



## Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

After what has been a very long and action-packed term, the Summer is finally here and we have a glorious six weeks ahead of us. I can't believe how quickly the year seems to have flown by, and it doesn't seem possible that I have been at Great Tew for a year. The children have matured and blossomed over the year and all of them are wiser, more grown up, more confident (and certainly a little larger!)

We say goodbye today to our wonderful Year Six children, who leave us for the next stage in their journey through life. They have all been fantastic ambassadors for the school; they have worked hard, enjoyed themselves and done themselves proud. We send them away today knowing that they are ready for their new schools, but we will miss them all, their sense of fun and the bond that they have with each other. A very fond farewell to Brinley, Chloé, Eliza, Ewan, Gabriel, Georgina, Joe, Joss, Maddy, Molly, Louis, Rory, Sam, William and Zach. *Attached to this email is a copy of the school reports they wrote about each other for today's service, together with Molly's Rap.*

It is not just the children that we say goodbye to today, but some of the families too, many of whom have had children in the school for a very long time! Brinley breaks the record, being the last in a long line of Maynes (and family), who have been attending Great Tew for the last 106 years! Some of you will have seen that reported in the Banbury Guardian last week. But other families leaving us today are the Clarkes, Cliftons, Corbetts, Gyorkoses, Lawtons, Lowes, Maddens, Mitchinsons, Phillips, Ringroses, Thomases and Tuthills. All of these families have given a huge amount to the school, supporting and helping out in a myriad of different ways. Many of them have been very active members of the GTSSC and NBAT and they have given hours and hours of time to the school, running all sorts of different events, raising money for the children and helping to develop the sense of community that makes Great Tew the very special school that it is. A huge thank you to all of them for the sausages that they've sizzled, the turkeys that they've roasted, the tins that they've rattled, the stalls that they've run, the matches that they've ref'd, the readers that they've heard, the clubs that they've run, the children that they've ferried, the cakes that they've baked, the teas that they've served, the events that they've organised, the funds that they've raised, the sets that they've painted, the cards that they've made, the tactics that they've taught and the time that they've given. We will miss you ALL but know that you're not too far away and hope that you'll all come back to see us!

We are also sad to say goodbye today to Charlie, Tolly, Jack, Geordie, Katarina, William and Marcus. They will all be missed by their teachers and their friends and we hope they will be very happy in their new homes and new schools.

### Wedding Bells

As most of you know, Mrs Moss is getting married to Tim in Deddington tomorrow. She has certainly had a busy run-up to her wedding day, managing to fit in manicures and table plans around stage production and reports and all the time with a smile on her face! I know that you will all join with us in wishing her and Tim the very best for tomorrow and for their future lives together.

### Bag2School

Just to let you know, NBAT are organising another Bag2School collection early on next term. Please gather up any unwanted items ready to put into the sacks that will come home at the beginning of term.

## **Good Manners' Champion**

This week our Good Manners' Champion was Matilda in Year 3. Matilda is fantastic at holding the door open for others, in fact I have sometimes found her waiting 2 or 3 minutes while I am having a chat, very patiently waiting for me to come through the door! Matilda is cheerful and positive and she is a much valued member of her class. Matilda has lovely manners to her friends and they told us: *she listens brilliantly; she doesn't get into arguments; she is very patient with people; she is really kind all of the time; she doesn't get stressy; she is really good fun.* We all agree that Matilda makes a fantastic Good Manners' Champion – well done Matilda and keep up the good work! Make sure you polish that cup over the Summer.

## **Summer BBQ**

A big thank you to the Maynes, Cliftons and Thomas's, who ran the barbecue for us on Monday. The Mayne family have been doing this for many years now (possibly not quite 106 years!) and it has certainly become a very special Summer Event. What a fantastic day we chose, the sun shone and the burgers were done to perfection. We all had a fantastic time – thank you very much to them all.

## **Sports' Day**

How nice it was not to have to use our "reserve" Sports' Day this year! The children coped very well with the sweltering heat, and we saw some really good examples of the Olympic sporting values being played out during the afternoon. Well done to all of the children, and a big thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the day and to all the staff, particularly Miss Connor, Mr Butler and Miss Butler who worked so hard to organise the event. The results were incredibly close, with Bolton just pipping the other two houses to first position, to retain their trophy.

## **Breakfast Club**

We will be starting a Breakfast Club in school on the first day of term, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The club will be run for us by Oxford Active, and will cost £4 per day per child. It will be held in the new classroom, Sign up forms are available in the office, and another one will be emailed to you.

## **Cake Sale on Sports' Day**

The brownies went down very well on Tuesday at Sports' Day and we are pleased to tell you that another £102 was raised for NBAT. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day.

## **Shoes!**

A reminder that from September, we would like all children to have a pair of well fitting "school shoes" (blue, black or brown, low-heeled shoes suitable for running around in and wearing all day), which they will come to school in every day. They will then need a pair of wellies and a pair of trainers, which will be kept in school all the time. When the ground is dry the children will be able to wear their school shoes all day and when it is wet they will change into their wellies at play time and lunch time.

## **Burgers After School**

Thank you to Ed Allen and his team of helpers for running the barbecue for us after school closed today. He very kindly donated all of the burgers, buns, charcoal etc, so all takings went straight to the school, and I am pleased to tell you that your tasty lunch helped to raise a hearty £126 for school funds.

All that remains is for me to wish you a very happy, restful and peaceful Summer. I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Best wishes

Mrs Lucy Miles