



Great Tew School Newsletter

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*127 packs of butter
85 tubs of margarine
64kg flour
66kg sugar
53 dozen eggs
95 lemons
50 oranges
65 bars of chocolate
25 tubs of glace cherries
19 packs of biscuits
14 bags of sultanas
....the list goes on....*

This is no ordinary shopping list, I am sure you will agree (!) and gives an idea of the scale of the operation that is “**Tea for Tew**” at the Cornbury Festival. Over the next few weeks some 5,000 portions of cakes and savoury items will be baked by our team of master bakers, ready for serving to the thousands of hungry festival goers along with copious cups of tea and coffee.

Over the last 4 years, **Tea for Tew** has raised a huge sum of money for the school and without it the wonderful new classroom and sports pitch that have transformed our facilities simply would not have been possible.

The **Tea for Tew** team are hoping to cover the £550 cost of the ingredients and thus increase profits made for the school, by asking for monetary contributions. All donations gratefully received. Any amount, cash or cheques (made payable to **The Great Tew School Trust**) can be given to Angela in the office.

Thank you.

News from the Classrooms

Reception

The children have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and having fun with alliteration of the giant’s refrain eg bee bi bo bum! They have practised counting in 2s and 10s in maths. The children have begun to practise around the maypole, ready for our maypole day before half term.

Years 1 & 2

In our English lessons this week we have been reading book reviews written by other children about their favourite books. We have looked closely at how they have written the reviews to see what makes one review better than another one. From our discussions we have generated a checklist of features that we think every good book review should have. If you would like to see our ideas they are on the class ‘working wall’. Our aim next week is to use our checklist to help us write some fantastic reviews. Mrs Heath has kindly arranged for the school to have our very own display stand at WHSmith in Chipping Norton, where the best of the children’s book reviews along with the book they are recommending will be on display.

There was much excitement in P.E. yesterday, children dashing around the school grounds, working well in pairs, paper flapping in the wind, shouts of “I’ve found it!”, what were they doing? orienteering! They used a map to find check stations in the correct order then copied a code found at that location onto the orienteering record sheet.

Years 5 & 6

The Year 5 & 6 children held their own general election this week. The children divided into 4 political parties (Transform, Vision, Tomorrow and Progress) led by 4 MPs (Gethin, Scarlett, Emily & Omer) and a Polling Station party (Max: Polling Station Manager, Rhianna: Registrar Officer, Sarah-Louise and Louie: (Official Counters). After very persuasive presentations by the four parties to all the children, followed by a Question Time style grilling, every child and member of staff voted on official ballot papers. The winners (the Transform Party) were announced by Max and Louie to an excited, nervous crowd on the playground and Emily made a very gracious acceptance speech. One of their policies was to allow all teachers to retire when they wanted, which got our vote!

The Year 5 & 6 children pounded the village this week knocking on doors (no, they weren't canvassing for the Green Party!) handing out their Global trading questionnaires. Many nervous, slightly excited children found residents in and had to introduce themselves and the questionnaire. Alonso and Omer came up trumps and found a very helpful man who not only filled in the questionnaire immediately but also seemed to have links all over the world. Esme & Maddie however, knocked on a door and the shocked owner thought they were an Ocado delivery! We are hoping for the questionnaires to come flooding back to us with lots of interesting facts and information, which we will process and present back to residents.

Athletics Festival at Chipping Norton School

On Wednesday 6th May 2 girls and 2 boys from Years 4, 5 & 6 were selected to go to an athletics tournament at Chipping Norton School. First there were relay races, then there was standing broad jump and finally there was throwing. A big congratulations to Years 5 and 6 for coming first in their year groups and to Year 4 for coming third in their year group. All twelve children did so well that they won the overall trophy for the school. If it wasn't for Mrs Sellars they wouldn't have been able to go, and wouldn't have done so well, so thank you so much Mrs Sellars.

By Scarlet and Maddie – Year 5

Stars of the Week

Well done to all of our hard-working stars of the week.

