



Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

The children have enjoyed a busy week, with lots of hard work and a real buzz in the classrooms.

Reception

This week the children have been finding out about the letters /i/ and /n/, how to correctly form them and spotting them in their reading. We welcomed Robbie the PAT dog back after his summer break and a few children had the chance to read with him. He will be back on Tuesday to meet a few more children and share some more reading books with them.

Our focus in Maths this week was 2D shapes; we have had lots of fun in the garden setting up shape bus stops. The children then used the sharing bikes to pick up their friends and talk about which stop they needed. Have a look around to see which shapes you can see with your children; we have talked about circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon and pentagon.

The children have really been getting into "Show and Tell", being brave and standing up in front of the class and telling us all about their special things. Well done everyone!

Interest Table: Signs of Autumn - this could be photos, drawings, collage, things to look at, etc. Again, please try to encourage your child to write their name or a short sentence to go with their items.

Years 1 and 2

English - Our explorations of how stories are written has led us into re-telling and drama this week. The children have re-enacted known stories and also their own experiences on a similar theme – losing something precious to them or getting lost. We have explored the emotions involved, characters, setting and plot.

Maths – In maths we have begun to work on number facts with Year 1's practicing number bonds of numbers 5 to 7 e.g. 0+5, 1+4, 2+3, 3+2, 4+1, 5+0. Year 2's are learning number bonds for 8-10. This work will continue into next week and the weekend's homework is practice of number facts.

PE – On Tuesdays our PE sessions is gymnastics which we do in the Tew Centre. The children are becoming much quicker at changing and walking up there. We are working towards creating a gymnastic sequence of balances using different parts of the body, linked with interesting methods of travelling at different levels.

Years 3 and 4

The children have been working very hard this week, preparing for an independent piece of writing this morning. They have, in particular, been thinking about different ways to start and join sentences. Everyone has worked hard and has produced wonderful work. Parents should be proud of their children; well done to them all.

Mrs Sellars has been teaching the wonderful discipline of gymnastics to the children. This promotes their movement, control and artistic flair and everyone is enjoying the sessions at the Tew Centre. At the moment we are playing football on Wednesday afternoons; all children need full school PE kit including warm top, tracksuit bottoms and shin pads.

We urgently need plastic 35mm film canisters for our design technology project. Please ask in Boots and other chemists, photo shops etc.

Most of the children are now becoming comfortable with three digit addition and subtraction. Get them to test you and see how good you are!

Years 5 and 6

Homework hero this week is Omer who has produced an amazingly complicated secret agent maths code for his friend to solve and fantastic description of life in a WW1 trench. Man of the match in Hockey this week was Finlay! He was all over the place like a rash, attacking hard, finding space, passing well and scoring lots of goals! Well done.

On Sunday 5th October Esme in Year 6 will be taking part in the gymnastics regionals competition in Milton Keynes. She will be competing on floor, beam, bars and vaults against about 40 other girls. Esme practises every morning before school and is a great example to us all of determination and hard work and we wish her all the best.

Last weekend Gethin in Year 5 took part in a triathlon event in Brackley. He did incredibly well and told us all about it during this morning's assembly, wearing his medal with due pride. I know he has got the triathlon bug and is trying hard to persuade his Daddy to join in too! Well done Gethin!

New Librarians

Blythe, Scarlet, Jennifer, Jemima and Victoria from Year 5 have been working hard most break times tidying and sorting the library, so that children can choose from a wide variety of good quality fiction and non-fiction books, categorised alphabetically by author. Look out for the children around the school; they have special new librarian badges which they are wearing proudly.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebrations take place during the week beginning 6th October. The children have agreed that they would like, once more, to support the Banbury Food Bank Harvest Appeal, so we are asking children to bring in items from the following list, to support those in our community who do not always have enough to eat.

