



Great Tew School Newsletter
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Parking!!

Parking is becoming a problem again. In our recent survey of children, there were a significant number of children who told me they did not feel safe crossing the road to school. Whilst there are no yellow lines around school, parking regulations clearly state:

DO NOT STOP OR PARK:

- **Near a school entrance**
- **Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space**
- **On a bend**

There should be no parking on or around any of the corners or down the nearest side of the triangle (on either side of the road) or on the furthest side of the triangle where children cross the road from the car park. Parking maps will be sent home in book bags next week and displayed around the school. PC Chris Jones will be visiting the school over coming weeks to monitor parking and tickets may be issued.

Please listen to the children's concerns.

Please consider whether your parking is putting children's safety at risk.

Please park safely! Please use the car park! Please don't be responsible for an accident!

Reception

This week the children have been learning the days of the week and how to say them in the right order. They have learnt a song to help them with this, which we enjoyed listening to in this morning's assembly. I am sure they would enjoy singing it to you at home. The children have also been learning to sequence morning, afternoon and evening in their maths lessons and thinking about the different things we do at different times of the day. This week's letter has been "m". The children have enjoyed rhyming and sequencing based around the rhyme Incy Wincy Spider.

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

Years 1 and 2

The Year 2's have had a tricky problem this week trying to sort out the spelling pattern for the end of words where the sound is 'ul': do they use "le", "el", "al" or "il"? Year 1 have continued practising reading and spelling words with 3 or more consonants. Our stories are well underway now; we are making sure we use capital letters and full stops to correctly punctuate our sentences and the Year 2's have shown Year 1's how to improve their writing by adding time connectives and adjectives.

In maths this week the children have been rehearsing instant recall of number facts, which some of them have found hard. Year 1's need to learn number bonds for numbers 5 to 9 and Year 2's for numbers 5-10 and 20. Please continue to practise this important skill with your children at home. We will of course be returning to this aspect of maths during the year.

We started a new topic this week: "What was it like to live in Great Tew 100 years ago?" It kicked off with a walk around the village spotting things that weren't here 100 years ago! You would be amazed what the children spotted – new chimneys on old houses, electricity cables, plastic rubbish bins, a sewage plant, satellite dishes and much more.

Years 3 and 4

Confidence is building in the group and this is being reflected in the great work being completed in the classroom.

Seeing that this may well have been our last chance to move easily outside of the classroom we started composing 'Autumn Poems.' Each member of the class found their own special spot within the school grounds and used their senses to note what was happening in our village in autumn. Some things do not alter throughout the year and Year 3 noted the intrusion of mankind on our rural idyll! The work resulting from this is quite wonderful. Comparing rooks to dolphins talking to each other, wonderful word structures and descriptions. Truly great stuff from our children!

Confidence in maths is also rising. Most children are secure in three digit addition and subtraction. Having conquered the fear of wordy problems the group now love the maths puzzles that I write each week. Well done all.

Our study of the Great Tew Nine has become more focussed and each member of the class has chosen one of the nine to study in detail.

My plea for 35mm film canisters has met with a deafening response. The children have no idea what I am asking them to try to obtain and so I attach a definition and picture of the item. Remembering the period between black and white box cameras and the advent of digital technology, (also when my hair was brown) camera film came in a neat little canister. Can you all ask in Boots or similar if they have any canisters? They often do. When we have enough, we can build our World War One Howitzers.

Thirty Five (35) Millimetre Film Canister

Thirty Five millimetre film is the usual photo snaps type of film. If you go into any retail outlet that processes film such as Boots & Co and ask very nicely they will generally, happily, give you as many canisters as they have.



Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have just finished their topic on World War 1 poetry by composing their own emotive and heart-felt poems, using many advanced figurative devices such as metaphors, similes, alliteration and onomatopoeia etc. We finished the week by writing a letter to the Statue of the Unknown Soldier at Paddington Station. There was a hushed silence and many a moist eye as the children read their beautiful letter. We shall be reading this out in our Friday morning assembly soon. The class have worked so hard this week that they have earned their final button in the golden time jar and get to choose how to spend their special time. Players of the Match this week were Blythe in football, who was brilliant at defending and saved lots of goals and Emily in hockey, who won many of her 1:1 matches with a competitive attitude and speedy passing and shooting.

