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The children returned to school this week in a flurry of excitement, happy to see their friends and eager to settle into their new classes. Everyone has responded brilliantly to the new timings and I've so enjoyed popping into all the classrooms and witnessing a real buzz of learning. In assemblies we have talked about the Olympic and Paralympic values, focusing particularly on 'excellence' or, as the children told me, 'being the best we can be'. We have talked about how one person's excellent won't be the same as someone else's, but the important thing is that we always try our hardest with whatever we are doing, even in situations where we might be competing against a really good friend.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have impressed us this week with their attitudes to learning.

Years 1&2: Georgie - For asking brilliant questions about our science topic 'materials'.

Years 3&4: Ibbi - For impressing us with her positive attitude and perseverance in the first week back.

Years 5&6: Jonah - for making such a positive contribution and being an enthusiastic and determined learner!

Great Tew Overall Sports Champions!

At the beginning of the summer holidays a very special email popped into the school's inbox. The numbers had been crunched for the results of all the Chipping Norton Partnership sporting festivals during the year and Great Tew were the overall winners in the small schools' competition (for the second year running!) Despite missing two events, our various teams of dedicated, eager, passionate and resilient sports people have earned themselves a very large shiny trophy to be proudly displayed in our cabinet. Well done to each and every one of the children that represented the school last year, some of whom have moved on now to their new schools. You tried your best, had fun and supported one another brilliantly! The calendar is already punctuated with sporting events to look forward to this year and we are excited to get going with them!

Mimi's BIG Challenge!

In early October Mimi (Year 6) will be cycling from London to Paris in four days! This idea came entirely from Mimi and she will be the youngest girl ever to take on this monumental challenge! This week Mimi told her story to BBC Radio Oxford, who were as impressed as we all were when she told us about it in this morning's assembly! Mimi is driven by her dedication to raise money to for children with Dravet, a syndrome that affects her cousin Dominic. We know that you will all be behind Mimi as are all of us here too! We are very proud of you Mimi! Keep up with your training regime!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Starters!

On Tuesday we had a wonderful start to our Autumn term. Despite an internet hitch, the day was full of smiles, very smart children, shiny shoes and eager learners! In Reception Class we welcomed Adelaide, Alfred, Arya, Benjamin, Bertie, Cassius, Elliot, Freya, Ivy, Leonard, Margot, Rafe, Rourdon, Sam and Ugo. We are very proud of how they settled into their new class and how busy they have been exploring and making new friends. We warmly welcome their families too! Two new friends also joined us in Year 5. Alice and Hudson have very gently slotted into their new class as if they have always been here and we are delighted that they have joined us. Hudson and his family have moved from Australia; please do make sure to say hello to them and all of the new faces that you will see in the playground as we settle back into school life this year.



Dates Coming Up

Mon 16th Sept	Meet the teacher for Y5-Y6 parents - 3:30pm
Wed 17th Sept	Meet the Teacher for Y3-Y4 parents - 3:30pm
Thurs 18th Sept	Meet the Teacher for Y1-Y2 parents -3:30pm
Wed 25th Sept	Year 5 Young Leaders CNPS
Wed 2nd Oct	U11 Football Tournament CNPS
Mon 7th Oct	AIM D&T selected children
Tues 15th Oct	Parents' Evening Years 1—6 4-7pm
Wed 16th Oct	Parents' Evening Years 1—6 3:30-6:30pm
Wed 23rd Oct	U9 + U11 Cross Country Competition CNPS
Fri 25th Oct	INSET day
28th Oct—1st Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 4th Nov	Back to school
Wed 20th Nov	U11 Netball Tournament CNPS
Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Nativity Play—Reception, Year 1&2 Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
Fri 20th Dec	End of term Christmas Service, Great Tew Church 9am End of term at 12 noon
Fri 10th Jan	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lessons Commence
Wed 15th Jan	Swimming Gala CNPS
Wed 29th Jan	U11 Hockey Tournament CNPS