- UHT Milk
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton)
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Grain rice
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Instant potato mash
- Tinned vegetables/meat/fish/fruit

In addition, the children will, as usual, be preparing a harvest feast to share. We would like to ask all children to bring in an item on Monday 6th October to be displayed on our Harvest Table and to be used, on Tuesday, in the preparation of Wednesday's feast. Further information will follow next week.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 a vegetable

Year 3 & 4 an apple

Year 5 & 6 ingredients for bread-making (please speak to Mrs Catling)

Carrdus School World War 1 Event

Carrdus School have kindly invited any interested Year 4 or 5 children to a free World War I event at their school on Saturday 11th October. This morning will involve lots of hands-on activities as well as a chance to handle artefacts from the War, snack and drinks also provided. Parents are invited to stay too. If you are interested please ask Angela in the office for an application form.

PE Kit Reminder

Our PE uniform is compulsory and all children should be wearing:

- White T-shirt with navy school crest
- Navy shorts or 'skorts'
- Navy jogging bottoms & navy tracksuit top/sweatshirt to keep warm (*navy fleece with crest or reversible fleece/jacket with crest are now available via School Trends*)
- White socks for both indoor and outdoor PE
- A pair of strong trainers

Thank You

Christmas came early when we received our first items from the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, including cricket bats, floor basketball, giant draughts set, skipping ropes and tennis balls amongst many other things. Many thanks to all families and friends who contributed to our collection.

Celebration Book

Over the years Great Tew School have received many lovely thank you letters from different organisations and people and appeared in various newspaper articles. We have decided to put some of these together in a smart new book. Please wander into the hall to find this celebration book which our resident artist Emily Leigh-Wood has designed a front cover for.

Stars of the Week

Well done to all of the following children. They have been working hard and concentrating to do their very best in class.

Reception:	Matthew Sykes
Year 1 & 2:	Milo Cobb-Stanier
Year 3 & 4:	Isabelle Sykes
Year 5 & 6:	Jamie Levene

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Tilly in Year 6. Tilly has a very cheerful nature and she goes out of her way to be friendly to people, always quick with a "good morning" or a "thank you". The children told us: *she always has a big smile on her face; she is kind to the younger children and makes sure they are OK; she likes playing with everyone; she invents good games; she lets everyone play her games, if they want to.* Well done Tilly – keep up the lovely manners.

Well Done to the Choir

On Wednesday Archie G, Blythe, Emily, Gethin, Jemima, Phoebe, Scarlett, Silvia and Toby represented Great Tew at the Licensing Service for the Rev Virginia Thomas, new Priest-in-Charge and Vicar Designate of the Benefice of Great Tew with Little Tew and Heythrop. The children sang absolutely beautifully and I received literally dozens of compliments about their wonderful singing and their perfect behaviour during a very long service. The Bishop was so impressed that he gave them a High-Five as he left the Church, and I'm sure that doesn't happen too often! Well done to every one of them – I was bursting with pride and I know they were too!

Netball Club

Please make sure that you sign up if you would like your child to attend netball club on Tuesday mornings at 8am. At the moment we don't have enough children to make it possible to run the club.

Welcome

We were very pleased to welcome Hugo Cardona, Scarlett's sister, into Year 3 on Thursday. He has already begun to settle in well to his new class, impressing us all with his beautiful handwriting. We all hope that Hugo will be very happy at Great Tew.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Thursday 2 nd October – 7.30pm	Party to celebrate completion of new building	Please make sure that you have replied to Angela
Tuesday 7 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly	Letter to follow
Wednesday 8 th October	Harvest Feast	Letter to follow
Wednesday 8 th October	U11 Football Festival at CNS 3.00-4.45pm	
Tuesday 21 st October 3.30-5.30	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 22 nd October	U11 Hockey Festival at CNS 2.00-5.00	
Thursday 23 rd October 4.30-6.30	Parents' Evening	
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day	No school for children
Tuesday 4 th November	Individual School Photos	
Saturday 13 th December – 5pm	Great Tew Village Carol Service	
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime	Beauty and the Beast Letter to follow
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 19 th December – 9am	End of Term Christmas Service	St Michael's Church
Friday 19 th December – 2pm	End of Term – 2pm	