Reception	Aliena
Year 1 & 2	Tilly
Year 3 & 4	Isabella
Year 5 & 6	Blythe

Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Louie in Year 6. Louie always has good manners to adults, he is very quick to offer help and loves doing jobs around school and he can be relied on to do jobs well. Louie plays very nicely with the younger children in the school, has good ideas for games and can often be seen with a trail of smaller children following after him! The children told us: *Louie accidentally waved his arm into me and hurt me in choir and then he made sure I was okay; Louie ran into me in the playground, he said sorry then made sure I was okay and helped me clean up my bleeding nose! Louie has good ideas in School Council meetings; on the way to the pitch at mini-dribblers, Louie was really encouraging to all of the younger children.* Well done Louie – we have all noticed your good manners. Keep it up.

Garden

A very big thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday to help get the garden back into shape. Lots of digging and clearing was done (Ben found a lot of treasure too!) and the garden is beginning to look a lot less like a jungle. On Wednesday we will be receiving a trailer load of compost, kindly donated by Agrivert, and the Year 1 & 2 beanstalks should be able to relocate from their cups in the classroom into a more suitable and spacious home! Please do come along on Wednesday to help if you can. There are lots of jobs to be done!

Props Wanted for KS2 Summer Panto

Rehearsals are afoot and lines are being learnt but we are in need of your help with some essential props to help get the children into character.

Mop and bucket, broom, shopping baskets, fairy wands, laundry basket, toy frog (as large as possible), dog onesie, cat onesie, inflatable guitars, inflatable microphones, cheerleader pom-poms, chef hats, Tea for Tew aprons, tutus, feather boas, fairy wings, cereal box of Co-co pops (empty), 2 large, old cameras (not valuable), scroll, big comedy knickers! If you are able to help, please could (named) items be brought to the art room. Thank you so much.

Smart Harry Carries the Flag!

On the morning of the St George's Day march on Sat 25th April, Harry got up and polished his shoes twice, made his hair neat and tidy with daddy's hair gel and was insistent that he wore his school trousers. All this because he wanted to look smart for the event and he wanted the chance to carry the flag for his cub pack. When he got to the meeting point his cub leader picked him to carry the flag because he was the smartest cub. He led the half mile march from Deddington Windmill centre to the village centre and then back again. He was very proud that his efforts had been noticed - although sadly the wind ruffled his neat hair! Well done Harry!



Maypole Day

On Tuesday 19th May, the children will enjoy a day of maypole dancing , culminating in a short performance at approximately 2.30pm on the sports pitch. Further details will follow this week.

With best wishes to everyone.

Mrs Lucy Miles

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 11 th to Fri 15 th May	Key Stage Two SATs Tests
Wednesday 13 th May	Garden Working Party 1pm to 3pm
Tuesday 19 th May	Maypole Day – with performance for parents at approx 2.30pm
Wednesday 20 th May	Tag Rugby Festival for Year 5 children at Chipping Norton Rugby Club
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th May	Half-Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 children
Friday 5 th June	Art workshop for Year 5 children at Bloxham School
Tuesday 9 th June	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 children
Wednesday 10 th June	U11 Cricket Festival at Great Tew Cricket Club
Tuesday 16 th June	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 children
Saturday 20 th June	Great Tew Supporters' Club Summer Fete
Monday 22 nd June	Sports' Day (pm)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 children
Weds 24 th to Fri 26 th June	Transition Days for Year 6 children moving to Chipping Norton School
Friday 26 th June	Violin Assembly – Year 3 and 4 children
Tuesday 30 th June	Cycling Proficiency Test for Year 6 children
Tuesday 30 th June	KS2 production – Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 1 st July	KS2 production at 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	KS2 production at 6pm
Fri 10 th to Sun 12 th July	“Tea for Tew” at the Cornbury Festival
Friday 17 th July	9am – End of Term service at St Michael's Church Term ends at 2pm

2015-2016 TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1 begins	Wednesday 2 nd September
Autumn Term 1 ends	Wednesday 21 st October at 3.15pm
Autumn Term 2 starts	Monday 2 nd November
Autumn Term 2 ends	Friday 18 th December at 2.00pm
Spring Term 3 starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Spring Term 3 ends	Friday 12 th February at 3.15pm
Spring Term 4 starts	Monday 22 nd February
Spring Term 4 ends	Wednesday 23 rd March at 2pm
Summer Term 5 starts	Monday 11 th April
Summer Term 5 ends	Friday 27 th May at 3.15pm
Summer Term 6 starts	Monday 6 th June
Summer Term 6 ends	Wednesday 20 th July at 2pm