

4 GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you're finding that your children are settling into their new classes, now that we are at the end of the second week. During my walks around school with SLT we have all seen how calm and engaged the children are and have been very impressed with their growth mind-set attitude to tricky work. I'm seeing examples everyday of children persevering and being resilient when the work is challenging, and they are grasping the fact that it is not always about the answer, it is about the process and what we learn from it. Excellent work everyone!

We have loved meeting our new Reception and Nursery children as well as their families this week and we have welcomed our first few two year olds into GT too! It was amazing to see our old Nursery pupils joining Reception wearing their smart uniform and looking so big! The Nursery children are also wearing their new uniform so that they can build up independence and go to the toilet unaided. We are very proud of all of you for being so brave in your first week back! We've included a picture of our Reception pupils eating lunch for the first time at school too!

On Thursday, Mr Foster, one of our new Year 6 teachers, spoke at assembly about our new book club for years 5 and 6. It will be held after school (day TBC) and if children would like to apply to be part of it they need to write a quick note of interest and give it to Mr Foster or their class teacher to pass on. The club will review high quality texts and children will be given books to take home and read. There are a variety of roles within the team for example the role of illustrator and editor. I can't wait to see our first issue!

Our staff meeting this week was on Growth Mind-set and Mindfulness and we really enjoyed it! Thank you to Ms Wiley and Mr Cooper for leading this. Mr Cooper is our Well-Being coordinator and he will be teaching Mindfulness throughout the school for the next twelve weeks so that staff are supported in their delivery of it. We know that children's mental health is of paramount importance and we are determined to develop skills within them so that they can process their feelings and thoughts and feel happy. We have also welcomed Place 2 Be, our counselling service, to the school and Yas our Project Manager has introduced herself to the children. I hope that this will further help build our caring ethos at GT of putting children's happiness and well-being first.

Today's star of the week assembly was full of positivity! Wonderful reasons were given for why children had achieved star of the week and the teachers are delighted with their classes. We watched the ever-brilliant and entertaining GTTV this week with our new reporters, Gabriel and Frida, who were wonderful role models and clearly have talent for presenting! Well done to everyone. It was great to see video footage from some of the new after school clubs we have running this year including karate and yoga! There are still some places left at clubs so do sign up at the office if your child would like to try something new. I introduced my Headteacher's challenge homework at assembly today and look forward to receiving some examples of Autumnal inspired artwork!

As the weather has dramatically changed this week, just a gentle reminder to send your children in with appropriate clothing for the weather. We had a couple of days of light rain and could have avoided going back inside at playtime had children worn coats with hoods or waterproofs. Although the weather is unpredictable, to say the least, it would be great to see children feeling warm and comfortable when outside.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food towards the local food bank so far, the table will remain in the reception area for two more weeks or so if you are able to contribute.

I hope you all have a safe and happy weekend and we look forward to seeing you back next week at GT!

Best wishes,
Verity Carter
Headteacher



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Chloe Alder
Deputy Headteacher



Parisa Angeletos
SENCO

Weekly Events

Whole school star of the week assembly
- Every Friday at 9am

Head Teacher Drop in - Every
Wednesday 9:15am-11am

English Classes for parent and carers
every Wednesday at 6pm

Upcoming dates

Monday 18th September

Parent Workshop - What is Inspire
Maths 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 19th September

New Starters Parent Coffee Morning
- 9am

Wednesday 20th September

Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm - 3:45pm

English Tuition for parents (sign up
at the office) - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Thursday 21st September

Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Friday 22nd September

Jeans for Genes Day - Non-Uniform
£1 donation per child

Stars of the Week & Sports Awards

Congratulations and well done to this week's
STARS OF THE WEEK!



Sarah 4D, Jacob 1K, Abi 3B, Darsh 1C, Tiffany 5G, Rhys 6M, Isabel 6LK, Sayid 5M, Rovarnie 6P, Andrei 5O,
Genevieve 4W, Adam 2F, Oliver 3C & Hubert 2B

Notices

Parent Volunteer Readers



Dear Parents and Carers,

At George Tomlinson Primary School, we are hoping to invite Parent Volunteer Readers to come into school and read with children on a regular basis. This will take place during school hours (08:45 - 3:15 Monday - Friday) and times can be allocated according to individual availability. Please ask at the office for further information.

Everyone welcome
- including children



Your PTFA needs you



Many officers are stepping down this year and we need many more volunteers in order to keep raising money to fund the children's experiences.



