



# Great Tew School Newsletter

## Issue 228

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### HATS!!

Thank you! **Most** children are now coming to school with a hat. The children are expected to wear a hat outside all the time, regardless of weather, so please make sure that they have their hats in school with them every day. Please support the staff in this and help us to keep your children safe and healthy in the sun.

### CORNBURY FESTIVAL – TEA FOR TEW

Thank you to those who have already donated money for ingredients. Our bakers have now run out of money, so are having to pay for ingredients themselves as well as bake cakes. Please support this massive fundraising effort by making a donation if you have not already done so. As you know, the Tea for Tew team are raising money to benefit all of your children and the new classroom and sports pitch would not have been built without their energetic fundraising. Please be as generous as you can. Cash or cheques (made payable to The Great Tew School Trust.)

## Reception

What a busy week! The children were fantastic on Monday afternoon and everyone worked hard to do their best at the variety of events on offer at Sports Day. We followed up on Tuesday with a discussion about how we are all able to shine at different things and congratulated everyone for their effort and achievements.

Everyone was very grown up on Wednesday as they experienced their first taste of what it will be like in Year One. The children were excited when they returned, with lots to say!

In maths this week the children have been developing their problem solving skills, using number facts that they know, number lines and sets of objects to help them to divide and share different numbers. In Literacy we have been working hard on our spellings.

Our friend Mrs. Preece came in to talk to the children about her collection of old toys; the children listened very carefully and asked some thoughtful questions. They all had a chance to handle many of the toys and compare them to their own toys. They were very surprised to see an old photo of Mrs. Preece herself as a toddler, using the tin bath as a paddling pool on a hot, sunny day!

## Years 1 & 2

What fun we've had this week. Sports day was most enjoyable, it was lovely to see all the children coming through the relay event and proudly showing me their stickers. We've been practising lots of the different activities over the past few weeks and I think this paid off by the results the children were achieving.

Our design and technology project was short and sweet in more ways than one this week. The children designed and then made their very own fresh fruit tarts as part of their packed lunch to take on our class trip. They made and baked the shortcrust pastry themselves and then sliced or chopped their preferred selection of fruit, arranging it beautifully in the tart case. This was then brushed with a glaze and the finished results were truly amazing. We will show you photographic evidence at our open afternoon!

Wednesday was our class trip to Heythrop Zoological Gardens and WOW what a day we had. I don't know about the children, but Mr Butler and I didn't stop talking all night about what a fantastic time we'd had. We saw, stroked, petted and fed an amazing array of animals. Mrs Woodward and Mr Butler entered the bear's enclosure (bears weren't there at the time) and hid food and toys in interesting places under instruction from the children. Mr Clubb had such a wonderful surprise arranged for the end of the zoo tour, he led us into the performing area and we watched Mr Clubb senior working his four male lions. They jumped through hoops, jumped over each other, balanced and walked on top of a large drum and ROARED, it was so exciting! We ended the day with a treasure hunt through the woods and found a buried treasure box that was full of presents for the children (thank you Mrs Clubb). The day couldn't have been any better, a VERY BIG thank-you to Mr and Mrs Clubb for their generosity and enthusiasm.

## Open Days at Heythrop Zoological Gardens

Please note that Heythrop Zoological Gardens will be holding their open days on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. I am sure that if you have children in Years 1 & 2 they will already have made sure that you have these dates booked on the calendar but if not, do put them in your diary. Judging by the wonderful day the children (and adults) had yesterday, this really is something not to be missed – fun for old and young alike!

## Years 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 made the 'Big Changeover' this week, meeting their new classmates and teachers. A big step forward and a sign that another successful year has passed in their school lives.

Play rehearsals have generally been dominating our days and I would just like to say how well the children have responded to the periods awaiting their cue. They have all taken their roles very seriously and have a particular opinion as to how it should be played; great!

In English we have been writing Haiku poems. Haiku means 'cutting' in Japanese, or so I am informed.

The poems consist of three lines and a rhythm of five syllables, seven syllables and five syllables.

This is how they did ...

Ducks take to water,  
Writing feverously down,  
Oh, wonderful prose!

If you come to our Open Afternoon, you will see their work on display.

I have been away at a funeral these past days. Thank you to those who have expressed their kind thoughts at my running out of Uncles.

## Years 5 & 6 - Celebrating Success outside of school (Chapter 2)

The talented Miss Jemima Scott from Year 5 has beaten over 60 other girls to win the coveted role of young Shrek in the West End smash hit 'Shrek the Musical!' in Milton Keynes Theatre. Jemima's performance dates are as follows:

Tuesday 18th August 7pm  
Wednesday 19th August 2:30pm  
Wednesday 19th August 7pm (press night)  
Saturday 22nd August 2:30pm  
Saturday 22nd August 7pm  
Tuesday 25th August 7pm  
Thursday 27th August 7pm  
Friday 28th August 7pm  
Sunday 30th August 3pm  
Wednesday 2nd September 2:30pm  
Wednesday 2nd September 7pm  
Saturday 5th September 2:30pm  
Saturday 5th September 7pm

If anyone would like to see Jemima perform, tickets can be purchased from the website:

<http://shrekthemusical.co.uk/>

Please note that tickets are selling fast!

