

# George Tomlinson News

## *Dear Parents and Carers,*



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I am delighted to be back at GT, we have had a wonderful week!

The children have settled in brilliantly to their new classes, are making new friendships and getting used to their new teacher's expectations and class rules. I have loved walking around this week seeing how enthused the children are by their lessons, how engaged and engrossed they are and seeing the new areas of the school building! Our new cookery and art rooms are very close to completion and we can't wait to open them this half term.

In Year 1 we are now following the *Planning in the Moment* system and what a positive change that is! The transition from Reception to Year 1 has always been challenging and now we feel the children will be supported to learn in a far more engaging way that best suits their personal development. I am delighted to see the classrooms filled with activities for them to explore and the new fenced-off outdoor space ready to be used with woodwork bench and new resources. By removing the fence around the science garden we have also freed up more outdoor space for the children and they can use the Edible Playground every day.

The Edible Playground is looking fantastic! Yesterday, the team from Trees for Cities came in and ran workshops with every year group in the garden and children are very enthusiastic and excited about it! The new outdoor classroom will be used every day and it will be wonderful to see children using the space.

We welcomed our new hens to the playground last week and there is a competition being run by Ms Alder to name them! If your child has any ideas please write them on a piece of paper and give them to either your child's class teacher or Ms Alder directly. Year 1 enjoyed making cakes with the eggs that they have laid so far and we are currently getting a couple of eggs every day!

This week the pupils chose their new school council reps in each class. They will meet weekly with Mr Brown our Pupil Voice Coordinator to discuss their ideas and will have an integral role in school life.

On Thursday we celebrated Roald Dahl day with children and adults dressing up. We also held an afternoon assembly for Years 2-6 to show them the Roald Dahl live screening show and children showed off their wonderful costumes. Thanks to Ms Wiley for organising this.

### Weekly Events

Head Teacher Drop-in – Every Wednesday between 9:15 am and 11 am  
(Please book at the office)

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Toddler Group every Wednesday from 9:15 – 10:45 am

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English classes for Parents and Carers – Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm

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Parents' Reading Morning with children in Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Every Thursday between 8:45 am and 9:15 am

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Whole school Star of the Week assembly – every Friday at 9 am

### Upcoming dates

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

- Y6 Trip – Parents' Meeting at 3:30 & 6pm
- PSP Parents' Evening 3:30 pm

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

SEND Coffee Morning - SpLD Dyslexia with Guest Speaker

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Years 2 & 3 - 3:30 & 6pm

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

- Meet the Teacher Years 4, 5 & 6 - 3:30 and 6pm
- Parent Reading Workshop 3:30 pm

For the last couple of years we have collected food for the local food bank during Harvest and this year is no exception. If you would like to donate any dried or canned foods then please bring them in to the school reception or give them to your class teacher. We will have a table set up in reception from Monday and your donations will make a massive difference to local families who are struggling financially to feed their families.

Well done to our Reception children for completing their first week at school! They've had a superb transition and have been so grown up and brave. I enjoyed seeing them have their first school lunch and was mightily impressed with their maturity! Well done Otters and Pine Martens!

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 19th at 330pm and 6pm for Years 2 and 3 parents and on Thursday 20th at 330pm and 6pm for Y 4,5,6 parents to attend. During these sessions the teachers will talk about their expectations, systems and what your child can expect during the academic year. It is a great opportunity for you to come along with or without your child to ask any questions you may have.

We have a selection of school uniform available to buy from the office. Uniform and prices are displayed outside the school office and can be purchased via your ParentPay account.

A reminder that we try to update our social media as much as possible and it is a great way to get an insight into what's happening at GT. Follow us at gtpriamary on Instagram and George\_Tom16 on Twitter!

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Kind regards,

Verity Carter  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week



A massive **WELL DONE** to our **STARS** this week:

*Connor, Gloria, Darsh, Zara, Rayan, Precious, Ethan, Aggie, Inaaya, Kairo, Elodie, Jack, Muhammed, Kashif, Sumayyah and Bobby*

## Attendance

1st, Y2F, 100%

2nd, Y4M, 98.8%

3rd, Y5M, 98.1%

No Late Marks, Y1C, Y1K, Y2E, Y3B, Y5G

## COFFEE MORNING



This is a chance for you to take a break, meet other parents and to hear useful specialist speakers, talking about the support offered to parents and carers of children with special needs



Dates	SEN Category	Specialist speakers
18/09/18	SpLD-Dyslexia	Sonia Ali (Whitefield outreach)
6/11/18	Communication and interaction-ASD	Jo Bean (Whitefield outreach)
08/01/19	Social Emotional and Mental health-well being	Yas (School project Manager)
05/03/19	Cognition and learning. Memory games	Pip Saffin (Educational Psychologist)
07/05/19	Communication and interaction Language	Ruth Coles (Speech and language Therapist)
04/06/2019	Sensory and physical need-hearing impairment	Sue Mir (Whitefield Outreach)

If any queries please speak to Parisa Angeletos (SENDCO)

Looking for Childcare before and after school?  
 Prefer your children in a home based setting?  
 Registered Childminder has vacancies.  
 Starting from as early as 7:00 am before school  
 and up to 6:00 after school, but later times are negotiable.



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