



# Great Tew School Newsletter

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

Many thanks if you have already volunteered to help at the Cornbury Festival. We have quite a few volunteers but still not enough. If you can commit to offering your support, **particularly** at the following times, please let Sharn Woodgate or Angela know as soon as possible.

- Saturday and Sunday evening – from 6pm
- Sunday evening clear up – from 8pm – stacking chairs, tables etc. This is the time when all those who have been there all weekend are exhausted, so additional pairs of hands to lighten the load are really invaluable.
- Monday morning clear up – particularly if you have a large car and can help return borrowed equipment.

Thank you in advance for your support!

### News from Reception

It's been a l-o-n-g week (especially for Miss Read!) and we've managed to pack in a variety of activities, starting the week tasting home-made jam and finishing with dancing in the style of different animals to music by Saint-Saens. In between we focused on Jack and the Beanstalk, thinking about our favourite part of the story, what the giant might say as an alternative to 'Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum' and writing a letter to Mr or Mrs Giant either to apologise for stealing the money, hen and harp or thanking her for her help.

In our maths we have been sorting out the odd numbers from the even numbers and learning to count in 2s, 5s & 10s. Do keep practising these patterns at home when you can as it helps to speed up the counting process once we're confident with them. We even had a go at counting in 3s and got as far as 3, 6, 9. There's a challenge for all you keen number buffs out there!

In Letters and Sounds we have been learning to read the Tricky Words *have, like, some, come* as well as spelling *said* and *you* which still cause some of us problems. Again, it's very much a case of 'practice makes perfect' as 'tricky words' are exactly that. We have also looked at /igh/ and /oa/ and how to blend and read CCVC words e.g. drum, snip, plum.

We still have a couple of children without hats so please make sure you call into the office to get one for when Summer really kicks in!

### Reminder! The School Day starts at 8.55am not 9.00am

Thank you to those parents who bring their children to school punctually every day (and those who let us know if they are going to be late for any reason.) There are 46 children who have been on time every day this year. Well done to Year 3 for being our most punctual year group – (10 out of the 15 children have been brought to school on time every day since September.)

A reminder that children should be sitting down in their classrooms by no later than 8.55am and that **children who arrive after 8.55am are late.**

Please support us in this – late arrival at school (even just a couple of minutes) causes a disrupted start to the day not just for your own child/ren but for staff and other children too. Thank you.

### Hats!

Most children now have a school hat which they are expected to wear whenever they are outside from now on. If your child still doesn't have one, they can be bought from the office for £4.

## News from Years 1 & 2

The year 2 children have been having a go at some sample test papers for maths and reading to prepare for their end of year tests next week. They tell me they enjoy doing them especially when they are in colour! (Just before assembly this morning they told us they liked doing the tests because they like concentrating and showing what they can do and they like having to try extra hard when something is difficult. What great evidence of Growth Mindset in action!) I have kept the tests low key and have tried to make the whole experience stress free whilst at the same time encouraging the children to try hard and give it all a go! The year 1 children meanwhile have been beavering away with their maths and reading and have enjoyed having the laptops all to themselves for **RM™ easimaths™**.

After setting up our toy museum we have had a very productive week making our own toy vehicles. We have designed, constructed, decorated and evaluated and the final results are amazing. The children are extremely proud of their work and tell me they have learned a lot about construction and what they would do in the future to improve their design.



Here are some pictures showing the children busy at the various stages of this project: planning, designing, constructing and evaluating.

## School Fete - SAVE THE DATE! We need you!

As we informed you last week, the annual School Summer Fete is to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 11 - 1 pm.

This is our very popular, quintessentially English Summer fete and we would love you to be there.

We need you to make it a success.

We need wonderful donations for our bidding wall (days out?, art work?, signed items?) etc.

Are you creative? Do you have a great idea for a stall? Or would you like to be involved?

Are you a local crafts person who would like to have a table?  
Nearly new or unwanted presents needed.

We are holding 2 home clothes days - children may come to school in home clothes on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June in exchange for bringing in items for the tombola or raffle.

If you are able to become involved please see Angela in the office or Mim Clubb, Mother of Thalia in Year 2. THANK YOU!

### News from Years 3 & 4

In Science we have enjoyed learning about our muscles. The children made working models to show what is happening to our biceps and triceps when the arm moves at the elbow.

Did you know it takes 17 muscles for humans to smile and 43 to frown – so smile, it's easier!

**Home Learning Hero:** James Zibarras - working so independently on his Home Learning and produced some amazing Maths work this week.