Please join us for our
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 20th September
7pm, School Hall

We'd love you to come along, find out more about what we do and how we raise and spend the money. Also to elect a new committee.

Please help us keep this show on the road this year
Experiences funded by the PTFA last year:

EXPERIENCES / ACTIVITIES

- Author Visits in Book Week (Whole School)
- Shakespeare Workshop (Whole School)
- Poetry Workshops (Whole School)
- Story Teller Visits (Whole School)
- Wild Animal Experience (R and Y1)
- Birds of Prey Visit (Y2)
- Physical Theatre Company Workshop (Y2)
- Trip to Discover (Y3)
- Science Trip (Y4)
- William Morris Storytelling Visit (Y5)
- Leavers' Bowling Trip (Y6)

EQUIPMENT

- Santa Gifts (Nursery and Reception)
- Book Corners (Whole School)
- Playground Equipment (KS 1 & 2)
- Destination Reader Books (Y2-Y6)
- Role-Play Panels, Easels, Dressing-up Trolley and Mirror (Reception)
- Woodwork Tools (Nursery)
- Gardening Club (Y1-Y6)



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**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.
FRI 22 SEPT**



Jeans for Genes Non-Uniform Day – Please donate £1 per child

We will be raising money for children affected by genetic disorders.

There are between 4,000 and 6,000 diagnosed genetic disorders.

It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder and therefore 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adulthood.

We will continue to offer free Beginners English Lessons for Parents & Carers. Lessons take place every **Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm**. If you do not have alternative childcare arrangements, please inform the office as Miss Ewa will include your children in her Gardening Club (when weather permits) and indoor activities.

Please inform the office if you are interested.



**STARTING
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

Transfer to Secondary School 2017

If your child is currently in Year 6 and they are due to start Secondary School in September 2018, please be advised that the eAdmissions website for online applications opens on 1 September 2017.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2017. If you would like help completing the online application form, please come in to see Mrs Ewa.

Sports News

Sports clubs

We kicked off the week with a range of new sports clubs. They have been a huge success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed them. There are still some places for clubs so please see 'school interviews' for lunchtime clubs and 'parent pay' for afterschool clubs. Sports clubs are offered to all the children in the school giving them the opportunity to develop their skills and to have fun with their peers.

GTTV

GTTV is a weekly sports news video we film and display in good work assembly weekly. This show cases any achievements, upcoming events and results GT have with sports and PE.

Check out our YouTube page for the video!!

Football Team

Congratulations to the children who made it onto the school football team, we look forward to training and working hard this year to achieve great results.

Thank you and well done to all of the children from year 5 & 6 who took part in this week's football trials. It was a huge turn out and unfortunately we could only take 18 children.

PE kits

Please ensure your child has their full PE in school at all times. PE kits should remain in school as PE day can change. We ask for winter and summer kits to be in school as the weather is constantly changing.

Children must be changing their t-shirt from a school top to a PE top and changing their PE shoes. On the grounds of hygiene we are unable to lend PE kits.

We are phasing out the green PE kits and moving to navy. Any new PE kits ordered must be the correct colours with the 'sports team' logo. Speed stich now have the 'sports team' design.

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Summer Kit

'Sports team' white t-shirt

Navy shorts

Plimsolls/Trainers

Winter kit

'Sports team' white t-shirt

Navy jogging bottoms

Navy 'Sports team' sweatshirt



New Starters Coffee Morning

We would like to invite all parents and carers to join us on **Tuesday 19th September at 9am**. We have had many new starters this year and we would like to give them a great GT welcome! This will be a good opportunity for parents to get to know one another and expand on our ever growing GT community!



E-Safety & Monitoring at home

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to express my concern about our pupils' use of social media applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram, usually on their mobile phones. As an example, it has been brought to my attention that some children are experiencing bullying and receiving abusive messages on WhatsApp. As a school we cannot police how children use their phones or computers at home.

I want to request that you speak to your children about the seriousness of sending unpleasant messages online and the effect that it can have on others. I'd also urge you to be aware of what is on your child's phone and make sure that they tell you if they receive anything that makes them feel upset.

At our school, we teach children about the importance of being safe online so that they will have the tools to know what is and isn't acceptable. The way that children use social media is changing quickly and we need to work together with parents to protect them.

As a school we take bullying incredibly seriously and want all children to feel safe and happy. My hope is that we can work together on this to make sure that social media is only used in a positive way and brings benefits to our pupils.

Please see below link for a recent Facebook page for Parents providing information on cyber bullying.

<https://www.facebook.com/safety/bullying/parents>

We would to thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Verity Carter