## Stars of the Week

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

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| Reception  | Maeve       |
| Year 1 & 2 | Martha      |
| Year 3 & 4 | Sebastian S |
| Year 5 & 6 | Eliza       |

## Sports Day

The clouds parted, the rain stopped and the sun shone as we arrived at the Tew Centre on Monday for Sports Day. It was a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by all the children, and it was so nice to see the children supporting each other and demonstrating those Olympic values of respect, excellence, friendship, determination, courage, equality and inspiration. Well done to all of the children for taking part with such enthusiasm and thank you to all parents who came along to help by running an event or leading children around.

## Good Manners' Champion – Mr Butler!

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Mr Butler, who is leaving us today having been a Teaching Assistant here for the last year. Mr Butler has been a fantastic member of our team here and a wonderful role model for the children. He has been a true ambassador to the ethos of the school - someone who gets stuck in with a smile on his face and never a cross word. Mr Butler is supportive to everyone, both children and adults alike, and his skills in the classroom are valued by all of us. The children told us: *he's good at skidding in football; he gives us high 5's in the playground; Mr Butler is helpful around school and he is always cheerful; if you do something wrong he doesn't tell you off in a bad way; Mr Butler helped me over and over again with fractions until I got it; he joins in our games on the sports pitch; Mr Butler's a really good cook and he's good at teaching everyone; he's really good at explaining things.* We will all miss Mr Butler a great deal but I know you will join me in wishing him well on his travels to Nepal and Vietnam.

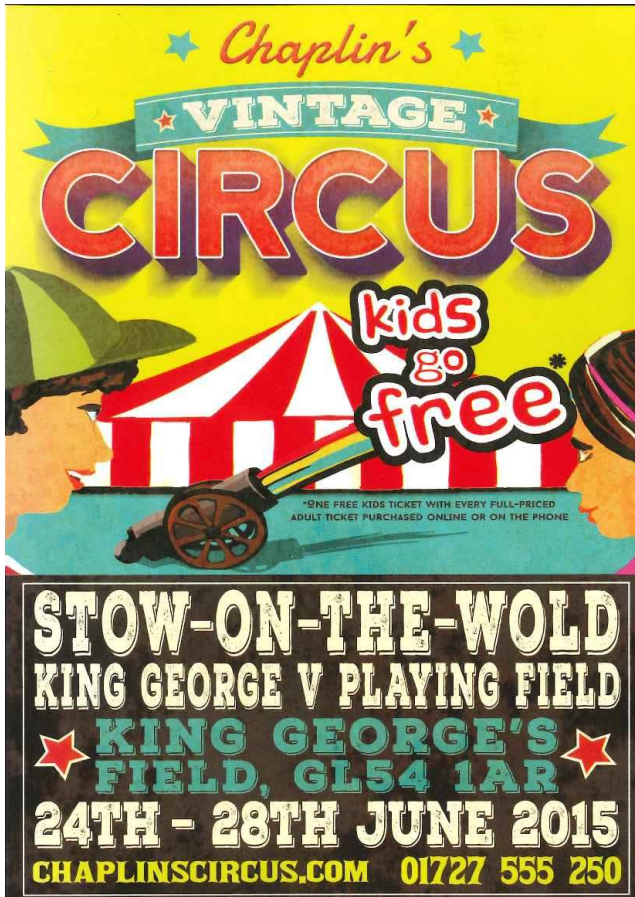
## Chaplin's Circus

Chaplin's Vintage Circus are in Stow-on-the-Wold this weekend. Performances on Saturday and Sunday. Please see [www.chaplinscircus.com](http://www.chaplinscircus.com) for further details.

Have an enjoyable weekend everyone and see you on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Miles



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# Dates for Your Diary

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 30th June         | Cycling Proficiency Test for Year 6 children |
| Tuesday 30th June         | KS2 production – Dress Rehearsal             |
| Wednesday 1st July        | KS2 production at 2pm and 6pm                |
| Thursday 2nd July         | KS2 production at 6pm                        |
| Friday 3rd July           | Whole School walk and picnic at Cow Hill     |
| Tuesday 7th July          | Open Afternoon – 2pm                         |
| Fri 10th to Sun 12th July | “Tea for Tew” at the Cornbury Festival       |
| Friday 17th July 9am      | End of Term service at St Michael’s Church   |
|                           | Term ends at 2pm                             |

# Great Tew Primary School

## Term Dates for 2015-2016

### Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm** (*INSET days on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October & 23<sup>rd</sup> October*)

**HALF TERM** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October (*plus INSET on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October*)

### Autumn Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January (*plus INSET day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January*)

### Spring Term 1

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm

**HALF TERM** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

### Spring Term 2

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm (*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March is INSET day*)

**EASTER HOLIDAY** – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April (*plus INSET day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March*)

### Summer Term 1

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm (with May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

**HALF TERM** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Summer Term 2

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

### INSET (Staff Training) DAYS no school for children on these days:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

| 2015-2016 TERM DATES |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Autumn Term 1 begins | Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September          |
| Autumn Term 1 ends   | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm |
| Autumn Term 2 starts | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November              |
| Autumn Term 2 ends   | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm   |
| Spring Term 3 starts | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January              |
| Spring Term 3 ends   | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm   |
| Spring Term 4 starts | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February             |
| Spring Term 4 ends   | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm      |
| Summer Term 5 starts | Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April                |
| Summer Term 5 ends   | Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm        |
| Summer Term 6 starts | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                  |
| Summer Term 6 ends   | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July at 2pm       |