



Great Tew School Newsletter

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Reception

This week the children have been learning the letters /c/, /k/ and /ck/. The children have enjoyed looking at and talking about their pets and next week's learning will be based on this, planned around the children's interests. In maths the children have been combining groups of objects to find a total, beginning to use the language of addition. Also this week we enjoyed moving and dancing to Rose's favourite CD! Our **Interest Table** continues next week with "My Pet".

Years 1 and 2

Letter s and Sounds for Year 1 has moved up a gear this week as the children will from now on throughout the year be learning alternative graphemes (letter/s) for representing known phonemes (sounds). This week's new graphemes were 'ph' for /f/ and 'wh' for /w/. Year 2s have valiantly continued with the conundrum of the /ul/ phoneme at the end of words. Last week's newsletter had some missing information – my apologies. A helpful rule is: if the /ul/ sound is preceded by an 'm', 'n', 'r', 's', 'v' or 'w' the spelling of the ending is 'el' eg channel. Maths has been very hands-on this week, as we've tackled length and measured just about everything in the classroom! Year 1s have been using non standard measures such as, "How many straws tall is Zac?" "How many blocks wide is our maths book?" The children have been encouraged to estimate before measuring and then reflect on how accurate their estimation was. Year 2s have measured very accurately using centimetres as the standard measure. Some children found lining the ruler up in the correct place and measuring from the zero quite tricky, so any practising they could do at home would be very beneficial. This week's homework is the product of our topic. The children were extremely enthusiastic about the prospect of interviewing their grandparents and have thought of some very insightful questions. I hope your phone bills don't go through the roof! Please help your child to record their work neatly in sentences using a pencil. Thank you.

Years 3 and 4

Our World War One studies have entered Literacy. Much to the unbounded joy of our equine lovers we have started work based upon Michael Morpurgo's book, War Horse. As with our topic work we are not studying the First World War but the people who were affected by the conflict. War Horse is the perfect accompaniment to this. Listen to the tales when they come home at night!

You will remember that time in your school life when the words division and fraction were introduced. Well this is the week for our children. Those who know their multiplication tables understand how painless division can be. Please parents, every evening, or over the corn flakes in the morning, give them a number between two to ten and listen to some old fashioned recitation. Their maths will fly if they have times tables in their toolbox.

Wonderful homework came in last week. The children have really pulled up some information including our secret little war in northern Russia between 1917 and 1919. One of the Great Tew Nine, having survived the trenches met his maker in Murmansk!

Years 5 and 6 – a visit from PC Chris Jones

On Thursday PC Chris talked to Years 5 and 6 about Halloween safety. He told Year 5 and 6 children how to keep safe on Halloween night! They have learnt not to knock on a stranger's door and what to wear when it's dark. We suggest some bright clothing so you can be seen really easily. The children now understand that Halloween isn't all about tricking and scaring people. They are aware that people don't always like children banging on their doors! Year 5 and 6 also know that if there's not a pumpkin outside someone's house, they don't want to be disturbed. Now they know the safety DOs and DON'Ts of Halloween!

The year 5 and 6 children have been preparing for their hockey festival at Chipping Norton School next week. Here is Omer all kitted out in his goalie kit!



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. Signing up sheets are in the main school cloakroom. Please note that there are no parent evenings for Reception children. There is a sheet in Reception where you may put your name down to see your child's Key Worker.

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.

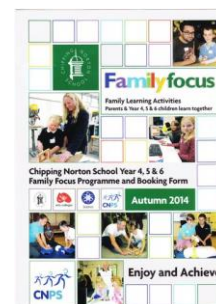
Reception:	Holly
Year 1 & 2:	Willa
Year 3 & 4:	Hector
Year 5 & 6:	Alonso

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Vivi in Year 2. Vivi has not been with us for long but she has already shown herself to have lovely manners. She is always very quick with a "good morning" or "did you have a nice weekend?" and she is someone who always keeps an eye out for others. The children told us: *we looked after Vivi in the playground one day and she was really polite and good to be with; she is really chatty to everyone; she is very sensible and kind and helped me find the register in the classroom when Mrs Butler was busy one day.* Well done Vivi – we have all noticed your lovely manners.

Family Focus Week at Chipping Norton School 20th Oct - 24th Oct 2014

Chipping Norton School welcomes its partnership primary school parents/carers and pupils to take part in their Family Focus Workshops. All the workshops are full and places are confirmed. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Hannis on 01608 649416.



Breakfast Club

Please find attached the Breakfast Club enrolment form for next term.

Transfer to Secondary School Deadline

Can we please remind those of you with children in Year 6 that the closing date for submission of on-time applications for Secondary School Year 7 2015 is 31st October 2014. This date is crucial as parents are more likely to receive a school offer of their choice if the application is submitted before the deadline. Most parents apply on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions following the links to secondary transfer, or use the details set out in the letter sent to all parents early in September.

Parking

Thank you to everyone for parking more safely this week. Please continue to avoid all areas marked by the bollards – even when the bollards aren't there!

Wellies and Coats

The children go outside at playtimes and lunchtimes even when it is raining so all children should have wellies and warm, waterproof coats in school every day please.

Once Upon a Time @ The Shed – The Fairytale Forest

Alice Clarke (Rose's mummy), who runs Alice's Art Shed, will be putting on a one-day art course during Half Term for children of 6 years upwards. Thursday 30th Oct, 10am 'til 3.30pm. The children will explore their imagination through their favourite fairy tales, incorporating drama, dance, art and craft. To book online visit www.alicesartshed.co.uk

World Diabetes Day, Friday 14th November 2014

We are going to be supporting this event by asking everyone to be a **TypeOnesie** for the day and come to school in a onesie (or pyjamas). We hope that children, parents and staff will all support this event, so that we are able to raise vital money towards supporting children with Type 1 Diabetes. Further information will follow but please put this date in your diary and dig out, borrow or make your fanciest onesie!

With best wishes to everyone for a happy weekend.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday 21 st October 3.30-5.30	Parents' Evening	For parents of children in Years 1-6 only
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	For parents of children in Years 1-6 only
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	
Friday 14 th November	World Diabetes Day	"Type Onesie" Day
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	