



Great Tew School Newsletter

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Dear parents,

The children have really enjoyed their harvest celebrations this week. In Monday's assembly we talked about some of the traditions behind Harvest Festival and the food that we all enjoy eating. The children played with the word "harvest", quickly realising that the letters could be made into several other words including: "starve", "share" and "hearts". We used that as an opportunity to think about those who do not have as much as we do and what we can do to support them. The children were really delighted to see how many items they have managed to collect for the Banbury Foodbank. A huge thank you to everyone who has brought things in – the boxes will be collected on Monday if you still wish to contribute. On Tuesday the children had a special harvest assembly, thinking about the wonderful rainbow of colours in the fruit and veg we enjoy. All of the children then spent time cooking, with the younger children peeling and chopping vegetables for soup, the Year 3 and 4 children making delicious apple cookie cakes and the oldest children baking bread that would be the envy of any artisan bakery! The sun didn't exactly shine on Wednesday but the children (and staff!) certainly enjoyed their harvest feast.

Reception

The children have been learning the sound /g/ this week. They enjoyed the poem "Miss Polly had a Dolly" and had fun playing with the rhyming words. They drew story maps to help them with sequencing the poem, using pictures for words and actions. Linked to this, the children's role play area this week was a Doctors' surgery. Jubie Wigan, Aliena's mummy, came to talk to the children a little bit about the medication that children with diabetes have to have every day and the Diabetes Clinic that they go to. The children have been learning the language of "more" and "less" to compare groups of objects. During our harvest cookery day, the children peeled and chopped vegetables, and then later in the week they have been practising their cutting skills with rather squidgy courgettes!

Interest Table

This week, William brought in his goldfish Tim for "Show and Tell" so the children have decided that they would like their interest table this week to be Pets at Home! They could bring in a photograph or picture of their own (or a friend or neighbour's) pet or perhaps something that their pet likes to play with. Please encourage your child to write a label telling us what it is.

Years 1 and 2

Letters & Sounds for Year 2 has continued with the exploration of word endings "le", "el", "al", "il". The children have found this quite difficult as there is really no rule to follow other than "el" follows "a". Any practice you could do at home would be welcome. Year 1's have practised spelling and reading words with long vowel sounds.

English – Our stories have been completed and we have tried to edit our own work. This is a very difficult skill to master but I was so pleased to see that many children had made improvements to their work without my prompting.

Maths – has continued with addition. Year 1's have been putting a number in their head and counting on whilst Year 2's have added 3 numbers together. They are learning strategies such as putting the biggest number first, looking for number bonds, doubles and partitioning!

Topic – Mrs Preece brought in some artefacts and photos to show what life was like 100 years ago. She had to explain what most of the things were used for as some of them were very strange to the children; they were especially surprised and horrified by the clay hot water bottle!

Parents' Evenings

Parent s' Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 21st October from 3.30-5.30 and Thursday 23rd October from 4.3-6.30. Please note that the evenings may start a little earlier for classes with more children. If you have a child who is on the Special Needs register please see Angela next week to make an appointment before the signing up sheets go up on the notice board.

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:	Bertie Kitchen
Year 1 &2:	Otterlie Mackie
Year 3 & 4:	George Allen
Year 5 & 6:	Matilda Mackie

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Parker in Year 1. Parker always listens carefully and follows instructions without having to be asked twice, which makes him a very positive member of his class. He settles to his work quickly and he is polite to his friends, allowing them to concentrate without disturbing their learning. The children told us: *he always tells the truth; he was a good buddy to me last year; he is always helpful to his friends; he has good table manners and he always plays nicely outside with the other children.* Well done Parker – we all think you have lovely manners. Keep up the good work!

Parking

Parking at drop-off and collection has been safer this week. Maps are now displayed round the school, after advice from PC Chris Jones, and a copy should have come home in book bags today. Thank you to everyone for your continued co-operation.

Football Festival at Chipping Norton School

On Wednesday 8 boys (Alonso, Finlay, Gethin, Jamie, Louie, Max, Omer and Toby) and 8 girls (Emily, Esme, Maddie, Phoebe, Polly, Rhianna, Scarlett and Tilly) went to Chipping Norton School to represent their school at the football festival. Both teams played incredibly well and represented their school beautifully. The girls were delighted to win the small schools trophy and the boys came third in their competition.



This is what Mrs Sellars had to say: *The children were outstanding! They all played really well and were great to be with. The team work was super with a number of children scoring goals, a number setting up goals for their team mates and some outstanding goal keeping. Sporting Champions were Alonso Scarlett but all children should be rewarded for the teamwork and sportsmanship that they showed.*

Mrs Sam, too, came back full of the children's teamwork and sportsmanship and I know how proud she was of all of the children.

A very big well done to all of them.

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
Tuesday 21 st October 3.30-5.30	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 22 nd October	U11 Hockey Festival at CNS 2.00-5.00	Please let us know if you can help with driving
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 has been sent home.
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	