**Sporting Hero:** Jack Edginton - showed some amazing throwing and catching skills this week.





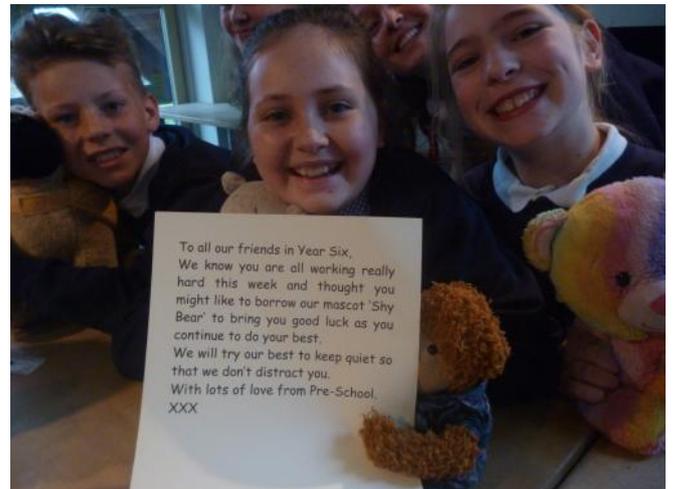
## Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is Isabelle Sykes in Year 4. Isabelle is consistently kind and caring to everyone in the class and she is always ready to offer a helping hand to both adults and children. Isabelle is smiley and friendly and her beautiful manners are noticed and valued by us all. Isabelle always keeps an eye out for someone who might need help and she never forgets to say good morning, looking at you while she does so. She is 100% reliable – a really fantastic role model in her classroom. The children told us:

*Isabelle is always enthusiastic about other people's ideas; in School Council meetings Isabelle always puts her hands up and never shouts out her ideas; she always looks at me when I speak to her; Isabelle has a great smile and a funny laugh! She is very understanding and can see other people's points of view; Isabelle is good at compromising in a games situation; Isabelle is good at adapting games to make them more fun. Well done Isabelle – your manners are valued by us all.*

## News from Years 5 & 6

The Year 6 children impressed us all with their "can-do" attitude towards their end of Key Stage tests this week. The children have been working diligently in the run up to these tests, which have lasted for most of the week, and they really do deserve a weekend off and some rest and relaxation. They really are quite shattered! The tests have to be kept locked away until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May but after that date we're going to invite brave parents/governors to come in and have a go at them, under timed conditions, just to see what's expected of our ten and eleven year olds! **Are you up for the challenge?!**



Year 5 children have been a wonderful support to their friends in Year 6, and they have had a good week, working on all sorts of maths activities and writing their own Greek myths. The whole class had fun with Miss Connor this afternoon inventing their own Rainforest creatures, thinking about suitable adaptations to enable their creature to survive in that challenging environment.

## 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	Lilly
Year 1 & 2	Annie
Years 3 & 4	Stanley
Years 5 & 6	Isabella

With best wishes to you all for a happy weekend,

Mrs Lucy Miles

# Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
 Thursday 26<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  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
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 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
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Y2 children will be taking their KS1 tests during this week  
 Yr 3/4 & 5/6 Greek Workshops  
 U10 Rugby Tournament at Chipping Norton Rugby Club  
 Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 starts  
 Non-Uniform Day – in exchange for items for the tombola or raffle  
 Half term week  
 Class School Photos  
 Travelling Book Fair in school  
 Year 1 & 2 to Hill End  
 Year 5 children to Bloxham School – Art Day  
 Last swimming lesson for Year 3 & 4 children  
 Virtual Athletics fortnight begins (Years 3 to 6)  
 U11 Cricket Tournament at the Tew Centre  
 Swimming starts for Year 5 & 6 children  
 Sports Day – afternoon - at the Tew Centre  
 Reception Class to the Butterfly Farm  
 Year 1 & 2 class to Woodstock Museum  
 Yr 6 Transition Day at Chipping Norton School  
 “Moving Up” Day for all classes –new Reception children & parents visit  
 Yr 6 Transition Day at Chipping Norton School  
 Chipping Norton Partnership – Year 5 Bake-Off! 3.30-5.30pm  
 Key Stage 2 production (afternoon and evening)  
 Key Stage 2 production (evening)  
 Cornbury Festival  
 Yr 6 Transition Days at Warriner School, Bloxham  
 Drama Workshop for Year 5 children  
 Last swimming lesson for Year 5 & 6  
 Open Afternoon for all parents – 2pm  
 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

### 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

2015-2016 TERM DATES	
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

201 -2017 term dates have been sent home in book bags