



**Great Tew School Newsletter**  
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**Please park and drive safely around school. Please don't park, stop, turn or reverse where children and parents cross the road, even if it is raining or means a little extra walking.**

**The children's safety is everyone's responsibility.**

**Please use the car park.**



## **Tea for Tew at the Cornbury Festival – 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July**

### **We Need Your Help!**

For those of you new to the school, the Tea for Tew tent at the Cornbury Festival is currently the major annual fundraising event for the school and without the money raised by this event there would be no new Year 1 /2 classroom building or sports pitch. Tea for Tew is a wonderful three-day event on a scale that's hard to imagine if you haven't experienced it before and Sharn Woodgate has been a driving force behind the event since it began six years ago. There are many members of the school community who support Tea for Tew every year, both with their time and financially, and they all contribute to making Tea for Tew the success that it is. However, the lion's share of the work is done at the moment by a very small group of people and the continuing success and viability of Tea for Tew depends on further support in the planning and run up to the event as well as over the weekend itself. So please put the date in your diary and contact Sharn or let Angela know if you can commit your time to helping.

We will be asking for help with all of the following over coming weeks, so please look out for requests for your support.

- Donations towards ingredients
- Baking
- Shopping, delivering ingredients, freezer space etc
- Planning and logistics - orders, equipment, rotas, security passes, event liaison etc
- Set up before the event – ferrying tables and chairs, decoration, flowers etc
- Serving, tills, clearing, baristas, overnight security etc
- Behind the scenes preparation – cake prep, savoury rolls, washing up etc
- Clear up on Monday and Tuesday

Thank you in advance for your support!

## Punctuality

### Registration is at 8.55am

A punctual arrival at school means that the children are settled and ready for the start of the day.

The majority of children arrive punctually every day and are able to get on with their learning in the minutes before the register is taken.

However I have noticed a number of children arriving this week just after 8.55am. A reminder that registration takes place at 8.55am and that **children not in the classroom and settled at 8.55am are late.**

Thank you for your support

## Head Lice – please check again!

If you have recently found head lice in your child's hair, you will need to keep checking and removing the eggs (nits) every three days for at least two weeks until all eggs have hatched/been removed.

### **TO DETECT AND REMOVE LICE OR NITS EASILY:**

- Use your normal shampoo and conditioner
- Wash and condition the hair well
- Whilst it is still very wet, slot a nit comb into the hair at the roots
- Holding the comb tight against the scalp, draw it down the length of the hair
- Repeat over all the hair
- Rinse the comb in between each stroke to remove any lice or nits

## News from Years 1 & 2

I'm so impressed by the enthusiasm the children have for our topic about toys. They wanted to display the toys for everyone to see and were very concerned that the whole school should have the opportunity to learn something about the toys. We had an amazing class discussion with children putting forward some wonderful ideas such as "we'll need to have a guide book", "let's put arrows on the floor with teddies on them to show the way to our museum", "can we have a Do Not Touch sign?" I was even asked "can I do some writing of information about my teddy?" Watch this space, you may even receive an invitation at the rate we're going!

In our maths lessons we are learning about fractions of shapes, numbers and measures. We started by talking about what a whole thing may be, the number 1, a whole apple, cake etc and moved on to sharing or splitting into 2 equal pieces. During the week we have learnt about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  and discovered equivalence of fractions. Some children are able to discuss in more depth and are able to compare fractions using the greater or less than signs. If you are discussing or practising fractions over the weekend, please make sure the children have something physical to support their work such as pasta, buttons etc.



## Chipping Norton Literary Festival – Adam and Charlotte Guillian

On Thursday the Year 1 and 2 children, together with Reception, had a really fantastic afternoon with authors Adam and Charlotte Guillian as part of the Chipping Norton Literary Festival celebrations. They listened, entranced by Adam and Charlotte bringing the characters in their stories to life.



## News from Years 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 children were asked to research and keep an eye out in the media to think about 'Why is Greece always in the News?' and they didn't disappoint! They looked at Ancient Greek Gods and how they link up to our English topic of Play Scripts. They found travel reports of Greek hotspots. But the current news of Greece as an entrance point into Europe to migrants and asylum seekers was a key issue. We looked at Greece's location and could see why it is such a popular destination for so many people. Maps, diagrams, photographs of Greek cousins and newspaper cuttings made the Year 3/4 home learning a fascinating read this week...keep up the hard work.

