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This week we have been thinking about the different ways we keep children safe in school. We've talked about things like Fire Drills, first aid boxes, safeguarding protocol for visitors (blue and red lanyards), door hinge protectors, emergency notices etc etc. The children have been looking at our school rules, which were drawn up by the children several years ago, and which we are now reviewing. They spent time thinking about the big, over-arching "rules" they thought were important, if we were only to have three, with being responsible, choosing respect, being kind and having fun being the most popular. We will be drawing up a new set of school rules, with the involvement of the children, over coming weeks.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children:

Reception: **Adelaide**—for her friendly chat, her big thinking, especially in maths and for coming up with great ideas!

Years 1&2: **Jesse**- for being caring towards his friends and giving everything a go and showing he really cares about his work. We're all so proud of you Jesse!

Years 3&4: **Jamie** - for always being so engaged with his learning. Jamie gives everything his best and is motivated to improve.

Years 5&6: **Lily C** - for her wonderful work throughout the week and for an enormous improvement in the presentation of her work.

Christmas Feast—(and Christmas Lunch!)

In the last week of term (**Tuesday 17th December**) we have the excitement of the Christmas Feast to look forward to. For those new to the school, this is a wonderful Great Tew tradition, when a group of parents cook and serve lunch for all the children and staff in the Key Stage One classroom. The children wear their Christmas clothes, we have a jolly good sing-along, and then play games in the afternoon. A letter will go out shortly with further information.

In addition to the Christmas Feast, Fresh Start will be serving their special Christmas lunch for the children that week, on **Thursday 19th December**. If you would like your child to have Fresh Start's Christmas lunch, please login to your account and book this meal as normal. If you do not currently have an account, you will need to register a parent account and "claim" your child with a pupil ID and password, which can be obtained from the office.

Please contact Hannah in the office for further information

Wild Garden

On Monday, the Reception children had a fabulous afternoon in the newly refurbished Wild Garden with Chris from Little Wild Things. They looked at the trees to see which had lost their leaves, or some of them, and to see if the leaves had changed at all and they made a threaded leaf mobile to take home with them. The children had great fun in the mud kitchen, whisking up hot chocolate so they could pour it on the tree roots, give them a hug and say good night for Winter! They're all very much looking forward to their next session.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Willow H** in Year 3. Willow is exceptionally hard working and conscientious, which makes her very rewarding to teach. Never one to push herself to the front, Willow is quietly confident, with beautiful manners all of the time. She looks out for other children and is helpful and 100% reliable. Mrs White told Willow: You are such a delight to teach. You have such a gentle nature and friendly disposition. Your manners are exceptional and your smile brightens up the classroom. The children went on to add: *"Willow has a lovely smile and she always plays really nicely with her friends and with younger children too."*... *"like watching Willow playing with her friends, they're always smiling and having fun."*..... *"Willow doesn't just walk by and wait for someone else to help, she does it herself"*... *"She's really nice at Recorder Club, sometimes quiet and sometimes noisy!"*..... *"Willow's a really good friend. If she wasn't here in the school, it wouldn't be as nice here."* ... *"She can always brighten my day by saying one word, or just smiling!"* *"Willow is really kind and I know if I was in Year 3 or 4, she would be a good friend of mine."* Willow, you make people feel welcome and included in your games and you have so many qualities that other people value in you. Well done—you should feel very proud of yourself.



Dates Coming Up

Wed 27th Nov	Charcoal Workshop All Years
Fri 29th Nov	Non-Uniform Day—for the tombola
Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Sat 7th Dec	Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm
Sat 7th Dec	Great Tew Village Carol Service 5pm
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Nativity Play—Reception, Year 1&2 Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
Tues 17th Dec	The Christmas Feast
Thurs 19th Dec	Fresh Start Christmas Lunch
Fri 20th Dec	End of term Christmas Service, Great Tew Church 9am End of term at 12 noon
Mon 6th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 7th Jan	Back to school—Spring Term begins
Fri 10th Jan	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lessons Commence
Wed 15th Jan	Swimming Gala CNPS
Wed 29th Jan	U11 Hockey Tournament CNPS
Fri 31st Jan	West Oxfordshire Cross-Country Finals

Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm

Last year, over £200 was raised for the school through the generous sponsorship of Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm, where 10% of the value of your tree will be donated to the school. Please see below for further information.



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