



Great Tew School Newsletter

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Christmas Fair

A reminder that the annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 29th November from 11 – 2 p.m. On Friday 21st November and Tuesday 25th November children may come in their home clothes in exchange for an item for the tombola or raffle at the Christmas Fair.

A list of stalls has gone up on the Year 3 & 4 class noticeboard. If you can help with running a stall, either by yourself or with a friend, please write your name against the stall you would like to run. If you have an idea for another Christmassy stall that you would like to run, please add it to the list. All stallholders are responsible for setting up and clearing away their stalls at the end of the fair. Please supply any prizes needed and you will be reimbursed. Prizes however for the lucky dip and Santa's Grotto will be supplied.

If you are interested in helping out at all or have ideas for stalls etc, please see Angela in the office.

Reception

This week in Letters and Sounds the children have been playing games to help them to hear all of the sounds in words. In Literacy we have used these skills to spell and write captions describing the colours and textures of Autumn leaves. They have explored the feeling and sounds of their leaf collection in the big tray. We made stained glass window style Autumn leaves which are displayed on the window, along with their writing, so look out for them next week. In Maths we looked at number dot patterns on dice and dominoes; we thought about what 7, 8, 9 or 10 might look like. The children have also played missing number games using a number line to 20. Next week we have lots of firework themed activities planned so we hope that the weather is dry enough for us all to enjoy a firework display at the weekend!

Interest Table: next week we would love to see your own firework pictures so go for it with paint, pens and glitter or use the computer or tablet to create a picture.

Years 1 & 2

Our work this week has covered two learning challenges, the first being: "Can you create a game that you may have played 100 years ago?" Finishing touches are being made to our board games and models; the children have given each other very honest but supportive feedback about the quality of work. We have also discussed the question, "Why are we selling poppies in school?" the results of which you can hear in our Remembrance service in Church on Tuesday.

Years 5 & 6

This week in Year 5&6 we have had a Remembrance theme and have been thinking about forgotten or silent war heroes, such as those who fought in WW1 from ethnic minorities, those who have been disabled in some way from serving in a war and women's changing role in conflicts. The children then chose a hero to write a short biography on; such as Edith Cavell, Walter Tull, Major Phil Packer and Johnson Beharry V.C. The children also began to think about whether women should take an active role in armed conflict, which is a debate going on in the army at present.

Homework Heroes: Max and Gethin for very persuasive formal letters.

Player of the Day was Eliza for accurate scoring in netball and great passing.



Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been working their hardest and producing high quality work.

Reception	Archie
Year 1 & 2	Annabelle
Year 3 & 4	Bertie
Year 5 & 6	Maddie

Good Manners' Champion

Our Good Manners' Champion this week is Hugo in Year 3. Hugo has not been with us very long but he very quickly made a good impression on us with his beautiful manners both to the other children and to the staff. Hugo is kind and considerate, polite to everybody and very good at following instructions. The children told us: *when he sits on the same table as me at lunch time, he has very good table manners; when I go to his house to play with his sister he is really fun and never annoying! He is never mean to anybody; he is really good at listening.* Well done Hugo – we are very glad you came to join us at Great Tew.



Remembrance Day Service – 11th 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 can be found in the attached letter and poster.

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. Please dig out, borrow or make your fanciest onesie and be prepared for some laughs!



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.

Enjoy the weekend everyone and see you next week.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church – 10.30am	Led by the children. Further information attached. All welcome.
Friday 14 th 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!
Friday 21 st November	Non uniform day	This is for children who bring in an item for the tombola or raffle for the Christmas Fair.
Tuesday 25 th November	Non uniform day	This is for children who bring in an item for the tombola or raffle for the Christmas Fair.
Saturday 29 th November	Christmas Fair 11am-2pm	Letter has been sent home
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Christmas Production at 2 pm	Further details to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Production at 6 pm	Further details to follow
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 & Children's Party	
Friday 19 th December – 9am	End of Term Christmas Service	St Michael's Church
Friday 19 th December – 2pm	End of Term – 2pm	