following Monday night's announcement. Please can we encourage you to complete the learning as it is set. It may be that your child will return having missed an important part in their learning, making the return to school a little harder. Teams meeting will end on Friday 5 March 2021.

Communication

After Friday 5 March 2021, children will be taught in class and on-line learning will only be issued should a child be self-isolating. Should you wish to speak with your class teacher, please make contact through the School Office.

Roadmap out of lockdown

You are aware that a road map regarding the easing of restrictions has been published. Please can we remind all families to follow these steps, including any mixing and socialising. At present the 'stay at home' message is still in place and remains so even when children initially return to school.

School uniform and belongings

Where possible, full school uniform is encouraged to be worn to school. We fully appreciate that the requirement to wash items more frequently due to Covid may mean full uniform can't always be worn, however, we ask that items of the same/similar colour are.

We have been notified by Sheila's in Sedbury that whilst her shop is closed due to the restrictions for non-essential retail, she is currently operating an 'order and collect' system. All details can be found on her Facebook page or on her shop door.

It is very important that all children's belongings are clearly labelled. We get large amounts of lost property, particularly from the older year groups, which is sometimes unnamed. Please ensure all items are labelled so we can return them to the correct pupil.

School meals

The school kitchen will be operational from Monday 8 March 2021. The baguette menu that has been available during lockdown will cease and Caterlink will be offering the full spring menu. If you would like your child to



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have a school meal, please book via ParentPay in the usual way.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is **Thursday 4 March 2021**. Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book of their choice.

In order to bring all our children together, at home and in school, teachers will be offering an extra TEAMs Meeting on Thursday 4 March. The class teacher will read a story and children will be able to show each other their costumes. Class teachers will notify you of their times, we will take into consideration sibling class times also.

We will also be emailing you a pdf of the £1 World Book Token this year. The book token can be printed out and taken to your local bookseller and exchanged.

Bikeability – Year Five

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our booking for Year Five to undertake Bikeability Cycle Training in the spring term. However, we are in the process of rebooking the training for September, for the children to undertake the training at the beginning of Year Six so that they do not miss out.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

As a school, we will be taking part in fundraising for Red Nose Day on **Friday 19 March 2021**. The theme for Red Nose Day this year is superheroes and 'Funny is Power', so we would like to invite children to come to school on Friday 19 March dressed as superheroes! This could be a known superhero from a comic, book or film - but it could also be an original superhero that the children create, such as 'Air-Guitar Girl' or 'Bakes-Brilliant-Cakes-Boy!' Feel free to be as creative as you like with your ideas!

On the day, children will have a special Red Nose Day themed assembly in their classrooms and will take part of a range of related activities. We would like to encourage you to make a donation (perhaps of £1 or £2) to help us fundraise for Red Nose Day via ParentPay. Further details regarding ParentPay will be sent nearer the time.

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, meet with teacher/s and also show examples of work from your children's books. 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 will be provided in due course.

Diary Dates for March – July 2021

You will notice that forthcoming events will start to appear on the calendar. At present, please assume these will **not** be attended by parents. Should this be possible at the time, parents will of course be invited.

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Mar	4	World Book Day
	8	All children to return to school
	15	INSET DAY
	19	Red Nose Day
Apr	1	Term 4 ends
	2	BANK HOLIDAY
	5	BANK HOLIDAY
	19	Term 5 begins
	27 & 28	Online Parental Consultations
May	3	BANK HOLIDAY
	28	Term 5 ends
Jun	7	INSET DAY
	8	Term 6 begins
Jul	21	Term 6 ends at 1pm

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