



# Great Tew Primary School

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We've been thinking about the value of "Unity" this week; how lovely it is, indeed, to be united again. We used the way geese fly in formation to help us think about some of the important ways in which we can work together, including encouraging and supporting one another, helping those who need assistance and taking turns to do the difficult jobs.

Star of the Week is back, but now in virtual form! A few technical glitches aside, this morning's virtual Star of the Week Assembly was a huge success. Children from Years 1 to 6 shared in each other's successes as the stars were revealed and the proud claimants of those magnificent new chairs were announced! We also enjoyed hearing about how Freya, in Year 4, had achieved her Blue Peter Eco-Badge.

I had a wonderful morning on Wednesday, invited to the premier of Year 1 & 2's version of Wonderful World. This is all part of their work on Oliver Jeffers' 'Here We Are—Welcome to Planet Earth' which the children are so much enjoying. "Watch This Space" is all I can say at this point!

## Stars of the Week

Very well done to the following children:

Y1&2 – Orson – for super concentrating, trying incredibly hard to do his best

Y3&4 – Sebastian F – for being incredibly enthusiastic towards his learning, showing a very positive attitude

Y5&6 – Holly – for coming back to school blazing with enthusiasm for her learning, showing a real desire to succeed

## Contacting the Teachers

If you wish to contact your child's teacher for any reason, please could I ask that you telephone the office or use the office email address: [office.2104@great-tew.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2104@great-tew.oxon.sch.uk) and messages will be passed on.

## School Lunches—Good News!

I am delighted to tell you that we have today signed a contract with a new lunch provider, [Fresh Start Catering](#). We are excited to be working with this local company; meals will be home cooked, using locally-sourced ingredients with an emphasis on seasonal produce and the children will have a choice of four options every day. Further information will be sent out on Monday. All children will need to bring a packed lunch from home for one further week, and lunch service will begin on Monday 28th September.

## Mrs Sam—Shine Walk Your Way!

On Sunday, Mrs Sam will be taking part in 'Shine Walk Your Way' to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to sponsor her to help raise money for this vital cause please follow [this link](#). We wish her the best of luck!

## Change to Drop-off & Collection Routines

To prevent bottlenecks and the gathering of children and parents on the green, following the introduction of the "rule of six" and to make it easier for parents with children in KS1 and KS2, we are altering our drop off and collection routines with immediate effect. In summary, the key difference is that families with a child in Y3-6 as well as one in Y1&2 will be dropping/collecting them at the same time.

**Our new routines, from Monday, are as follows.**

Drop Off	
Children in Y3-6 plus any siblings who are in Y1&2	8.30-8.45
All other children in Y1&2	8.50-9.00
Children in Reception	8.50-9.00
Collection	
Children in Reception	3.00-3.10
Children in Y1&2 without siblings in Y3-6	3.00-3.10
Children in Y1&2 with siblings in Y3-6	3.10-3.20
Children in Y3-6 with siblings in Y1&2	3.10-3.20
All other children in Y3-6	3.20-3.30

**Please help us to keep the bubbles separate by:**

- **Arriving punctually** – keeping to the correct time slot/s
- **Keeping to the dots** - Wait in a line to drop or collect, using the white dots on the path
- **Dropping or collecting swiftly and then leaving the gate swiftly avoiding the path** - so that we do not have a bottleneck around the gate
- **Leaving the green straight away**—so that we do not have parents and children gathering on the green
- **Maintaining social distance** - while waiting for your time slot—ideally waiting in your car until the allocated time!