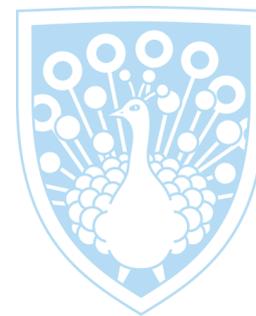


Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Reception

This week the children have continued to explore their 'Growing Plants' topic. They have learnt to read and recognise the different parts of a plant. Mrs Platt's friend, Geraldine the Geranium, helped us with this and then the children labelled a diagram of their own. In Maths this week we have been learning about capacity, using rice and water to explore different sized containers. We have investigated which containers hold more or less and we found ways to test our ideas. In Letters and Sounds we have continued our work on capital and lower case letters and letter names.

Interest Table:

Thank you for the beautiful items that we have received so far; we have enjoyed looking at the pictures and flowers on display. This theme will continue for another week so you still have time to contribute if you have not done so far.

Years 1 & 2

Letters & Sounds – The Year One sound this week has been /tch/, looking at the alternative graphemes for the /tch/ sound found in words such as watch, pitch etc. Year Two children have investigated the effect of adding the prefix 'un' or 'dis', to a base word, to change its meaning. They have been mightily relieved that there is no change to the original spelling of the base word for a change!

English – We have now completed our dinosaur fantasy stories. It has been a pleasure to hear the children desperate to read their story out to the class and then to hear their sensible and thoughtful ideas for what has impressed them and what they think the young author could improve.

Maths – Year One have started to work on subtraction calculations building on the knowledge gained last week of subtracting 10's. Year Two have used their knowledge of multiplication to build sets and groups of objects to help work out times tables problems beyond the 2s, 5s and 10s.

The afternoons have been a mixture of RE, discussing the life of John the Baptist, and Art, dashing around the school grounds gathering rubbings of textured objects - both man-made and natural. We then used sections of these rubbings to create a landscape picture.

Years 3 & 4

The children have continued using Roald Dahl's *The Twits* as a stimulus for their writing. This week they have been writing play scripts based on the story and I know how proud of their work the children are. In maths the children have been developing their skills at subtraction, using a range of different methods. As part of their topic work, the children have been seen out and about in the playground, developing their close observational drawing skills. With focused concentration and observation, they have produced some very good work.

Years 5 & 6

The Year 5 and 6 children have enjoyed rehearsing for their Horrible History presentation as part of this afternoon's assembly. This was the culmination of last term's work on the history of our local area. The children put together a series of short plays, portraying some of the more gruesome events of the past, such as the folklore associated with the Rollright Stones and the hatching of the Gunpowder Plot. Well done to all

of the children, who entertained and educated us all. Copies of their very informative Horrible History map, (priced at a very reasonable 50p!) are available from Mrs Catling or Angela.

Stars of the Week:

Well done to all of our Stars of the Week. They have all been displaying positive, "I can" attitudes towards their learning.

Reception: Louis

Years 1 & 2: Bella

Years 3 & 4: Oliver

Years 5 & 6: Eva

Bag2Schools

Please don't forget to look out your old unwanted clothes etc for the Bag2Schools collection day on Friday 9th May. Since January 2012 the Great Tew School Bag2school donations have raised £1,106.

NITS!!

We once again need to let you know that there have been several reportings of nits in children's hair. Please could everyone check their children over the weekend and treat if necessary. It is important that, if you do find any, the whole family is treated. This link takes you to the NHS website, where you can information about treating head lice, either through wet-combing with a head lice comb or by using a medicated lotion. Whichever method you use, you will need to repeat the procedure so as it is effective. Thank you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/treatment.aspx>

Tea for Tew – Cornbury Festival – Ingredients Needed Please!

Our team of 'Tea for Tew' bakers have started to produce some delicious cakes to be sold at the school's tea tent at the Cornbury Festival. A big thank you to everyone who has already brought in ingredients.

Eggs are URGENTLY needed until NBAT can find a new supplier. If you (or your chickens!) are able to help, please bring eggs in on Tuesday. Thank you.

The team of bakers also still need icing sugar, lemons, Camp coffee, baking powder and caster sugar. These can be left in the office with Angela.

An ingredients 'wish list' will be posted on noticeboards in due course. Many thanks for your continued support.