The children also designed a poster to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday this week. We looked at the key points in Queen Elizabeth II's life and had a Regal Quiz...the Royals versus the Corgis! A closely fought contest. We looked at the new stamps that have been designed by the Royal Mail depicting all four generations of Royals.

**Home Learning Hero:** India- for really personalising her Home Learning this week.

**Sporting Hero:** Jack- a real team effort with tag rugby this week.

## News from Years 5 & 6

We took advantage of the warm weather this week and headed out of the classroom (which was a welcome break from the Algebra) to do some gardening. We were taking part in the BBC Countryfile 'Grow Wild' campaign to bring important wild flowers to previously empty spaces to encourage pollinating insects. Some of the children prepared the soil and scattered the seeds (including chamomile, marigold, poppy, cornflower, buttercup amongst many others) then watered them in well whilst others created a mini bee house to encourage solitary pollinating bees to the area. You may spot our bee houses and wild flower patches all over the school grounds and hopefully we shall have some action to report from them soon. You can also register to receive a free pack of wild seeds yourself if you go to [www.growwilduk.com](http://www.growwilduk.com).

After some very generous donations of pots and soil from parents we managed to get started on our sunflower challenge also. Every child planted 3 sunflower seeds in a pot (and whispered a wish into the soil as they covered it over – we learnt that from our King Midas Greek Myth this week!-yes, him of the golden touch) and left their pot on our south-facing classroom wall opposite the pre-school (who are acting as effective bird scarers for us) – we are now watching them intently to see whose is the first to germinate! Eliza is keeping a daily stop-motion video on an iPad to track their growth.



## Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children, who have been showing a Growth Mindset towards their learning, both in and out of the classrooms.

Reception	William
Year 1&2	Sophia A
Years 3&4	Phyllida
Years 5&6	Jemima

## Good Manners Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Skye in Year 1. Skye is always kind to other children in the class and she has impeccable manners when sitting on the carpet in lesson times. Skye's enthusiasm for learning means that she always does as well as she can and she is positive and cheerful in her outlook. Skye always says thank you without a reminder and she remembers to look at you when she talks to you. The children told us: *Skye is very smiley; she likes playing with other children and I like playing with her; Skye never looks sad and she's always playing happily on the playground; she's a really good friend and she's never mean to me; whenever people are down or sad Skye is really good at cheering them up.* Well done Skye – you do have lovely manners and you should feel very proud of yourself.

## Sport Relief Mile

A huge well done to all of the children, who not only ran a mile for Sport Relief, but also took the time and trouble to collect sponsorship money and return it to school. We have raised a staggering £1,459.05 for Sport Relief, to which we are able to add a further £500 thanks to a contribution from WHSmith (via Sarah Heath), making a grand total of £1,959.05 to be sent to Sport Relief.

Thank you to parents, friends and children for a really very impressive fundraising effort.

Class	% of class who collected sponsors	Amount Collected by the Class
Reception	53%	£155.50
Year 1 & 2	42%	£471.50
Year 3 & 4	43%	£504.00
Year 5 & 6	50%	£328.05

## Bag2School

Thank you to all those who tidied and sorted and brought in bags for Bag2School (and especially those of you who galvanised friends, neighbours and relations too.) We had an impressive pile of bags by the gate on Wednesday morning and will let you know how much has been raised for the school.

## Success Out of School

Well done to India Edwards, who successfully swam a mile last weekend after many weeks of training, to gain her Rainbow 1mile distance badge. Congratulations also go to Gethin Collins, Rosie Heath and Millie, Loic and Milo Cobb-Stanier, who competed in last weekend's triathlon event.

Best wishes for a happy weekend,

Mrs Lucy Miles

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June (inc)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Bank Holiday  
U11 Athletics Festival  
KS2 SATs Week  
Cycling Proficiency starts Year 6  
Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Greek Workshops  
U10 Rugby Tournament  
Half term week  
Group School Photos  
Travelling Books Fair  
U11 Cricket Tournament  
Sports Day  
Yr 6 Transition Day at Chipping Norton School  
Yr 6 Transition Day at Chipping Norton School  
Cornbury Festival  
Yr 6 Transition Days at Warriner School, Bloxham  
End of term Church Service at 9.00 a.m.  
School term ends at 2 p.m.

# 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