



**Great Tew School Newsletter**  
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## **Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December from 11am to 2pm**

The annual Christmas Fair is shaping up to be a festive extravaganza – make sure you save the date and support the school! The fair brings in essential funds for the children and classrooms – we are currently raising money towards purchasing hi-tech interactive CTouch screens for the classrooms. We are also hoping to raise funds towards developing the library and playground.

However, we need your help first.

- Please start to bring in your unwanted gifts (for children and adults) toys and cuddly toys for our raffle stalls. In particular we are after a large teddy for Guess the Name of the Teddy. All donations can be taken to the art room please.
- There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 6th November, where children can wear home clothes in exchange for bringing in a donation for the bottle stall.
- If you are a trader and would like a stall please contact Mrs Catling or Mrs Miles.
- If you have a local business and could kindly offer an item for a luxury raffle, we would be very grateful.
- Finally, if you have any time to spare to help organise and run the Christmas Fair, or have an idea for a stall or activity, please let us know. Talk to Mrs Catling or Mim Clubb (mummy of Thalia in Year 2) or if you are available please come along to a short meeting at 2.30pm on Monday 2nd November in the ICT Suite. We appreciate that this time is not convenient for everyone, but if you can't make it and would like to be involved, please do let us know.



**Thank you everyone – let's make our Christmas Fair the launch of the Christmas season!**

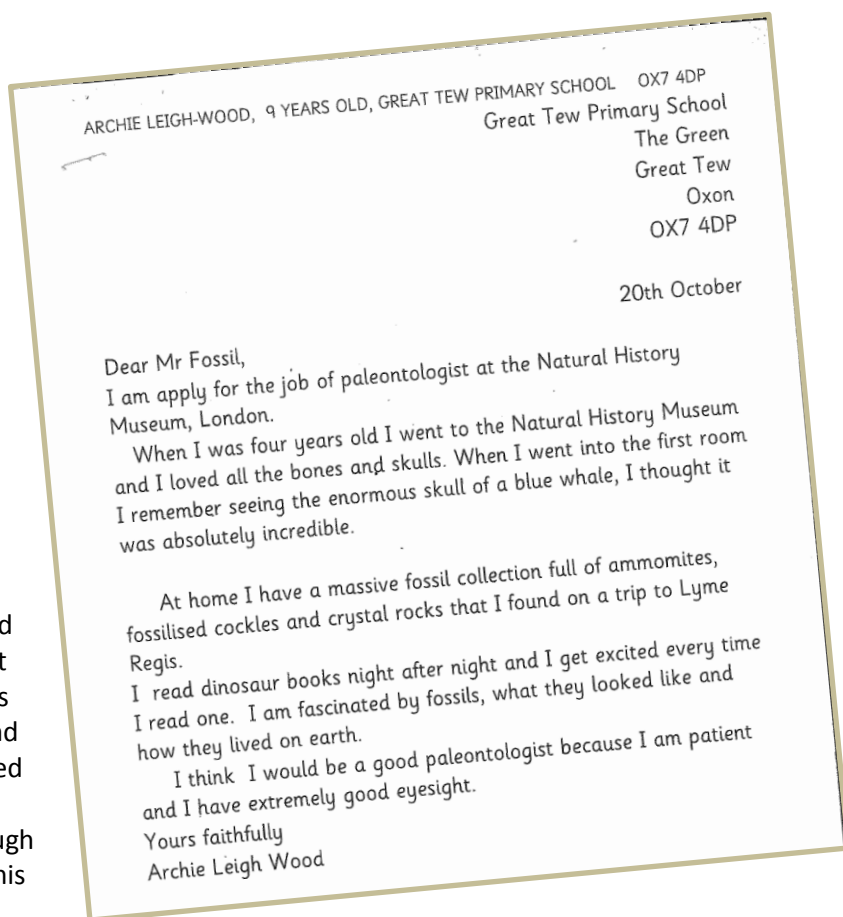
### **A letter from David Cameron...**

Well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 who wrote to Mr David Cameron about the issue of Free School Meals. These letters were written following some lively discussion in the classroom, with some of the children feeling that the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme should be abolished due to other priorities for government spending and some feeling quite differently, believing it should in fact be extended to older children too. Mr Cameron has written back to the children this week to tell them that the government are committed to continuing the Free School Meals Scheme. A copy of the children's letters, together with Mr Cameron's reply, will be put into a book for you to see. It is lovely for the children to be able to write real letters such as this, about something that is important to them, and even better when they get a personal response. Mr Cameron finished his letter by saying: .....*"Many thanks again for taking the time to write to me and I always enjoy hearing from young people engaged in political issues."*

**Year 5 and 6 Class Assembly**  
**Please note that the Year 5 and 6**  
**children will be leading our**  
**assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Our Dream Jobs!

This week Year 5 and 6 children have been busy writing our entries to the national Post Office letter-writing competition, which was based on applying for our dream jobs. All the jobs were exciting, diverse and fascinating, ranging from a pro-cyclist (Finlay), a Secret Agent (Jamie), a palaeontologist (Archie L-W), a Task Trust worker (Matilda) to a pop-star (Amber). I particularly liked Archie L-W's letter – I think you'll agree it really shows his lifelong passion for palaeontology. We have been using our fantastic new laptops a lot this week in history, using Word to present our work and the internet to research our ideas. We have brought our topic on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to a close this week by making our own Bayeux Tapestry online and constructing a family tree of English kings from Alfred the Great to William the Conqueror. Jemima could explain why William had a claim to the throne through his mother Emma and how Harald Hardrada broke his promise to William.



## ART DAY in Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed an ART DAY this week....what a busy day! We watched a short film about how David Hockney used iPads to create pictures that captured the Yorkshire Landscape and lead to his exhibition 'A Bigger Picture'. We then went outside and captured our 360 degree view around our school using a camera and iPad. Once back inside we created our own sketches of an English rural landscape. We then went on to use these designs to begin our two collages using paper and felt. We also used the 'Colour Magic' programme on the laptops to create a Hockney Landscape. We have gathered so much visual information and different materials that we have a lot we want to develop further next term. The children loved their day and there was a buzz of excitement in

the classroom all day as they worked beautifully together. Isabelle deserves a particular mention, for giving up some of her own valued art time to help another student sew her felt collage.

Thank you to all the parents who sent in materials and items to help our Art Day be such a success!

**Sporting Hero** is Hugo Cardona- a major goal scorer and great team player in Wednesday's Year 3/4 football tournament (in school).

**Home Learning Hero** is Sebastian Stewart. He's really got into the spirit of the Home learning challenges and is keeping his Reading Diary very much up to date.

## A REMINDER

**Please remember that the**  
**children in Year 3 and 4 are**  
**visiting Coughton Court as part**  
**of their history topic on the day**  
**we return to school.**

## Poppy Appeal

After half-term we will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We also have wristbands and flexi- rulers for the children, with a suggested donation of £1 to £2 for each of these items.

## Limes Farm

If you have children in Years 3 to 6 and have not yet ordered hot lunches for your children, please make sure you contact Tom at Limes Farm, who will be able to help you. The menus and order forms have been sent out but they can also be found on the school website.

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## Year Six Parents – Application for Secondary School Admissions

Please note that the deadline for applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Applications should be made online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Wishing you all a very happy Half Term, with all the excitement that I am sure Halloween will bring!

Mrs Lucy Miles

# 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

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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