Tea for Tew – Cornbury Festival – Match Funding

Great Tew School Trust is a registered charity and can therefore benefit from corporate match funding. If there are any parents' whose employers match fund their participation in charitable events, the school would be most grateful for your involvement. Many thanks.

Beachborough School Triathlon Event – Sunday 15th June

Beachborough School is hosting a triathlon event which will take place at Stowe School, Buckingham on Sunday 15th June, for children 8-13 years. Further details can be found at

<http://www.entrycentral.com/beachboroughtriathlon>

Selection of New Vicar for Great Tew, Little Tew and Heythrop

The school were asked to play a part in the selection of the new Vicar, which took place today. All three candidates visited the school and were shown round by Mrs Sam and four Year Six children. The candidates then spoke to Miss Read and the School Council, who asked them some very thoughtful questions. The candidates all commented on the beautiful manners and confidence of the children. I was very proud of all of them and know how much they enjoyed being an important part of the selection process.

Friday Assemblies – Parents Welcome

Today we were pleased to welcome some of our parents and grandparents to our Friday assembly, where the Year 5 and 6 children performed their Horrible History of the local area. We are pleased to tell you that parents are now invited to come along to our assemblies on Friday afternoons. The main focus of the assembly will be our Star of the Week awards, where we celebrate the positive achievements of our children, but the children may also share some work, perform a song, give you a match report or tell you about some of the things they have been doing. The assemblies will not be long but we hope that they will give you a chance to share in some of the wide range of things that goes on in school. Generally the assembly will be held at 2.45pm in the new classroom.

Welcome to The World!

I am delighted to tell everyone that Miss Connor's baby, Benjamin Michael, was born on Friday 25th April, weighing 8lb 10oz. Mother and baby are doing very well and we look forward to meeting him very soon. We know you will join us all in wishing Miss Connor and her family well.

We have another new arrival to celebrate too! Jennifer in Year 4 has a new baby sister. We wish all of the family the very best – I know that Jennifer will be a really fantastic big sister!

School Parent Governors

As you will know we recently sent out nomination papers for 3 new parent governors. The closing date for return of nominations was yesterday. We are pleased to let you know that 3 parents nominated themselves and therefore no election will need to take place.

Your new parent governors, in alphabetical order, are:

Mrs Jos Grant- Mother of Zac in Reception, Archie in Yr 3 and Skye in Pre-School
Ms Naomi Roberts – Mother of Annabelle in Yr 1
Mrs Jane Zibarras- Mother of Louis in Reception, James in Yr 2 and Theo in Yr 5

We look forward to welcoming them to our Governing Body.

With best wishes to everyone for a really enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. See you on Tuesday morning.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates Coming Up

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 8th May	Yr 2 to Carrdus School for singing event	Letter sent home
Friday 9th May	Bag2Schools Collection	Please leave bags inside main gate.
Mon 12th to Thurs 15th May	KS2 SATs' week	Year 6 children taking statutory tests all week.
Tuesday 13th May	Yrs 1 & 2 trip to Woodstock Museum	Letter sent home
Monday 19th May	Maypole Dancing Day Whole School Display at 2.30pm.	Parents invited to come along and watch at approx. 2.30pm. Further details to follow.
Thursday 22nd May	Sponsored Cow Hill Walk	
Monday 26th - Fri 30th May	Half Term	
Thursday 5th June & Thursday 12th June	Non uniform days in exchange for items for the tombola for summer fete	Further details to follow
Mon 16th - Fri 20th June	Whole School Book Week	Further details to follow
Wednesday 18th June	Travelling Books Book Fair	Further details to follow
Saturday 21st June	Annual School Fete 11-1 pm	Further details to follow
Wednesday 25th June	Moving up Morning	Further details to follow
Tuesday 1st July 2pm & 6pm	KS2 production	
Wednesday 2nd July 6pm	KS2 production	
Friday 4th, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July	Cornbury Festival	Further details to follow
Thursday 10th July	Parents Evening - early	Further details to follow
Monday 14th July	Parents Evening - late	Further details to follow
Tuesday 15th July – pm	Sports' Day	
Wednesday 16th July - pm	Alternative Sports' Day	If weather bad on Tuesday
Friday 18th July	End of term service Term finishes at midday	St Michael's Church
Tuesday 2nd September	Inset Day	Children not in school
Wednesday 3rd September	School re-opens for Autumn term	