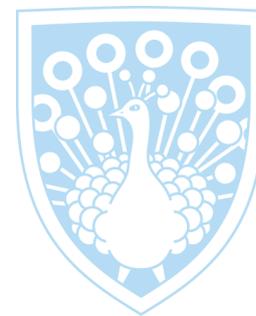


## Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

It was very nice to see the church packed this morning with parents, grandparents and friends. I heard lots and lots of positive comments about how well the children performed and how nice it was to see all of them playing a part. I have been struggling to get “Bunny, Bunny, Bunny” out of my mind during the day – I am sure I am not the only one! Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to the staff for putting it all together and preparing the children so well. The children looked wonderful in their Easter bonnets – it really is a magical sight, seeing the children parade around the village. There was, as usual, a fine array of creations on display and the playground is still strewn with pink and yellow feathers!

### **Keeping the Children Safe – Changes to Gate Arrangements**

Please see important letter attached.

### **Chipping Norton Literary Festival – 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

If you haven't already done so, do have a look at the Chipping Norton Festival website to find out about the range of exciting events taking place: <http://www.chiplitfest.com/index.asp>

### **Author Sarah Lean to Visit Great Tew – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

As part of the Chipping Norton Literary Festival, Years 4, 5 and 6 will be welcoming the author Sarah Lean into school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Sarah is the author of several books, including Jack Pepper, one of the World Book Day books. You can find out more about Sarah at <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/author/3086/Sarah-Lean.html>. This exciting event has been arranged for us through the Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools.

Sarah will be selling signed copies of her books, all of which cost £6.99.

### **School Governors**

This is to give you pre warning that we will be looking for some Parent Governors to join the Governing Body. A letter with further information on what is involved in being a Governor and a nomination form will be sent home to all parents after the Easter holidays. Please ask your child/children if they have anything in their book bag for you so you don't miss out. Thank you.

### **Governor Update**

Governors will be sending out a briefing note out early next term with an update on matters such as site security, sports pitch, drainage etc.

### **Maypole Dancing**

I am pleased to tell you that on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May we will be getting out the maypole for a day of maypole dancing! Mrs Platt has arranged for David Morgan to visit the school and teach all of the classes during the day. At the end of the day (approximately 2.30pm, but further details will follow) we will be putting on a whole school display for parents, friends and families to come and enjoy. We may even persuade Mr Wadham to play his accordion too!

### **Recorder Club**

Just to let you know that Recorder Club will not be continuing after the holiday.

## **Hot School Lunches – an Update**

With effect from September, all schools will be required to provide free school dinners for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is a government initiative which you may well have read about in the press. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) are now beginning to talk to schools about the feasibility of putting this new initiative into place, particularly in the large number of small rural schools like ours that have no catering facilities. Whilst OCC are only just beginning to talk to schools about this, I have been looking into the different ways of providing hot lunches, not just for the younger children, but for those older children who want them too. I am considering a range of options and have had many meetings and conversations during the past few months with several catering companies, other schools and specialist school meal providers. This week I went along to Great Rollright to sample their lunch, which they have delivered in from St Mary's in Chipping Norton. I am looking into the feasibility of having lunches cooked on site (with the implications that would have for our teaching space), lunches being delivered by an outside provider (like Limes' Farm) and lunches being cooked at another local school and delivered to us via the OCC "Food With Thought" service. I am not yet in a position to tell you how we will be proceeding in September, but can assure you that there is quite a lot going on behind the scenes to find the best solution and that this will continue during the holiday. I will keep you up to date with developments.

## **Extra Time Hockey Club at Chipping Norton School**

Carol Hicks is running a Hockey Club on Fridays from 4.05 – 4.55 pm at Chipping Norton School. This is open to children in Year Six, subject to availability, as places will be limited. There will be 10 sessions starting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at a cost of £20. If your child would like to take part, please ask for a form from Angela in the office.

## **Breakfast Club – Change of Arrangements from Next Term**

Oxford Active, who have been running Breakfast Club for us for the last two terms, have been unable to recruit a member of staff to run the club for us and it has today been confirmed that they will no longer be running the club. I knew that this was a possibility and knowing how important this facility is for some parents I have tried to find an alternative way of running the club. I am pleased to tell you that the club will now be run by the school and that Mrs Stewart, mother of Charlotte in Year 6 and Sebastian in Year 2, will be our Breakfast Club supervisor. The charge is £4 per day, and sessions should be booked in advance, on the attached form. If you would like your child/ren to take part please complete the attached form and return it by email (if possible) to the office.

## **Goodbye to the Howels**

Today we were all very sad to wave a fond farewell to Charlie and Toby, their parents Louise and Andy and their little sister Katie. We wish the boys all the best in their new school where we hope they will be very happy. They have all been wonderful members of our school community, friends to many, and they will all be missed.

All that remains is for me to wish you a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the holiday, enjoy your children and all the fun that they bring and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Miles

## Dates Coming Up

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Summer Term starts	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Author Sarah Lean to visit	Years 4, 5 and 6. Signed books available to purchase on the day. £6.99
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bag2Schools Collection	Further details to follow
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 SATs week	Year 6 children taking statutory tests all week.
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Maypole Dancing Day Whole School Display at 2.30pm.	Parents invited to come along and watch at approx. 2.30pm. Further details to follow.
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Sponsored Cow Hill Walk	
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Half Term	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June &amp; Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Non uniform days in exchange for items for the tombola for summer fete	Further details to follow
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Whole School Book Week	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Travelling Books Book Fair	Further details to follow
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Annual School Fete 11-1 pm	Further details to follow
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Moving up Morning	Further details to follow
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2pm &amp; 6pm</b>	KS2 production	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 6pm</b>	KS2 production	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Cornbury Festival	Further details to follow
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents Evening - early	Further details to follow
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents Evening - late	Further details to follow
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – pm</b>	Sports' Day	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - pm</b>	Alternative Sports' Day	If weather bad on Tuesday
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of term service Term finishes at midday	St Michael's Church
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Inset Day	Children not in school
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	School re-opens for Autumn term	