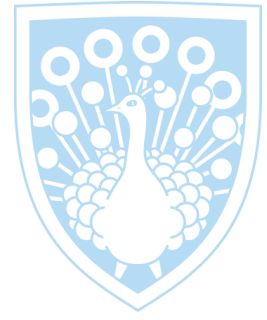




Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

The first week in the new building and without the portakabin has been a lovely one! The Year 1 and 2 children all seem very settled in their new classroom and many of the children have enjoyed eating their packed lunch in there and in the courtyard outside this week. We are looking forward to the display boards going up, so that some of the children's wonderful work can be put on the walls.

Classroom News

Reception:

Lots of the children's learning has been outside this week. They have been learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly and have been creating beautiful butterfly mobiles. They practised using money in the Garden Centre and set up an investigation to find out where cress grows best. The children have also been using Balance Scales to compare weights and find out which items are heaviest or lightest.

The interest table next week will be the same as last week: 'Things that are heavy' and 'Things that are light'

Years 1 and 2:

The Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about how riddles work this week. They shared lots together and have got very good at working them out. Here are two riddles written by Year 1 children. I wonder if you can work out the answers?!

I get born into a rockpool.
Sometimes I am shiny.
Normally I eat crabs.
You see me at the bottom of the
deep, dark sea.
Fish are scared of me.
I am not a shark.
I have a humungous head.
What am I?

By Cosmo

I am bubbly in the rockpool.
I eat fish and I have 5 legs.
When you hold me you find me
slimy and rough and bumpy.
And I am faced like the star in the
dark creepy sky.
What am I?

By Isabelle

The children have also been listening to stories from the Torah. Last week they looked at the story of Noah and this week they heard all about Jacob's ladder and his dream of the stairway to Heaven.

Years 3 and 4

The Year 3 and 4 children are now well settled into their new classroom, which looks very different now with their blue tables in it. This week the children have been looking at vertebrates and studying different mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds, using library resources and ICT to research their chosen animals. They finished off their stories set in another world and have been learning more about co-ordinates in their maths lessons.

Years 5 and 6:

As part of their All About Me topic, the children have been thinking all about healthy lifestyles and how to keep themselves fit and well. This has included thinking about things like healthy eating, emotional wellbeing, dealing with peer pressure and the importance of sleep and exercise. They have approached this important topic very maturely, taking part in lively and mature discussion and using drama to investigate and explore their ideas. The children have finished off their very well-researched biographies about sporting heroes, which are on display in the classroom for you to look at. As the introduction to some work on writing newspaper articles, the children had fun today writing news reports on well-known fairy tales and nursery rhymes. I wonder if you can guess which stories these headlines refer to?!

- A RUDE AWAKENING! DON'T DISS THIS MISS!
- PIGS ESCAPE BACON!
- I GUESS THE YOLK'S ON HIM!
- TIME'S RUNNING UP FOR MEDDLING MICE!
- GOATS GO T' JAIL!
- NOT A CRACKIN' DAY FOR HUMPTY!

Stars of the Week

Well done to all of our stars of the week who have been working very hard and impressing their teachers with their very positive attitudes.

Reception – Monty
Years 1 & 2 - Isabelle
Years 3 & 4 - Jamie
Years 5 & 6 – George

Jewellery Evening

A reminder that Pippa Kitchen is hosting a Stella and Dot jewellery evening at Ilbury House, Deddington, OX15 03P on Wednesday 15th May from 8 – 10 pm. 25% of all sales will go to the school. All those placing orders will be entered into a draw on the night to win a necklace. Come along for wine, nibbles, a chat and try on some lovely jewellery. There is a signing up sheet on the notice board just to let Pippa know how many to expect.

Can You Help us Tidy Up the Garden?

Do you have a few hours to spare on Saturday 8th June? Would you be able to come along at 10am and help us to get the garden back into shape ready for some Summer planting? We need to:

- Put up our new shed
- Strim the whole area
- Plant the fruit trees
- Tidy and dig the beds ready for planting

Please come along to help if you can. Hot dogs and beer will be on offer! Sign-up sheet on the notice board or please contact Kate Leigh-Wood or Ed Allen. Thank you.

Safe in the Sun

Please could all children bring a hat to school every day from now until the end of term, to protect their skin when they are outside at playtime and lunchtime and during PE lessons. Many thanks.

End of the Day

As you know the main school gate is supervised at the end of the day, to ensure that children do not leave the school grounds without an adult. In the interests of safety, and so that we can see that children leave school with an adult, we are going to lock the bottom gate and we would ask please that parents and children ONLY use the main gate at collection time. Year 1 and 2 children should be collected at the end of the day from the main entrance to the new building.

Arrangements for Drop-Off and Collection from the New Building

Children in Year 1 and 2 should be dropped off in the morning at the main exit to the new building. If you have children in Reception or Pre-School you can use the corridor which links the AJ building and the new building if you wish, but to avoid congestion please do not use this route otherwise.

Good Manners' Champion

Our Good Manners' Champion this week was Omer in Year 4. Omer always has a cheerful smile on his face and he greets everyone with the same friendly enthusiasm. He is really good at listening, both to teachers and to the other children and he is someone on whom I can rely on in assemblies to put up his hand and share his ideas. Omer's friends told us: *he is always kind to everyone; he plays with everyone, whatever their age and whether they are a boy or a girl; he is always really smiley; he is enthusiastic all the time; he doesn't leave people out; he thinks about other children and doesn't get cross.* Well done Omer – we all agree that you make a very good Good Manners' Champion.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Scarlett Cardona, who started in Year 4 on Tuesday and Jennifer Aylett, who started in Year 3 on Tuesday. They have both settled in very well to Miss Connor and Mrs Tibbett's class, and we hope that they will be very happy with us at Great Tew.

Summer Fete – Postponed

The Summer Fete will **no longer be taking place** on Saturday 18th May. New date to be advised next week.

Tea for Tew at Cornbury - 5th, 6th & 7th July



A big thank you to all those people who have already brought in ingredients and to all of you who are already busy baking. If you haven't yet done so, please would you have a look at the Wish Lists for ingredients. These have been organised by class this year and are displayed in the office, and on the notice-boards outside each classroom. Our team of bakers are eagerly awaiting further ingredients, and are in particular need of CASTER SUGAR and STORK MARGARINE (from the Year 3 and 4 list). All ingredients should be brought to the office as soon as possible please. Many thanks in advance!

Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates Coming Up

Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th May	SATs tests for Year 6 children
Wednesday 22 nd May	Tag Rugby Festival
Thursday 23 rd May	Meeting with Mr Simon Duffy, Headteacher of Chipping Norton School – 6pm
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Hill End, Oxford
Wednesday 5 th June	U11 cricket tournament at Great Tew
Saturday 8 th June	10am – Garden Tidy Up
Thursday 13 th June	School Photographs
Thursday 20 th June	Sponsored Walk
Monday 24 th June	Tri Golf Festival for Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 5 and 6 trip to Cornbury Estate
Weds 26 th – Fri 28 th June	Year 6 transition day at Chipping Norton School
Tuesday 2 nd July	Key Stage Two production – 6pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Key Stage Two production – 6pm
Fri 5 th – Sun 7 th July	Cornbury Festival
Tuesday 9 th July	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Parents' Evening – 5.00pm -7.00pm
Tuesday 16 th July	Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	Leavers' Service
	Term Ends