



# Great Tew School Newsletter

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A highlight of the week for all of us was Reception and Key Stage One's performance of Cock-a-Doodle-Do! More of that below but I would just like to say how special it was to see the children so obviously enjoying themselves as they sang, danced and spoke. I know you all agree that the children did themselves proud, and a big thank you goes to all the staff who worked so hard to put the production together.



### News from Reception

A huge well done to all the shiny, dazzling, twinkly stars, from your very proud teachers and grown-ups in Reception!

I am sure that you will agree, they worked so hard and were very brave to stand up and sing in front of such a big audience, not once but three times! They all rose to the occasion and performed brilliantly.

This week we just about found time to look at the letter /w/. We also thought about the special gifts that Baby Jesus received in the stable and from this we wrote our own Christmas lists in the form of letters to Santa, complete with envelope and stamp.

The children were busy getting crafty on Tuesday morning; they each created

five Christmas crafts alongside their friends in Preschool. There was glitter and glue a plenty and the children are looking forward to bringing their creations home to decorate the tree (and the doors, and the stairs, and their bedrooms...!)

**Interest Table:** is being used to display our Christmas crafts

### News from Years 1 & 2

What a busy week the children have had. I was so very proud of their performances in our nativity production this week and have received such positive comments from parents, grandparents, friends, staff and key stage 2 children. Everyone sang their hearts out, narrators spoke clearly and with confidence and we all even managed a few smiles!

We have also managed to produce some fantastic writing this week. Using the information the children gathered in their homework they have written a non-fiction text about a wild animal and included an eye-catching title, picture and caption.

### News from Years 3 & 4

Preparations for the School Christmas Service are very much underway. Year 3 and 4 have a very special salutation to offer to all at the service. They have shown their enthusiasm and enjoyment so much, rehearsal, rehearsal, rehearsal and we shall be ready ... I think.

The online homework has encouraged our children to work harder and longer. They say they love it and just cannot wait to earn more rewards. Is this proving to be an educational version of Nectar points?

English work concentrated on the children's Guardian Angels. It is amazing the things that their G.A. will do for them including watching over everyone. The saying is that there is no rest for the wicked, well ...

A good week for the class as the end of term is gliding into view for their well-earned Christmas break.

## News from Years 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 children put on a gymnastics' display for their parents on Wednesday afternoon at the Tew Centre. They have thoroughly enjoyed this term's gymnastics and it has been lovely to see their skills progress as they grow in confidence. They worked in pairs or groups to put together a short sequence, to music, incorporating a range of gymnastics skills such as travelling, jumping, landing, individual and paired balances (both symmetrical and asymmetrical) and moving in synchronisation or in canon. The children performed with expertise, displaying good control and attention to detail. Well done to all of them.

## Bag2School

Our next Bag2School collection to raise funds for the School is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The following items are accepted:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys

We will send out bags during the first couple of weeks in February. If you are having a clear out over Christmas please can you hold on to any of the above items until the bags arrive.

## Hockey Club

Thursday morning hockey will not take place next term, due to the risk of frost which makes the pitch slippery. If your child is in Year 4-6 and would like to continue with their hockey outside school, Carol Hicks runs a very popular after school club on Fridays from 4.05 to 4.55 at Chipping Norton School. The club begins again on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January and runs for ten weeks at a cost of £20. Details are available in the office or you can visit the CNS website at

[http://www.chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/images/website\\_content/article\\_content/extra\\_curricular/extra\\_time/extra\\_time\\_spring\\_2015.pdf](http://www.chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/images/website_content/article_content/extra_curricular/extra_time/extra_time_spring_2015.pdf)

Early booking recommended.

## Winter Sickness and Diarrhoea

Quite a lot of children have been off school recently with various strains of sickness and diarrhoea. This is fortunately not spreading too rapidly as parents have stuck to our policy regarding absence from school after illness. So as we don't all have a miserable Christmas, please ensure that you follow our school policy: ***if your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they should be kept off school for 48 hours after their last episode***, even if this means that they have to miss out on something they have been looking forward to. Thank you.

## Clubs

Day	Club	Finishing Date	Starting Date
Tuesday pm	Chillin' Club	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	tba
Thursday am	Hockey morning club	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	This club will not run next term
Thursday pm	Arsenal Soccer	Last session 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Starts 8 <sup>th</sup> January-26 <sup>th</sup> March - £44 per child
Thursday pm	Mark Andrews Football	Last session 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Starts 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday pm	Dance	Now finished for the term	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January

## Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who are this week's stars. They have all been working hard, in the classrooms or on the sporting field.

Reception	James
Year 1 & 2	Ben
Year 3 & 4	Henry
Year 5 & 6	Millie

## Collection at the End of the Day – 3.15pm

If your child is being collected by someone else at the end of the day, it is very important that we are informed. Please make sure that you tell your child's teacher when you drop them off in the morning. Alternatively, you can leave a message with Angela.

## Good Manners' Champion

Our Good Manners' Champion this week is Zac in Year 1. Zac has very good classroom manners; he sits quietly on the carpet listening well to his teacher and the other children and putting his hand up when he wants to speak. Zac works very sensibly in group work, not disturbing other children. He always says "please" and "thank you" and sets a good example that others follow. The children told us: *Zac breaks up arguments between friends on the playground; he is really funny playing it- and says funny things when he's tagged; he says sorry when he bumps into people without having to be asked and he is really good at including people in his games.* Well done Zac. Keep up those lovely manners.

## Pantomime Trip

Reminder - as you know the whole school are going to Oxford to the pantomime on Wednesday. We will be leaving school at approximately 8.55 a.m. so we request that all children are in school that morning by 8.40 a.m. **as we will not be able to wait for latecomers.** On Wednesday all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who normally have a Limes Farm hot lunch, as well as all those from Year 3 to Year 6 who have booked a lunch that day, will be provided with a packed lunch from Limes Farm. All other children will need to bring in their own packed lunch. If you are not sure if your child is down for a Limes Farm lunch please ask Angela.

## Carol Service at St Michael's Church – Saturday 13th December at 5pm

Reminder that the annual village Carol Service will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm at St Michael's Church. This is always a wonderful service, packed with beautiful music and readings. We have quite a lot of children coming along and they have been practising hard this week. It would be nice if the children could wear something Christmassy. Children should sit with their families and will come to the front to sing. There is no need for the children to be there early; they just need to be there in time for the beginning of the service at 5pm.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Carol Service tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Miles

## Dates for Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – 5pm	Great Tew Village Carol Service	All welcome
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime	Beauty and the Beast All children will have packed lunch (provided by Limes Farm if your child normally has a hot lunch).
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Children's Party	Children to come in Christmas party clothes Children's disco in the afternoon.
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	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3pm	Family Carols and Christingles Service at St John's Church, Little Tew	All families are invited. Drinks and mince pies will be served after the service, with a collection for "Crisis at Christmas".
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term for children.	