



Great Tew School Newsletter
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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year! The children have come back to school full of excitement about what they have been doing during the holidays and keen and eager to learn. They have been working hard and lots has been going on in the classrooms.

Reception

We were all delighted to welcome our 15 new reception children into our school. They are Aliena, Archie, Bertie, Florence, Holly, James, Jimmy, Lila, Maeve, Matthew, Rose, Skye, Sophia, Tom and William. They have all settled in really well and look so grown up in their new school uniform. The children have been busy getting used to "big school" and this is what they told us about their first week at school:

"I like the computers." Bertie
"I've been playing with the Lego." James
"I have been writing my name." William
"I like playing on the bikes." Matthew
"I like playing on the computer." Jimmy
"I've been doing lots of things." Tom
"Me and Aliena were making dolphins(with the playdough)." Lila
"Wearing Reception's dress made me happy!" Sophia
"I played with the sea animals." Maeve
"I made some cakes(with the playdough)." Archie
"I like colouring and playing with the dough." Florence
"I like watching the telly (computer) with the microphones (headphones)". Skye
"I liked colouring what I've done on my holiday". Aliena
"I liked colouring in a fairy." Holly
"I've been making the baby rice in the kitchen." Rose

Years One and Two

The new Year One children have settled in very well to their new class and have been learning the routines from the very sensible older children. We were very pleased to welcome Vivi (Max's sister) into Year Two; she has settled in very well and already made lots of friends. The children have been thinking about "belonging" and what that means. They all belong in a class together and have responsibilities to ensure they have a happy and successful year. They have thought about the jobs they need to do in the classroom and have all volunteered to take on different responsibilities. You can see this on a display in the classroom. Come and have a look to at the "Who Am I?" riddles and portraits displayed. I wonder if you will be able to guess the children they describe?!

Years Three and Four

The children, as well as the staff seemed to be particularly pleased to be coming back to school after the summer holidays. Year Four pupils have been very helpful to their young arrivals in the room and there are many smiles.

The children have familiarised themselves in their new surroundings and have noted a little extra space from last year. We have started to try to understand why the First World war started and what it meant to the people of Great Tew. Maths has started with the children setting themselves targets for the year and starting to take responsibility for their personal learning. Well done all, we are starting a wonderful journey and we will have a great time moving on together.

Year Five and Six

A big welcome to Louie Silvester who has joined us in Year Six and Scarlet Floyd, who has joined us in Year Five. They have both settled in well and already made lots of friends, proving to be very positive new members of the class. The Year Five children have also settled in very well and the Year Six children have shown us what fantastic role models they will be this year.

We started off our year by looking at the United Nations Rights of the Child and the children then went on to thinking about their rights and responsibilities in the classroom and in school. A very mature discussion followed with the children demonstrating a perceptive understanding of how a society functions. The children will be doing hockey with Carol this term, so will need shin pads and gum shields if they have them.

School Meals

Wednesday saw the start of Universal Infant Free School Meals and the return of hot lunches from Limes Farm. We are the proud owners of two smart serving trolleys and have been feeding around 65 children (alongside children who are having packed lunches) in the new classroom every day. The children seem to be enjoying their lunches and the staff have been doing a magnificent job at organising, serving, clearing and supervising so that lunchtimes run as smoothly as possible.

Midday Supervisor Urgently Required

We would very much like to recruit another midday supervisor to support us in serving/clearing lunches and supervising the children. If you or anybody you know would be interested and available to work between the hours of 11.45 and 1.15 every day please contact Angela.

School Uniform

The children have come back to school looking very smart and tidy this term and I have never seen so many shiny new pairs of shoes! Please make sure that children wear school shoes every day and have in school a pair of wellies so that they can play outside when the rain (and the mud) arrives!

Clubs

The clubs currently running this term are:

Day	Club	Time	Run By	Open To	Further Details
Tuesday	Chillin' Club	3.15-4.30pm	Mrs Butler	Children from Reception to Y6	£2 per week. Starts 9 th Sept
Thursday	Hockey Club	8am-8.50am	Carol Hicks	Children from Y4 to Y6	£3 per week to be paid in advance. Starts 11 th Sept
Thursday	Arsenal Soccer Schools	3.30-4.30pm	Arsenal Soccer Schools	Reception to Year2	£4 per week Starts 11 th Sept On the new pitch
Thursday	Football Club	3.20-4.20pm	Mark Andrews Football Academy	Children from Y3 to Y6	£3.50 per week Starts 11 th Sept On the green

Information on further clubs will follow.

Great Tew School's Governing Body Annual Parent Meeting – Wednesday 10th September

This will start at 7pm in the classrooms, when parents will have the opportunity to meet the class teachers. Procedures and expectations for the year will be explained and you will have a chance to ask questions.

Following this will be the Governing Body's Annual Parent Meeting, where governors will talk on a range of subjects and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. Wine and soft drinks will be served and we hope that as many as possible will be able to attend.

Party to Celebrate the Opening of the New Building – Change of Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the party to celebrate the opening of the new building will have to be changed from 18th September. We will advise the new date early next week.

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members of staff to the school: Mr Butler returns and will be working in Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and also running Breakfast Club every day. Miss Segal joins us as a teaching assistant alongside Mrs Sam in Year 3 & 4. We are very pleased to have them with us as part of the team.

As well as our new reception children, we have been joined this week by Max's sister Vivi Watt in Year Two, Scarlet Floyd in Year Five and Louie Silvester (Eva's brother) in Year Six. We wish all of our new children a very warm welcome to Great Tew and hope that they and their families will be very happy here.

I hope you all have a very happy weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lucy Miles