Homework Hero this week is Matilda, who wrote out and evaluated not one, not two, but three poems, one of which was fittingly called "Middle Child"! Well done Matilda.

Party to Celebrate the Completion of Our New Classroom and Sports Pitch

It was lovely to see some of you at the party on Thursday (many thanks to those of you who made canapés too), as well as lots of past parents and friends of the school who have supported this project so generously and energetically over the past five years. A lot of people have given a lot of time and a lot of money to bring the project to completion and Thursday's party was a real celebration of what can be achieved when a community pulls together to work towards an ambitious end result. It was very special that Kaye Roberts, the architect who drew up the plans for us, was able to be there to see the final result. She was visibly delighted to see what had been created and how closely it resembled her vision.

This really was a whole community project and there are hundreds of people who supported it in many different ways, but I would just like to single out a few people without whom it simply wouldn't have been possible: Sharn and Mark Woodgate (and Sharn's parents Elaine and Terry), Michelle Adams and Wendy Sandford, (the NBAT fundraising team), Peter Collins, (who project managed the building work from start to finish) and Viv Bennett, who was instrumental in bringing the project to completion including securing some £26,500 of additional funding for the sports pitch through successful grant applications. Thank you too to their wives, husbands, partners and children, for whom, at times, this project must have seemed to take up just a little too much of their time!

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:	Aliena Wigan
Year 1 & 2:	Louis Zibarras
Year 3 & 4:	Indiana Williams
Year 5 & 6:	Gethin Collins

PE Kit

Most children are now coming to school with their full PE kit. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to those children who have already brought in items for our harvest collection for the Banbury Foodbank. Please keep these coming in next week, so that we can make a big difference to families in need.

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

Children should be bringing in their items for the harvest table on Monday please.

Reception, Year 1&2	a vegetable for soup making
Year 3 & 4	an apple for making apple cake/cookies
Year 5 & 6	ingredients for bread-making (please speak to Mrs Catling)

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Maeve in Reception. Maeve has not been with us for long, but she is already proving herself to be a lovely member of our school. Maeve is very kind to the other children and she is always quick to come and sit on the carpet and follow instructions. She also didn't mind when Miss Read called her Skye by mistake! The children told us: *she always plays with gentle hands; she is always smiling; she is good fun and very kind to the other children.* George was even happy to pay his sister a compliment by saying "*She has very good table manners!*" Well done Maeve - keep up those lovely manners.

Next Week's Menu

Tuesday's menu has been changed from salmon & tomato pasta bake, which wasn't very popular last time it was served, to BBQ chicken strips on a bed of pasta.

Menu C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Jacket potato topped with mild Chilli con carne &/or Cheese	BBQ chicken strips on a bed of pasta	Chicken & Ham crumble top pies served with new potatoes & corn on the cob	Chilli made with peppers, carrots and kidney beans served with a taco shell & tomato salad	Toad in the hole served with mashed potatoes, peas and carrots (gravy)
Vegetarian Option (Served with the same accompaniments)	Jacket potato with 3 bean chilli	Roasted vegetable tartlet	Mushroom risotto & garlic bread	Quorn chilli	Quorn Sausages
Pudding (or Yoghurt)	Gingerbread	Jelly made with pieces of fruit	Apple pie & custard	Fruit topped Cheesecake	Fruit Mousse

Netball Club

At the moment we do not have enough interest to be able to run netball club. If you would like your child to take part but haven't yet signed up, please sign up on the noticeboard as soon as possible. Remember, netball club is open to boys and girls (and we need a boys' team for the netball festival at Chipping Norton School).

I hope you all have a happy weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

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 has been sent home in book bags
Wednesday 8 th October	Harvest Feast	
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
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM	
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	