



# Great Tew School Newsletter

## Issue 200

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I hope you are all already enjoying the half-term, particularly the extra hour in bed we all had on Saturday!

### Christmas Fayre – a Date for Your Diary

Please make a note that the school annual Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 11 – 2 p.m. Further details will follow after half term. Anyone interested in helping or with ideas for stalls please see Angela in the office.

### School Photographs

A reminder that individual school photographs are being taken place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be photographed on their own and in family groups.

### Remembrance Day Service – 11<sup>th</sup> November

As part of their topic on WW1 this term, the children in Years 3 and 4 have been focusing their learning around the “Great Tew Nine”, the nine men from Great Tew and the surrounding villages who went to fight during the Great War and whose names are on the memorial at St Michael’s Church. The children will be leading a Service of Remembrance for these nine men and for all others who have given their lives in war. They will be supported by children in Year 5 and 6, who are also learning about WW1 and those in Years 1 and 2, who are learning about life in Great Tew 100 years ago. The service will begin at 10.30am and Reverend Ginny will be officiating at the service. Parents are warmly welcome to what promises to be a very special service. Further information will follow.



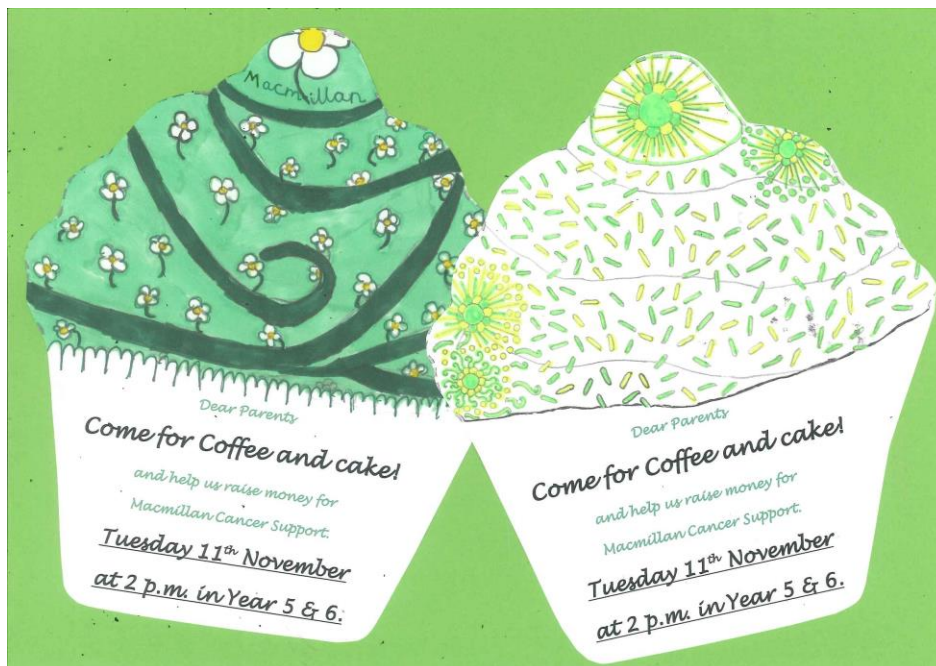
#### News from Year 5 and 6

This week the children have been hearing about Millie, Loic and Milo's very heroic great, great, great grandfather Albert Pugh, who was a soldier in the first World War. We read a harrowing diary account of his injury and experiences at the Battle of the Somme. We took notes and then wrote a formal letter from the War Office to his wife, Winifred Pugh, informing her of his injury and hospitalisation on the Western Front in 1916. In maths we pretended we were in the War Office and planned the route, calculating the distance in miles (and kilometres) and the time it would take for troops to get from Paddington Station to each battle on the Western Front.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the Year 5 and 6 classroom



## 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!

## 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.

## Hockey Festival

Some of the boys and girls from years 5 and 6 took part in the hockey festival at Chipping Norton School on Wednesday. The girls' team (Emily, Esme, Maddie, Phoebe, Polly, Rhianna, Scarlett and Tilly) played first and played incredibly well, demonstrating particularly good team skills. The results were close, but the girls were delighted to be the overall winners of the girls' competition for Small Schools. The boys' team (Alonso, Finlay, Gethin, Louie, Max, Omer and Toby) also played very well, winning Mrs Sellars' "biscuit challenge" to make sure that they spread out and used the whole width of the pitch at all times! Again, the results were very close, and they came second overall. We were all very impressed by all of the children and the way they worked so beautifully in their teams. Well done to all of them, and particularly to Emily and Max, our Sporting Champions.



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# Some Half Term Fun

## **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](http://www.alicesartshed.co.uk)

## **Halloween Events at Limes Farm in Farthinghoe**

There are various Halloween events taking place during the week at Limes Farm, including the Candlelit Pumpkin Walk and Hog Roast on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. Further information on the attached flyer.

With best wishes to everyone for a really enjoyable Half-Term.

Mrs Lucy Miles

# Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church	Led by the children. Further information to follow. All welcome.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	World Diabetes Day	"Type Onesie" Day – we hope that everyone will support this by coming to school/going to work/doing the shopping in a onesie!
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre 11am-2pm	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – 5pm	Great Tew Village Carol Service	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime	Beauty and the Beast Letter has been sent home.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – 9am	End of Term Christmas Service	St Michael's Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – 2pm	End of Term – 2pm	